

Haiti

The Continuing Mission



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MIAMI SHORES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
**HOUSE OF HOPE
BERAKA MEDICAL
CENTER**

The church has been involved with House of Hope and Beraca Medical Center in LaPointe des Palmistes, Port-de-Paix, Haiti, beginning in 1993, when the church provided an ambulance for the medical center. Renel Noel, an American citizen, born in Haiti, currently an elder at Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, travels to Haiti at least four times a year. He installed a water sanitation system. Now, while there, he maintains it and brings needed parts. He hires local people to do the labor. The church intends to provide additional equipment for expansion of the water sanitation system. They will provide a back-up system so that the organizations are not dependent



on only one system that functions 24/7 and was not built for the usage they are currently experiencing. This work is most urgently needed in light of the recurrence of cholera.

He also brings food supplies, because there is a critical food shortage. Even when food can be purchased locally, the cost is extremely high. When requested by the organizations, he arranges shipments directly from the Miami River to Haiti, where local residents are able to assure its delivery to those for whom they are intended.

The next new project involves the creation of a new sanitation system to include four indoor toilets at the hospital and shower facilities at the House of Hope. Since there are not at this time any indoor toilets or showers for these facilities, this project is essential. It will entail equipment purchase, shipping, building, and installing.



This work helps foster earthquake recovery for the 85 children at House of Hope, many of whom are disabled; for the 62-bed medical center that may serve as many as 500 people at once in time of need, such as the cholera epidemic; and for the community of LaPointe des Palmistes, with a population of at least 500,000 pre-earthquake, but is now receiving many more new residents from Port-au-Prince.



Estimated Expenses For The Immediate Future:

6" Domestic Water Well	\$19,000
Pumping Station and Equipment	\$14,000
Water Tower or Elevated Cistern	\$27,000
4 Indoor Toilets and Stalls	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$80,000

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The church has made two mission trips to Haiti since 2003.

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First, Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD CARES, INC. / PROJECT PAPILLON

Since early 2007 First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, FL has joined with Temple Beth-el, Hollywood, FL to be in partnership with Project Papillon in Haiti. This partnership has formed a 501(c)(3) organization, Hollywood Cares, Inc. to handle donations for the work in Haiti. The corporation's website, www.hollywoodcares.net, provides pictures and more information. Kennedy may be arranging a trip in November. Please contact him for further information.

Project Papillon (<http://www.cmiprojectpapillon.org>) is a multi-faceted organization, registered in Haiti and founded in 2004, to provide food, shelter, and health care for orphans and other children in Haiti, with a special emphasis on HIV-positive children. It is closely related with Connection Ministries International (also a Haitian organization founded in 2003) that mobilizes youth to do community service working with children in Haiti. The church

and the temple have raised over \$100,000 for the project.

After the earthquake, a focus of the partnership has been on establishing an Outreach Center especially for youth. Founder John Dieubon received training at Strategic World Impact in Bartlesville, OK. The purpose is to provide post-traumatic stress counseling, to open a music academy, to provide training in micro-finance and business start-up, to offer education on HIV prevention, and to cultivate a restoration of hope in the future for youth in Port-au-Prince.

The program prospectus states as follows:

"The objective of this project is to help children and young people find hope and stability, by providing them a comfortable quiet place where they can learn and receive various kinds of assistance. The project has operated since October 2010, even though all the projects are not completely finished.

"Training at the Center will include disaster relief, business, computers, micro finance, education, HIV/AIDS prevention and leadership. By nurturing each person's unique gifts and talents, we hope to instill in those who visit the Center self confidence and hope in the future. We believe that this approach will help these children become good and productive citizens who will work to make Haiti a prosperous self sufficient nation.

"This project will be one hundred percent for the community, serving the children from our 3 homes (29 children) and also children and youth in the surrounding community, including the children in nearby tent cities. The center will also give employment opportunities to young Haitians who want to help their country on the road to recovery."



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Hollywood Cares Website:
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Indian River
HAITIAN PARTNERS



The church has worked with Haiti Partners for two years, and the current collaboration emphasizes earthquake recovery efforts. Haiti Partners provides teacher training in participatory learning methods, as well as payroll and school furniture and equipment. In addition, it has provided microloans to people already associated with the school to re-start businesses destroyed by the earthquake.

Indian River Presbyterian Church has contributed funds for the work of Haiti Partners to rebuild schools in Haiti. The church is currently working with the organization to provide feedback on new educational materials based on co-founder Kent Annan's new book, *Aftershock: Searching for*

Honest Faith When Your World Is Shaking. The church has also offered to host seminars for Haiti Partners on an as-needed basis.

Haiti Partners is the organization doing the work of school re-building and of continuing to operate the schools. Sixteen Haitian co-workers are listed on the website for Haiti Partners. The organization works with seven existing schools, all of which have been formed and operated by local Haitian communities. The project provides payroll funding for 100 employees in the schools, as well as several hundred construction workers in a variety of capacities. The microloans also restore employment for more than 180 small business owners. 1100 Haitian students receive education; 100 school employees and hundreds of construction workers receive reasonable wages; more than 180 small business owners receive the opportunity to restore their earthquake-damaged businesses.

The project empowers students to engage in needed social change to establish a sustainable society and economy. Schools have been and are being restored. Small businesses, uniquely suitable for the Haitian culture, are being restored. See the Haiti Partners website, www.haitipartners.org.

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ALL NATIONS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



The church has been working with Haitian students, some of whom are earthquake survivors, to adapt to the school system, providing counseling and (with the help of presbytery funding) over 200 backpacks of school supplies for the opening of the school year.

Jonas Georges, the pastor, has been involved with those who find their way to the church, referring them to help.

Sometimes, with the aid of PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) funding, the church has provided rental assistance. The church offered a tutoring program in which 36 earthquake survivors participated, and the afterschool program continues to serve the community. It also sponsored a party during the holidays for contacts from the tutoring

program and from those who came for help.

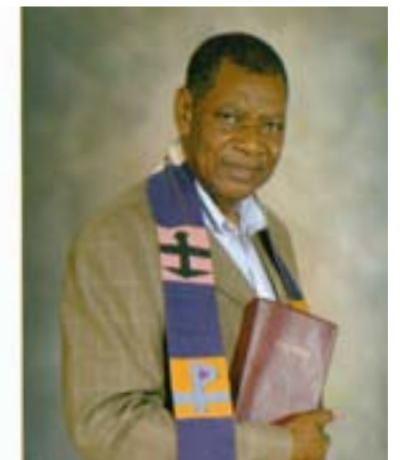
The church is a center of activity for the community, open to receiving both people in need and those who want to partner in offering help. The community looks to the church and to the pastor to be able to respond, and the church is committed to accompanying the community in the name of the church. Jonas Georges appears periodically in the local media, especially radio.

Immediately following the earthquake Ascension Peace Presbyterian Church and Korean Presbyterian Church of Miami in Ft. Lauderdale sent a pallet of survival supplies directly to Haiti through contacts provided by Jonas Georges.



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Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc. (FANM)

Haitian Women of Miami and the Presbytery of Tropical Florida



The Presbytery of Tropical Florida has contributed \$4000 to FANM to help support several of its programs serving earthquake survivors.

FANM was founded in 1991 with the vision of advancing social, economic, and political justice among Haitian women and their families in South Florida. The founding group consisted of 10 Haitian women. FANM evolved as one of the first organizations in South Florida of its kind, offering culturally competent services, care, and advocacy to Haitian women and their families. The ethnic composition of its board is three Haitians, two Caucasians, and 1 African-American. Several programs withing FANM have proved helpful to earthquake survivors currently living in South Florida.

The Family Intervention and Empowerment Program provides support to migrant families focusing on transitional and cultural adjustment needs. Services include case management, parenting education and support, psycho-social assessments, treatment plans crisis intervention, and mental health counseling. The program provides counseling in the areas of domestic violence and anger management, as well as assistance and advocacy to parents/guardians and victims with legal proceedings.

The Youth Development and Leadership Program prepares youth to meet the challenges of tomorrow. The program provides after school programs, summer camp, and spring break programs. Core components include academics, physical fitness, and financial literacy/responsibility. Staff assists children with homework, literacy activities, tutoring, and FCAT preparation in reading, math, and science. Financial literacy and responsibility programs provide tools necessary to become financially responsible and self-sufficient.



The Adult Education and Literacy Program provides basic adult education and computer literacy skills.

These programs are vital in enabling earthquake survivors living in South Florida to take their place in a new life and to help adults enter the job market in order to help family members remaining in Haiti.

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