



Thank you for blessing Amer-Haitian Bon Zami here and in Haiti.

Here are some of the ways that you have played a part -

Financial support- Most important are your gifts that allow us to care for the House of Hope girls each month. You have truly made a lasting difference in their lives. Also, your gifts have allowed us to help in many other ways, including support of the "Reach Out" program, which allows parents in the community to send their children to school, the "Extend a Hand" program that cares for girls that no longer live at House of Hope, construction of a clinic, and support of other programs that help alleviate poverty in our neighborhood.

Work teams - Participating in a work team can be a life changing experience. It can help give new meaning to who we are and what we can do. It also is an important part to the ministry in Haiti and to the individuals we serve. Here are a few examples:

Community outreach - Teams were able to work directly with the Haitian community through sports, Vacation Bible Schools, medical clinics, and food and hygiene supply distribution in tent cities.

Equipment repairs - A new engine was installed in our van and other repairs made to give it a new life. Generators, critical in a country where public power is scarce, received tender loving care to keep them operating.

Medical and dental care - Hundreds of Haitians received important medical and dental care that would have been impossible for them to receive otherwise.

Wedding team - Dignity of marriage in Haiti is out of financial reach for many in Haiti because of the cost. Four couples were married in a beautiful ceremony provided by Harvester Christian Church.

Assembling a large tent for the church and community activities - The church quickly outgrew the space in Patti's school it had been using. Harvester Christian Church donated and assembled a large tent on site, and funded construction of a concrete floor. The tent is being used for church services and community activities. Future plans are to replace the tent with a simple pavilion that will withstand the hot sun and tropical storms.

Painting and maintenance - Between the wear and tear caused by many little hands touching things, and just plain wearing out, teams painted, fixed plumbing, installed or repaired screens, assembled shelves, organized supplies, trimmed plants, repaired and sorted clothing, plus much, much more.

Vacation Bible Schools - In Haiti, children do not receive Bible training that is available in the United States. Vacation Bible Schools allow them to hear about Jesus and his love for them.

Clothing ministry - A clothing ministry team organizes clothing and shoes for men, women and children, then provides "personal shoppers" to help pick out clothing for families and individuals. Families also receive hygiene supplies, food and are prayed with before they leave.

Kids Against Hunger - Malnutrition is a major cause of death in Haiti. Thousands of Kids Against Hunger meals have been packed by teams of volunteers and shipped to House of Hope for distribution in Haiti. Kids Against Hunger packages provide a balanced meal, complete with protein, carbohydrates and vitamins. Donations are needed to purchase supplies. Volunteers of all ages are needed to pack meals. A special "thank you" to Hope Lutheran Church and Boone's Creek Christian Church for organizing packing events.

Peanut Butter collection - Rice is a staple and relatively inexpensive part of the Haitian diet. It can be filling, but lacks protein and essential minerals provided by peanut butter. A small jar of peanut butter costs over \$8 in Haiti, which is week's worth of wages for many. Schools, churches and other organizations have provided hundreds of jars of peanut butter to help with relief packages. We continue to need peanut butter for outreach programs.

Sorting, packing, stuffing envelopes, shopping, planning - Much of the support for the work in Haiti goes on behind the scenes. Volunteers, both individuals and groups, work throughout the year to perform a myriad of jobs required to keep the mission going. For example, shipping a container requires months of preparation, sorting and packing, assembling hygiene kits and boxes of supplies for tent cities. The many mission programs each require a team of individuals working behind the scenes to make things happen.

On behalf of the Amer-Haitian Bon Zami board and our friends in Haiti, we thank you and send you blessings for the new year.

Carl Carole



The House of Hope Christmas tree



Rob and Jeff unloading van parts



Medical team examining patients



The House of Hope girls say "Thank you!"



Weddings



Church service under the tent

A collage of photos from 2011



Clinic under construction

Kids Against Hunger.

Packing Event

March 3, 2012

Hope Lutheran Church

1975 Old U.S. Highway 94

St. Charles, MO 63303

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For information

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2012 Work Teams

Call to check for availability. Some teams are not full.

January 25-30 – Medical	June 13-20 – Harvester
February - Teaching weekend, Harvester	Jun 23-30 – Stillwater PA, VBS #1
March 13-20 – Harvester high school seniors	Jul 3-10 – Woodham family, VBS #2
May 16-21 – Medical	Ju 17-25 – Stillwater, PA #2
May 25-31 – Alamo Christian Church	Jul 24-31 – Genesis Church
June 2-9 – Berwick, PA	Aug 8-15 – Harvester
	Aug 30- Sep 6 - Hope
	Sep 26 – Oct 1 – Medical
	Oct 17-21 – Harvester Weddings

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