

City Outreach – Humanitarian Aid at Orphanages in the Port-au-Prince area

The Beehive has been working diligently during the past 6 years to help, improve, rebuild, and teach in 12 orphanages in Haiti. Many volunteers have come from around the world to improve the lives of more than 500 children in need. We have teamed up with multiple organizations to increase our effectiveness, including Loma Linda University, Amistad International, The Haiti Children’s Fund, Upward Bound Ministries, and Restore a Child, as well as with numerous private donors and churches. We host regular mission trips for universities such as Southern Adventist, Andrews, and Montana State. The projects have included painting, cleaning, organizing, plumbing repairs, electrical repairs, roof repair, total remodels, and landscape design. We also do small-scale agriculture with wall gardens, raised bed farming, rooftop gardening, and design and build chicken coops. At one orphanage we built a 100-foot security wall. At another, 25 concrete steps leading up to the orphanage on the mountain, and brought running water complete with a new toilet and shower. We have donated new clothes for all the kids, steel bunk beds, mattresses, new propane stoves, monthly food deliveries, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, toys, blenders, and fans. We have also set up small business opportunities to help them become self-supporting. Additionally, several volunteer groups have taught health seminars, agriculture classes, and done cooking demonstrations. Even after all this work, there is still a vast need for more projects along the same lines as what we have already completed. Projects and classes can be set up to best match the interests and abilities of your volunteer group. There is something to do for everyone, no matter his or her age or experience level.

Agriculture – The A, B, C’s of True Education

Haiti imports most of its food, so the costs are so high that the average citizen cannot afford a balanced diet. The most sustainable model for providing for one’s family is to grow their own food. The people of Haiti need instruction on composting, organic pest control, organic fertilization methods, preventative health, the benefits of fruits and vegetables, the dangers of GMO’s, and more productive ways to farm. The Beehive’s International Development Department has taken neglected areas of the SDA hospital in Carrefour, just outside of Port-au-Prince, and cultivated over 20 different types of fruits and vegetables. We have built a multi-level terraced garden on the side of a mountain for one orphanage. At another orphanage we turned a trash pile into a productive garden. On a large plot of land we designed a farm complete with compost pit, nursery, and irrigation system. There are plenty of these types of projects available if this is what your group is interested in. At our city mission, in Carrefour, we have approximately one acre of land being used to grow crops for our own consumption and to teach our community about the endless possibilities of urban agriculture. At our country mission, in Bohoc just north of Hinch, we have 300 fruit trees of 20 different varieties. We also have horses, donkeys, sheep, chickens, Guinea fowl, and a few cats and dogs. The need for sustainable high productivity agriculture in this area is huge, for our land and for the surrounding community. The team is constantly working on improving the land and we are doing our best to raise the needed funds for our well and irrigation system. Please join us in our efforts to “Grow and Healthily Crop For HIM”.

Vocational Training – The Skills Needed to be Self-Supporting

The majority of Haitians consider themselves to be unemployed. This is a culture desperately in need of vocational skills. Many see gainful employment as only coming from a major organization and not something that can be created on their own. They also have to pay high prices for services they could have rendered by themselves if taught how. Education is needed in the areas of construction, masonry, metal fabrication, auto mechanics, computer skills, tailoring, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and operating a small business. Every step of the way, the international development team has taught its employees better methods and has invited the kids to join in and learn during our various construction projects. Everyone has a subject they can teach along these lines. Growing up in the developed world has taught each of us things that we can pass on to those nations that are still developing.

Wood Shop Classroom – Becoming Self-Supporting

The Beehive team is constantly looking for ways to provide jobs while educating the locals and teaching them to provide for themselves as well as the organization. One way that we have done this is through our wood shop classroom. We take old shipping pallets and turn them into a variety of different furniture designs ranging from chairs and tables to chicken coops and even an entire house made only from shipping pallets. Currently we have about 600 different products and employ an average of 30 workers/students per day. This has been a great way to teach young people a trade, provide jobs, and generate revenue for the organization. You would love to see what we are creating on a daily basis and we would love to have your help. Please come and teach us a new design or finishing style. Hopefully soon we will add welding to our training program and expand our product line.

Evangelism – “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” – Matthew 24:14

Haiti is a spiritually dark country with a heavy Voodoo influence. According to Wikipedia, the country is 85% Catholic and 50% Voodoo. With this being said, there is a huge need for spiritual light to be shed on end-time events and present truth. Classes need to be taught on all of the Seventh-day Adventist Church beliefs. Literature needs to be distributed on all present truth subjects. As French is the language of the Haitians, each volunteer group wishing to shine light into this spiritually dark place can purchase Bibles in Haiti to distribute, books from the Spirit of Prophecy, plant-based cookbooks, healthy recipes, SDA children’s books, and present truth PowerPoint presentations in the French language to share with the people.

Community Service – Getting to Know the Neighbors and THE PEARL

The Beehive International, Inc. has partnered with another like-minded organization, Restore a Child, to develop it’s country mission in a small town named Bohoc located just north of Hinch. We have named this beautiful 32-acre piece of property “The Pearl” and would love your help developing it. The goal at The Pearl is to create a training center that can educate individuals of all ages with a very holistic approach. Training in equal three parts spiritually, physically, and mentally. Along with the need for an agriculture school, the construction of multiple buildings, vocational training courses, and land development, the community needs our help. It is a poor village with a big heart and a willingness to serve. Their houses are falling apart, their kids are sick, and they lack the education to support themselves. Each volunteer group has something they can give to this missionary community. Supplies can be donated, classes can be taught, demonstrations can be done, and lives will be changed for the better.

Missions in these major fields are being identified every day. The International Development Team is constantly working to complete projects and start new ones. As I have learned with the numerous groups and volunteers that have come to Haiti to serve, everyone is different. Each of their interests, their abilities, and their expectations of a successful mission are vastly different. There is plenty of opportunity for each mission to be tailored to the needs of each group. The Beehive International’s volunteer coordinator can work closely with each individual or group to design a mission that will be best for him or her.

[The Review and Herald, July 5, 1906.](#) PaM 117.3: **“A “BEEHIVE” church will have a multi-faceted program for reaching the community**—During the past few years the “BEEHIVE” in San Francisco has been indeed a busy one. Many lines of Christian effort have been carried forward by our brethren and sisters there. These included visiting the sick and destitute, finding homes for orphans and work for the unemployed, nursing the sick, and teaching the truth from house to house, distributing literature, and conducting classes on healthful living and the care of the sick. A school for the children has been conducted in the basement of the Laguna Street meetinghouse. For a time a workingmen’s home and medical mission was maintained. On Market Street, near the city hall, there were treatment rooms, operated as a branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium. In the same locality was a health-food store. Nearer the center of the city, not far from the Call building, was conducted a vegetarian cafe, which was open six days in the week and entirely closed on the Sabbath. Along the waterfront, ship mission work was carried on. At various times our ministers conducted meetings in large halls in the city. Thus the warning message was given by many.”