



# Friends Of Haiti — Organization —

April 2018  
Newsletter

## Project Updates: The Wabash Team

The Wabash team arrived in Haiti on the afternoon of Jan 17th and unpacked tools and supplies and settled in to the lower level of the Vivy Michel guesthouse. There were 11 on our team, 3 women and 8 men. We arrived at the FOHO property Thursday morning to start getting the column locations marked on the concrete floor and the steel ready to erect. The trusses were built in 3 pieces so we started assembling them. The floor was poured by Phil Beemer and others last year and the steel was prefabbed and painted by the Island Free Methodist team last October. Two years ago,



Russ Cole designed and built a terrific crane boom that mounts to the back of our big truck. When we got the big truck to the job site we found that the bed was about to fall off the truck so 3 of our men took the old bed off and rebuilt it so we could be confident in its ability to support the crane boom. It took about 2 and 1/2 days to complete that rebuild. When the bed was done, we assembled the boom on the bed. It has the ability to lift a load about 28 feet into the air. The peak of our building is about 27 ft. 8 inches. To say the least it was very close.

The first Sunday we were there we attended the morning worship service at Parc Christian Church. Monday the 22nd we got the first 2 trusses up and some purlins and supports. On Tuesday, the 23rd we got a good sized Haitian crew busy laying blocks on the end where we had the 2 trusses up. The rest of the trip was spent assembling trusses and putting them up, putting purlins on the trusses, and the Haitians making good progress with the block. As the block walls went up it required more Haitians to get the block up higher. When we left, we had a crew of 20 Haitians working on the walls. They were laying block in multiple locations as we progressed with the trusses. We started putting roofing steel on Friday the 26th. On Monday the 29 we had to stop putting on roofing because of the wind. We finished the roof on Tuesday morning and then picked up and put away all our equipment on Tuesday afternoon. We were also able to get the door frames up and headers for the 4 big doors and installed with Roofing metal above them.



On Sunday the 28th we went to the morning worship service at Greffin Free Methodist Church. Pastor Florel was very nice and made sure we felt welcome. He made sure we had interpreters for the service. They were celebrating the women of their church and they were in charge of the service. Our team helped with repairs and the addition to the sanctuary in 2010 after the earthquake. We took the congregation a gift of big bags of rice some beans and some oil. They have done a fantastic job with their church, school and canteen.

We were very blessed this trip. We did not have any injuries that a bandaid would not take care of, no one got sick and we were able to accomplish a great deal of work. It was work that we could not have done if the floor had not been done and if the steel was not ready for us when we got there. We thank those teams for their work to prepare for us. The compound is really beginning to take shape and I would like to encourage everyone to consider going on a team to help or committing to helping fund this project. The ability to have a central location to work from again will greatly increase our ability to help meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. God Bless You All. -Dan Dennis.



## Compound Work Completed in February 2018 with the Help from Leland Prebble

The team set the new well pump brought down last year at 120' and ran with Hobart welder/generator. Flow was tremendous from 1 1/2" main. They ran 1200' of 1 1/4" water feed lines with 10 hose connector faucets. They also ran 150' of 1" line to feed caretakers house and 150' of 2" electrical conduit between well house and generator building. Other projects they completed were building a 1 1/4" barrel-filling faucet and a 3-nozzle workers' shower, running more razor wire along walls, buying and setting up a toilet and bathroom sink and setting up the shower as well. They were able to rent a D6 Cat dozer to regrade and shape the property and clean up debris, rocks, concrete and other trash.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Spring Arbor, Michigan. If you would like more information, contact [haitiprogress@gmail.com](mailto:haitiprogress@gmail.com) or call Karyn Beemer at (517) 812-0378.

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