



Friends Of Haiti — Organization —

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Project Updates: Mike Richardville's Trip

A team of nine representing the Island Free Methodist Church from Sumner, IL arrived in Haiti on Oct. 25 and immediately began moving 10' and 18' steel beams to a place where they would be made into trusses, purloins and support beams for the new machine shed.

Using steel to build with is a challenge, since it is heavy and hard to move from one place to another. It is also very time consuming as few teams have members who can weld.

There are very few trips to Haiti where a team can know for certain where they will work and what they are going to do, but God always knows. Out of the 9 team members, 4 were experienced welders. We had two team members each welding eight hours a day making trusses and columns. The last column was finished at 2 pm the day before we left. Isn't it awesome to have God reveal to us without a doubt that when we do his work he will provide everything that is needed?

While the welders were busy welding, with the Haitians help, a team put up a portion (about 600 ft.) of razor wire atop the security wall that surrounds the compound.

Before we left the U.S., the Free Methodist World Missions gave us four 50 lb. suitcases full of necessary hygienic products to take to Desaline hospital located approximately 3 ½ hours from Port Au Prince. Our team members went on the trip to the hospital. They enjoyed the break from work but also witnessed the severe lack of food, shelter, and water that Haitians experience.

The day before we left, God again showed his mercy. On the way to the job site, we saw that the only well in the vicinity had broken. A Haitian who spoke English told us they didn't have the money to fix the well and people were getting sick from drinking contaminated water. Our team unanimously voted to pay for fixing the well. A local well company replaced all the rotted pipe to fix the well. Within 30 minutes the Haitians were filling their containers with clean water. God is good all the time.



Volunteer Profile: Marv and Cathy DeVisser

Ron Bishop wanted Marv and Cathy Devisser to join him on a trip to Haiti for years. However, maintaining their farm and keeping up with other responsibilities stood in the way.

In 1996, Marv and Cathy were attending a family camp at Somerset Beach Campground. While listening to "Mission Moment" at an evening service, one piece of scripture that was mentioned stood out to them. It was Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" It was then that the two realized the call that God was revealing in their lives.

That year, Marv and Cathy went on their first mission trip to Haiti with a team from the Bangor Free Methodist Church. Led by Ron Bishop, the group consisted of 23 members. While in Haiti, Marv met a missionary named J. R. Crous. At the time, Crous was leading a small goat vaccination program. Marv accompanied him on several goat expeditions and eventually took over the goat program when the Crous family left Haiti. Marv has overseen the program ever since.

Marv and Cathy have been involved with several projects in different areas of Haiti. In 1997, the husband and wife joined FOHO. They continue to be active members since then. Marv was an officer for many years until stepping down in 2017. We thank them for their service and contributions to our organization.



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