

West Tennessee Haiti Partnership

I am interested in supporting this outreach ministry by:

Praying for the Haitian people and those who choose to go and serve them.

Providing a gift of \$ _____ toward an annual scholarship (including uniforms, supplies, teachers' salaries) for one Haitian child (\$210)

Providing a gift of \$ _____ toward the purchase of medical or dental supplies

Providing a gift of \$ _____ to aid in the travel and expenses of a mission team

Preparing to be on a mission travel team

Medical Care

Construction

Education

Spiritual Formation

Haiti's population of 8,121,622 is spread across a rough and mountainous island in the Caribbean that is about the size of Maryland. The economy is largely agricultural –



small-scale subsistence farming is a way of life. The average per capita income is \$250 a year.



Factors such as high infant mortality, disease, illiteracy, poor education, overpopulation, deforestation, soil erosion, rapid urbanization, high unemployment and a weak infrastructure, all combine to bring misery to the people of Haiti.

Haiti has one of the highest child mortality rates in the world; it is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and the third hungriest country in the world.



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"May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them."

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St Paul's Episcopal Church and School, Montrouis, Haiti

Our relationship with St. Paul's School in Montrouis, a coastal village, began in 2005 when a small ecumenical delegation from several Memphis churches went to Haiti. The village is particularly poor with people of Montrouis depending upon subsistence farming or fishing for survival. Few parents can afford education or health care.



St Paul's Classroom



St. Paul's Church & School

Education and Health Care

St. Paul's School has offered a multi-level school program with preschool, elementary, and high school students from 3-17 years-of-age since the 1960s. The school, composed primarily of the church's cinder-block buildings and thatched huts, is currently only able to educate 225 children. While most of the residents of Montrouis cannot afford to send their children to school, St. Paul's attempts to live into its mission of offering education for everyone through the scholarships we provide them.

We hope to renovate the classrooms, some damaged by hurricanes, and eventually develop a self-sustaining water system for the community. Also located at Montrouis is a longstanding medical clinic serviced by a local physician. In 2009 we will return to the clinic to do a needs assessment with a focus on nutrition and local foods. In future mission trips, we anticipate working here to provide nutrition, hygienic, and safe water education programs customized to the local food, water supply and culture.

St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children

In addition to our support for St Paul's, our Haiti Partnership supports the ministry of St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, in Port-au-Prince. St. Vincent's goal is to provide care for Haitian children, many of whom are orphaned, who have physical challenges that make it impossible for the parents to care for them given their own meager circumstances.

The children usually arrive as infants, and many have remained there to grow into young adults.

It is the school's hope to mainstream these young adults back into Haitian society. We are joining hands at St. Vincent's with the Presbyterian Church USA, The Children's Medical Mission of Haiti and the Friends of St. Vincent's to help provide food, medical, and educational supplies to keep these dependent children fed, clothed, educated and healthy.



St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children



Brace Shop at St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children

Health Care

St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children provides a safe environment for its residents and day students, but these children's lives are filled with hardships. Many are without arms, legs, or both, and St. Vincent's has a brace shop to build needed prostheses. Some children are deaf or blind; others have disorders such as cerebral palsy. St. Vincent's has a medical clinic which is staffed year-round by a local pediatrician and also a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. Our ministry supports the local medical staff with medical supplies and medications to stock their pharmacy, and our medical teams also see patients at the school when we are able to go to Haiti ourselves. The dental clinic is staffed only by volunteers from the US at intervals. In 2008 we provided medical supplies and medical personnel to assist in the medical and dental clinic at St. Vincent's and are planning follow-up medical missions for 2009 and beyond. We need gifts of medical supplies, funding to purchase supplies, and volunteers from the medical field to assist with the medical diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.

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Baptismal Font at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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