



Friends Of Haiti — Organization —

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Newsletter

Summer Updates

In February 2018, a team from Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church traveled to Haiti to start building a church



in Chatelain near Gonaives. A common trait for many churches in Haiti is that they have prayed for many years to be able to build a church big enough to hold all those that want to attend. This Haitian church had prayed on this for 8 years. They currently use the Free Methodist Church School, which is approximately 20' x 30', for church on Sunday and for other church functions. Their average Sunday attendance is about 400 people. The school has 250 students, 10 teachers, and very little space. The new church building will be 42' x 60' and will provide adequate space for years to come.

Pastor Jean David Edward preaches at, and is responsible for, three churches. The church at Chatelain is the poorest but has the most students. There are no ICCM sponsored kids in any of his churches. He has a hard time paying the teachers and trying to feed the kids at noon. If they have a wedding or funeral, they have to rent another facility because of the lack of space. The new church will provide room for Sunday worship for all events and help provide space for the school. The cost of purchasing the steel for construction is approximately \$18,000.00. This doesn't include cement blocks or labor. The team hopes to raise the needed funds to be able to secure materials for this much needed project in 2019.

The Spring Arbor team bought 190 bags of concrete, 90 pieces of reinforcing steel rod, tie wire, loads of stone, gravel, and sand. Praise the Lord, the 42' x 60' foundation re-rod and concrete slab was finished before the team left the Gonaives and Dessalines area. A short dedication church service on the new slab was held the day before the team left. The folks were ecstatic. Along with the building materials, some Bible School supplies were also purchased and left for the church.



The team worked well together and were very dedicated. We stayed about 40 minutes away from the job site in Dessalines. We were on the road by 7:30 each morning and came home just before dark. God's hand was

evident when our truck was hit by a motorcycle. No one was killed but the motorcycle driver broke his leg. We transported him and his passenger to the local Free Methodist Hospital in Dessalines. Police had to impound the truck for 3 days until everything was settled. The Haitian Church stepped in and did the negotiating. This was a huge learning experience

leader, Todd Holton, who for the last 18 years. God



for all and even the team has been in Haiti each year was with us all the way.

We have a long way project and finishing the Please consider helping when the team returns in

to go towards completing this church for the congregation. with the needed funds so February, this much

anticipated and very much needed church can be completely finished. Remember, FOHO Missions, Inc. is now an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We rely on friends and church groups to fund our much needed building projects. Spreading the good news of Jesus is the reason we exist. Help us continue by donating or consider volunteering to go on a work team.

Contact FOHO at: haiti.progress@gmail.com, friendsofhaitimissions.org,

or for membership renewals or contributions mail form below to: PO Box 266 Spring Arbor, MI 49283.

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