

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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