



August Updates

On August 8th Chuck Ulm and I (Dan Dennis) flew to Haiti to help build a church in the small town of Dauphin. The first 3 days we worked at the new FOHO building, helping finish up the fabrication and painting of the trusses, columns, and purlins. We also gathered and loaded all the tools and materials needed for the construction of the church. Pastor Mark Olson with Hawaii to Haiti Ministries was overseeing the fabrication work and earlier in the year oversaw the foundation and floor construction site of the new church. Frank Janowski, the leader of the project, arrived on the afternoon of the 11th and on the morning of the 12th we all left the FOHO compound with the big truck and trailer loaded. Jean Wiler and Riclaude the welder (who were building the trusses) went with us to help.

We arrived at Dauphin mid-afternoon, after getting a flat tire on the trailer (the only issue we had). The people of the church community were very excited when we arrived. They were singing and dancing on the new floor. The song they sang talked about the restoration of Dauphin and how a dream was coming true with the building of their new church. We left the truck and trailer there with all the materials and equipment. Pastor Serge had arranged for men to watch them day and night. We then drove to Ebenezer Glen Orphanage at Dessalines to lodge in their guest house while we were building the church. The drive took us about an hour and forty-five minutes each way.

We employed five or six local Haitian men every day. The first day of construction we got all the columns up, started welding the truss halves together, and erected the crane on the big truck to set the trusses with. The second day we were able to get two trusses up and braced. The third day we set another truss and started putting purlins on. On the fourth day, the Haitian crew that did the foundation and floor came and started laying the block, and we put up more purlins and built the door and window frames. On the fifth day, we put up the last two trusses, took the crane apart, installed the rest of the purlins and got roof on half of one side. On the sixth day, we installed the rest of the roof except the last piece on each side. On the seventh day, we rested. On the eighth day, we installed the gable cap on the end of the purlins and put on the last two pieces of roofing and loaded all the tools and equipment on the big truck. The weather was very hot and humid, but after lunch almost every day there was a good breeze. We had a good Haitian meal every day at noon provide by women of the church. There were



countless unforeseen issues that came up during the building of this church. Thank God, each time we came up against a problem, He provided a solution. It is amazing what can be accomplished with good planning, committed workers and a God who applies grace and mercy in abundance.

The shop building at the FOHO compound was used to fabricate and paint the trusses, columns and purlins. We also were able to load the truck and trailer the day before we left and leave it in the building knowing it was secure. We all found it to be a great place to do this work. It provides plenty of room, shade and the days



we were there it was very hot, but we found there to be a very nice breeze. FOHO should be very proud of this building and all that is going on at the new compound. Without the FOHO tools, equipment and trucks this project a Dauphin would have been very hard to complete in such a short time frame.

I also want to thank the folks at Ebenezer Glen Orphanage at Dessalines. Their hospitality was great and the guest house was perfect for our needs. I am amazed at the way our God works in building teams and how he always supplies the team with the abilities need for the task at hand. In this case four

guys from the US and some Haitians and some of the church members joined together to build a 30ft x 70ft church. The Masonry crew still had a couple days of block work when we left, but everyone was already enjoying the building. God Bless You All. Dan Dennis

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