



# Friends Of Haiti — Organization —

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Newsletter

## Haiti Trip

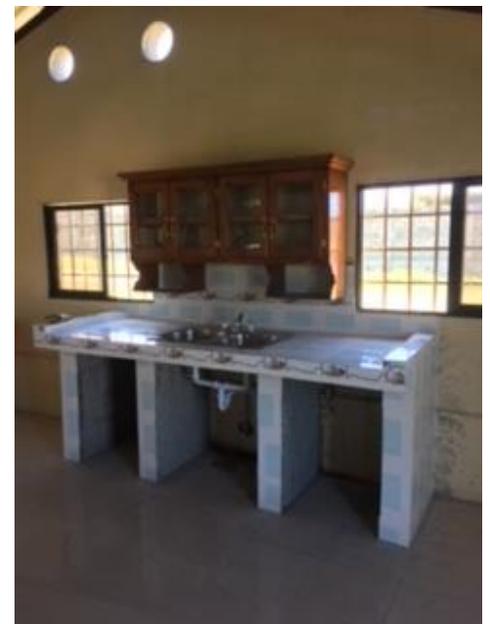
The Island Free Methodist team, Sumner IL arrived Nov 5th with seven men and three women. The first day, the women unpacked all the food and started planning our meals. In addition, they started filtering water so we would have safe, fresh, and cold water every day.

The men were going to go to the FOHO property. A lot of work has been done over the last few years and just needs some loose ends finished up to be operational. For example, the wall had several blocks and columns that need finished up. With the help of John Jeanwiler, we were able to get all the materials to finish the blocks and columns. We got eight local Haitians to start this project.

The security wire that goes on top of the wall needed to be completed. About half was done, of course, the rest was in area's, that was hard to get to and needed several sections of scaffolding moved around. Another four Haitians started this project but that was not enough. About that time, three elderly men from the Parc Chretien Church showed up at the gate looking for work. John knew them and said they were hoping we could use them because they needed food for their families. We had them help the guys with the wire and block walls. God had a plan and picked our crew.

The caretaker's house needed lights, kitchen cabinets, a sink, a counter top, and the finishing of the bathroom shower with tile. We had another two Haitians start working doing the kitchen counter top. The counter top was laid up with blocks and a concrete slab on top. They then covered it with tile. The men from the team finished hanging lights, cabinets, and putting in shelves for the closet.

During bible week at our church, the kids raised \$1,200 to be used at our discretion. I talked to several local pastors and they thought that a school name Santo's would be a good fit for the money. We then loaded up in the van, the women included, and headed towards the school, which was about an hour drive. I was thinking we could give them the money and we could work a





couple of days, but that was not the case. Classrooms needed work, doors needed put up, and lots of stucco needed finished. We just could not get this done in the time we had. Again, God had a plan, with the money they picked up materials and hired Fathers of the children to work on the school. It was a win, the school made some improvements and the fathers were able to make an income.

The day before we left, the men changed all the oil in the trucks and generators and welders. The women had been working on making necklaces with a cross on them. John invited some of the kids in the neighborhood and over seventy-five showed up and everyone got a necklace. In addition, some of the kids sang songs to us in both languages.

I am happy to report that all the blocks and columns are completed, the security wired is completed, and the caretaker house just needs electric run to it and it is ready to move into. I wanted to thank to everyone who helped support this trip and God has a plan we just go down and work it.

Thanks,

Mike Richardville

### ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9am - 2pm at the Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church.

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