

The VISIONARIES' LEGACY

Back in the early 1970s, a diverse group of men from a variety of backgrounds came together and founded the Friends of Haiti Organization, created as a construction program. With this vision, the idea was born to build and create a safe haven in which groups of short-term missionaries could travel to and stay within while carrying out local work.

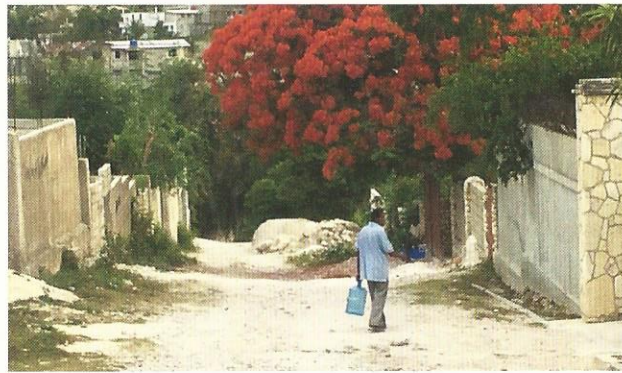
They soon began construction, with the intent of building two levels. This would allow for a safe location to store equipment and tools, serve as a means of access to work vehicles. By the 1980s, the construction segment continued to build many churches, schools, and canteens (covered lunch rooms), and is still productively operating forty years later.

The year 2010, however, was disastrous. The great earthquake in Port au Prince caused mass destruction and heartbreak within the Haitian community. Teams were sent down immediately to provide comfort and aid to those in need. It was also determined, upon arrival and discovery of the unbelievable damage, that the FOHO buildings and structures were far beyond repair.

At this point, the future of the organization was foggy and undecided, but with the guiding hand of the Lord, a will to persevere, and an extremely generous donor, the FOHO forged an aggressive plan and prospered. A new piece of property has been purchased in Port au Prince, conveniently located near the airport and U.S. Embassy. The team has begun the ambitious process of constructing a new safe haven for missionaries. This vision is being fulfilled by literally building from the ground up, just as the original founders once did.

As there is still much to accomplish, the FOHO is looking to partner with more individuals to ensure that this project comes to full fruition. Upon completion, the mission can once again continue to focus on the construction of schools, canteens, and churches for the people of Haiti.

The Friends of Haiti Organization needs YOU. How can you be impactful today? Partner with FOHO to build the future and spread the word of God in a country filled with inspiring people.



What Does FOHO Do?

Friends of Haiti Organization is a nonprofit organization in which the primary function is to help Haitians build churches and schools, as well as to assist with any projects. Teams have built parsonages, canteens, a self-help store, guesthouse, retainer walls, etc. and have assisted in drilling wells. The organization has also aided in dental/medical projects, education, and disaster relief. FOHO supports incoming construction groups by purchasing and maintaining trucks, cement mixers, generators, scaffolding and other tools, and maintains housing for the teams while assisting in building relationships with the Haitian people.



How Does FOHO Operate?

FOHO receives a list of construction proposals, many from the Free Methodist Church, to build churches, schools, or other kinds of projects. The organization then works to find teams who are willing to serve. These steps are crucial and beneficial because teams are coordinated in a way that allows for a project to be completed before another is begun.

How can I help?

One does not have to be particularly skilled in the aspects of construction to contribute in this process. Groups have added great value in many different ways by painting churches and schools, assisting with electrical and plumbing work, building and installing cabinets, repairing vehicles and equipment, etc. Some have donated toward the purchase of property, and others have physically travelled to build a church on that land. Teams have prepared Vacation Bible School programs, and some have prepared meals for the entire team. Some have financially helped others to go, and some have sent money with a team to hire Haitian workers to take their place.

The intent is to hire a Haitian worker for each team member in order to provide them with employment, imprint skills upon them to find work after teams are gone, teach them to have pride in their success, as well as form lifelong relationships. The greatest accomplishment for the FOHO is to grow alongside the people of Haiti as friends and coworkers, build together, and learn from one another.



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FRIENDS OF HAITI ORGANIZATION

- ✂ Built 55+ churches plus many canteens (covered lunch rooms) and parsonages.
- ✏ Built 75+ schools across Haiti. Many villages still do not have a school building and students are taught outside.
- ♥ Aided in the funding and repair of disastrous flood, hurricane and earthquake damage.
- 🤝 Befriended the people of Haiti in Jesus' name.



FOHO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FOHO's Board of Directors serve in decision-making and general business of the group through an annual meeting for the giving of reports, raising funds and giving out projects to churches, groups or individuals. FOHO is unique in that there is no overhead charge in the operation. 100% of the income goes for the Lord's work. Officers and trustees serve without pay or reimbursement for expenses or mileage. Annual dues for FOHO members are \$25 per individual or \$50 per family.

Membership is not required to participate in FOHO work projects, but it is beneficial for you to join. VISA teams pay \$20 per night for housing. FOHO members pay \$15. Membership puts you on FOHO's mailing list to receive project updates. Dues are used to fund projects, purchase needed tools and equipment, and pay Haitian employees who maintain the guesthouse, etc.

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