

# Haiti News: 2011



This is a common scene you will find in Haiti **fifteen** months after the January 12, 2010 earthquake devastated this nation, killing over 200,000 people and leaving over a million people homeless.

While the country has been flooded with NGO's (non government organizations-for profit and not for profit), progress has been slowed by inadequate leadership, corruption and greed. International Organizations have provided tents, humanitarian relief and plastered their name throughout Haiti. Unfortunately, there has been very little follow-up.

We followed a group that was moved from a refugee camp in the Les Cayes area. This particular International Organization moved the families into a warehouse (approximately 70 families), into the ghetto area, and gave them food. However, they never returned. **?!?!?!?!?! Three ladies gave birth in this warehouse!!**

Humanitarian relief continues to be a slow process as containers are being held up in demands for more money, more corruption and greased palms. People are leaving the countryside and moving back to PAP into the already crowded

tent cities because the Aide doesn't get much further than PAP when it does get through.

Haiti's devastation continues as the rainy season began with a vengeance, causing even more hardship for those living in the tent cities not wanting to leave what little they had left.



The cholera outbreak, which has claimed another 5000 + lives continue to pound devastation and hardship on an impoverished nation.

Makeshift mobile clinics have been set-up throughout Haiti as the epidemic continues to spread. Churches, schools and organizations continue to teach about cleanliness, and the need to **wash your hands**. Porta pots were finally installed in some sections of the tent cities months after the earthquake.



Families desperately looking for aide to help with schooling in a country whose 1805 constitution stated that education should be free, provides less than 10% of the education here in Haiti (World Bank 1998). Haiti, a country where over 50% of school aged children, averaging well over 1.3 million, do not have access to an education.

And the saga continues. As we move into the elections, which brings more corruption, deceit and violence when one of the candidates illegal votes move him into the top two runner-ups placing the candidate of choice by the people out of the running for President. Violence took to the streets in road blocks as the people lined the roads with burning tires making travel impassable; Government buildings burned down; gangs and angry voters shooting in the streets; gangs pounding on doors demanding money and food; thus causing further delay for leadership in Haiti.

These elements are notable in the case for survival, as stated time and again in the history of Haiti. Survival can be a purposeful act of defiance against the many components of life in Haiti, from natural disasters to disease to despair, that impel the destruction of body and spirit.

Haiti's Children, Inc has truly been blessed by each and every one of you through the constant prayers donations, and grants helping us to reach out to as many people here in Haiti as we possibly can.

Through the generous donations provided to us, we were able to continue to bring food, clothing, and toiletries to the families that were displaced by the

International organization that left the families in that warehouse, until each family relocated and no one is no longer living in that warehouse.



**International Relief teams** worked with us to provide food to 1000's of people here in Haiti as they provided the funding for us to purchase food from local farmers and vendors.



**Go missions** (Agape flights) worked strenuous hours with volunteers to get relief aid, medical equipment, medicines, food, and thousands of thousands of donations into our hands (**missionaries, on the ground in the field**) so we could reach out to those in need and not get caught up in the

bureaucratic hold-ups. And helped us to reach out to so many children through educational needs.



The **Seibert Foundation** provided a grant to help us ship a container of donated relief goods to get out to the people. With the help of many volunteers from Trinity – Pell Lake, who held many fund raisers and various churches in the Wisconsin/Illinois area. A special thanks to Ken Robinson (Robinson Wholesale) and his staff for all the endless hours they put in to helping us box and load the container



A special thank you to Sue Mullins family and friends at JRS Dist. Thank you for all you have done for the people of Haiti

Thank you Anne and Trinity Mitchell for all you did in your community collecting items for Haiti.

I am thankful for how quickly **FMSC** (Feed My Starving Children) responded in getting a container of food out to us.



It is with the FMSC food that we are able to feed 1200 children a day.

These are the organizations that deserve your attention and donations. These are the organizations working to get donations and relief aid to the people of Haiti. These are the organizations working with the people on the ground here in Haiti.

**THANK YOU FOR  
BEING A BLESSING  
SO THAT WE  
WERE ABLE TO  
BLESS OTHERS!!!!**

And we at HCI (Haiti's Children, Inc) are thankful for the 100's of people that have continued to support us and work with us: All the ladies that made Sun dresses, quilts, and crocheted wash cloths; the volunteers that unwrapped

and boxed items to go on the container; The church groups that collected school supplies and made or bought school bags; The schools or individuals that got together in their community and sent items for Haiti; The teams that came to Haiti to help administer medical attention, building needs, and more importantly brought the Word of God to so many here in Haiti.



Thank you PFI for the wonderful donation of clothes for the children:



There are so many people to thank for the blessings we've received. You know who you are (please do not be offended if I forgot to mention you by name – you are in my heart).



And I thank each and every one of you that continue to lift us up in prayer and support.

### **Teams to Haiti:**

Haiti's Children, Inc (HCI) continues to be blessed. We have had the great opportunity of hosting many teams this past year. Our medical teams have reached 100's if not 1000's with medical attention, vitamins, de-worming and basic medical needs. We have started the building of two churches. Repaired a church/school, and roofed and repaired another school, so that the class rooms can be used for the over-crowding of children. We enjoyed the laughter with the children with the VBS (Vacation Bible School) and puppets. And the evangelizing that has reached 1000's to accepts Christ, or to be empowered by the Holy Spirit; healing in the name of Jesus; casting out of demonic spirits; the opportunity to go into the streets, schools and homes of the Haitians bringing the love, joy and message of Jesus Christ.

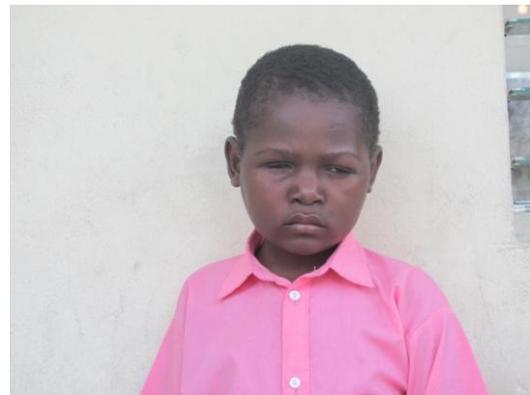
There is more to read and pictures to see on each individual team on our website: [www.haitischildren.org](http://www.haitischildren.org) or you can friend us on our face book page.

We are working on our Fall 2011 and 2012 Team schedule. If you are interested in a short term mission or bringing a team to Haiti, please contact our Team Coordinator - Char Schlopp at [cscholpp@mhsjvl.org](mailto:cscholpp@mhsjvl.org)

Or if you would like us to come and speak to your Missions Board or Business contact us at [gladynhaiti@yahoo.com](mailto:gladynhaiti@yahoo.com)

### **Haiti's Children Inc.** **Sponsorship program:**

With all that has been going on, the need for sponsorship for the children has increased immensely. We have families in the community that have taken on additional responsibilities of family members and friends from the PAP area. There are children who have lost their parents as a result of the earthquake. If you would like to sponsor a child the cost is \$25 a month – that's 82 cents a day:



Education is so important for the future of these children and the future of Haiti.

Either you can go to our website [www.haitischildren.org](http://www.haitischildren.org) and choose a child or you can contact me personally [gladynhaiti@yahoo.com](mailto:gladynhaiti@yahoo.com) to donate to our children fund so we can help the desperate need in our community for children who want to go to school, but cannot afford it. Please help us make a difference in their lives.

### **Ongoing needs:**

With the limitations put on luggage with the Airlines and the costs of shipping or sending containers it has been difficult for us to keep up with the demands and

needs. The following is a list of items we can use on a continual basis:

**Medicines:**

Children's vitamins (NO GUMMIES)  
Vitamins w/iron, calcium, vitamin C  
Multi vitamins for adults  
Prenatal vitamins  
Aspirin 81 mg  
Children's chewable Tylenol  
Infant Tylenol  
Ibuprofen 200mg and 400 mg  
Tylenol 325mg and 500mg  
Tylenol for arthritis pain  
Midol  
Antacids (Tums)  
Pepcid  
Prilosec  
Anti fungal creams  
Hemorrhoid cream  
Tucs  
Hydrocortisone cream  
Antibiotic ointments  
Benadryl  
Claritin  
Eye drops  
Nasal sprays

**Prescription medicines:**

Asthma medications  
Amoxicillin (chewable)  
Amoxicillin 500mg  
Amoxicillin suspension  
Bactrim  
Cipro  
High blood pressure medication  
Diabetic medication  
Flomax  
Seizure meds (phenobarb)  
Pregnancy tests  
Urine tests

**(Note: all prescription medicines are monitored)**

**Basic needs:**

School bags  
Shoes  
School supplies  
Wash cloths (pattern on website)  
Sun dresses (pattern on website)  
Baby formula  
Diapers  
Bar Soap (antibacterial)

**Every day needs:**

New vehicle  
Your prayers  
Sponsor a child  
Teams  
Financial support



**HAITI'S CHILDREN INC MISSION STATEMENT:**

To educate and feed children, helping them grow in mind, body and spirit, in the remotest areas of Haiti; providing hope and a better life.

Matthew 19:14

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