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Dear Friends, Family & Partners of HELPS

We trust that you have been enjoying the month long celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ with family and friends!

HELPS International would like to give a big thanks to the individuals, churches and companies that have generously donated to the HELPS Haiti Relief effort this past year resulting in \$79,000 being raised! This was made possible by the generous giving of many - so thank you for giving to the displaced children and their families of Haiti. Even though the reporters and cameras have left, we are all well aware that help is still needed because needs persist.

As we shared several weeks ago, a work-camp is planned for February 18-26, 2011 where the primary objective is to build homes in the Saintard area, not only for those that have been displaced by the earthquake, but for those where a member of the family has had a limb amputated. Our plan is to provide medical care and a home for such families.

The overall project will have twelve homes on six concrete slabs, two sanitation houses and a well that will provide clean water for this small community. We are so thankful that 22 people from across Canada have responded to the needs in Haiti, with a prayerful "Here am I! Send me." For more information on how to be part of this work-camp, please contact Pastor Harry Hoehne @ 905.385.0247 or email to hihoehne@sourecable.net



Recently, our team received a heartfelt plea from Phyllis Newby, the director of Mission Haiti, if we would also be able to help provide food for people in the nearby tent cities. This will be an eye opening and heart-breaking ministry opportunity where we need the generous help of our friends, families and partners

to raise funds for this project. The goal is to provide over 1000 families a supply of rice and beans that will feed their family one meal a day for one to two weeks. To do this on such a large scale means that we will need to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000 in the next eight weeks before we head down. For more information or to send your gift for either the Housing Project or the Feeding of Displaced People in the Camps Project, please contact Chuck Kerr (charles.kerr@rogers.com). Donations for both of these projects will be receipted as a charitable donation through HELPS.

Thank you all for your generous outpouring of support for our brothers and sisters in need in Haiti. Please continue to pray for the work in Haiti and the team that will be going in February.

We would also like to update all of you in regards to HELPS work with Pastor Penel, in the Camp Perrin area in the Southern region for Haiti. We have been working with Haitian leaders to develop a Ministry / Outreach Centre. A place where people can come and worship God day and night. A place where young people and children will be given an education through the school. We are creating a place where young adults who have graduated from high school, can be trained in a vocation, such as baking and the running of a bakery. This is where the young people will receive their income. We will also provide teaching in Christian studies. HELPS' goal and desire with the leadership in Haiti is to train and raise up a strong generation of young people to serve in leadership both in their vocational and also their spiritual lives. Over the last several years HELPS has raised, through the Gala of Hope event and other means, close to \$18,000 for the Camp Perrin Ministry / Outreach Centre.

In January of this year our plan was to visit Camp Perrin and to physically start working on building this project, however, due to the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti, we changed our focus in that moment to helping families who are displaced from their homes and communities. Thousands of dollars were raised over this past year. A portion of that money has been used to provide food and water. We also gave just under \$10,000 to Children of Hope to help care for the many children that lost their parents and homes. HELPS will use the remaining funds raised for Haiti Relief 2010, to start building the first six of twelve permanent houses in St.Ard. We will begin building these six homes in mid February as mentioned earlier in this letter. There is still a need to raise funds for the remaining six homes. Each home costs \$6500. Lets labour together to raise the funds needed to be able to send another team in the Fall of 2011 to build the next set of six homes for displaced Haitian families. We continue to trust in the Lord for all our needs and we trust in Him for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

In April of this year, Chuck Kerr and Steve Omand were able to visit Camp Perrin via helicopter for several days to visit Pastor Penal and the leaders in that region. We had the opportunity to visit the site that the Ministry / Outreach Centre is being built on. HELPS provided \$3800.00 for the ministry in Camp Perrin to continue building the first stage of the Centre. The money enabled them to put in the columns and the beams. We then sent \$14,000 in November, with Karen Goodyear and her medical team, for the roof of the church/school. Pastor Penal traveled from the south of Haiti to St. Ard to receive the funds. Within days of receiving the funds, prior to the Presidential elections, he was able to purchase and have the material delivered. Within less than three weeks the roof has been put on and it looks great. Please see the photo to the right.



We thank the Lord for all that He has provided through you, as individuals, churches, community groups and companies. There is much to do, but HELPS is thankful for all of our supporters in 2010. We were able to reach and touch many lives in Haiti this year through all of your giving and time.

Keep well my friends, family and partners of HELPS. Have a blessed Christmas and an awesome New Year!

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