

I SUPPORT HAITI BECAUSE ...

In the spring our Haiti Committee met with Fr. Yves Etienne and the other organizations. Fr. Yves reported that food is the highest priority and people are dependent on the church. The students are provided beans and rice, and he is looking into the cost to help feed others. Roads are closed so there is no need to repair the vehicle; however a motorcycle would be useful. At long last, Starlink is working for Fr. Yves now and the nurse will have it soon. Fr. Yves said that St Simon & Jude is praying for our parish, and that they wouldn't have hope without us.



Coordinating Efforts

As Haiti's circumstances have changed, we have adjusted our commitment to meet our sister parish's needs. Our team works with several organizations to maximize our efforts at Sts. Simon & Jude Parish.

The Haiti Ministry at St. Patrick Parish (started in 1996). Although visits stopped in 2018, shipments were halted in 2022, and scholarships were discontinued due to safety concerns for university students, we carry on.

- Pay teachers' salaries for teaching students in pre-K through grade 13;
- Build classrooms;
- Pay to maintain the church (staff, repairs, etc.).

Gesu Parish, Milwaukee, WI (started Haiti Twinning in 2002)

- Primarily supports a lunch program and pays for cooks;
- Pays for two medical clinic workers (a nurse & an assistant);
- Offers assistance with repairs and unanticipated needs;
- Completed building the wall around the premises.

Building Hope in Haiti (started in 2014 as a sponsorship program)

- Currently sponsors 80 students ranging from kindergarten through university;
- Distributes beans and rice;
- Assists with medical help.

HART (Haiti & Africa Relief Team) represented by Patrick Alziphat based in Haiti

- Runs a clinic each month with a Haitian doctor who consults patients and dispenses medicine;
- Has assisted with the cost of necessary or unexpected hospital visits;
- To address ongoing health issues, HART is considering a "Laboratory in a Suitcase," which will involve equipment costs and the salary of someone who knows how to run the machines.

Learn



Want to help our sister parish in Haiti?

Join us on the second Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
or contact Chris Fojtik at 616-215-3161.

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