

HAITI





Support Haitians who help their communities thrive.

FACTS

The goal in Haiti has always been to empower Haitians for a passion for their community and country.

Lasting relationships have been built and through many of the trips Haitians have shared their way of life and of serving the world.

You can help ensure kids and elderly are fed, mothers can afford medicine, farmers have the tools to feed communities.

- Population: 10.7 million
- Average life expectancy: 63 years old
- Official languages: French & Haitian Creole
- Third largest country in the Caribbean
- Unemployment: 40.6% (2010 est.)
- Average per capita income \$480 US a year with 80% living below the poverty line
- Healthcare access: 40% of the population has access to basic health care.
- Reported cases of diabetes: over 332,200 in 2015
- Average cost per person with diabetes: \$131 US

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Support is needed for the people and projects in Haiti. The places you choose to give will also capture your heart. We believe a place like Haiti deserves a little piece of your heart. It already has a lot of God's heart. The ECCC has committed both prayer and financial support to the following projects:

Sante 2000 (Health 2000): is a clinic run by Dr. Manno and specializes in diabetic care. Diabetes in Haiti is a growing epidemic and can often mean death as finding the proper care and Insulin is extremely difficult. Sante 2000 has grown from 60 patients to over 500 in the last 5 years. With the financial help of the ECCC, Dr. Manno and his staff care for people within a 1-2 hour drive of Haut Limbe.

Cost to run: \$24,000 US

Sarepta Project: is a food program for elderly people in Haut Limbe. Each month, food is given to approximately 95 elderly people. The food supplements what they need for a month. Without this care, it is difficult to see how some of these individuals would survive.

Cost to run: \$6,620 US

Petite Anse Feeding Project: is an area in Cap Haitian known as a slum. It is difficult to describe other than to say it's difficult to imagine living there. The ECCC in partnership with College Park Covenant Church and a team in Haiti provide a rice and beans meal twice a week for approximately 160 children.

Cost to run: \$10,200 US



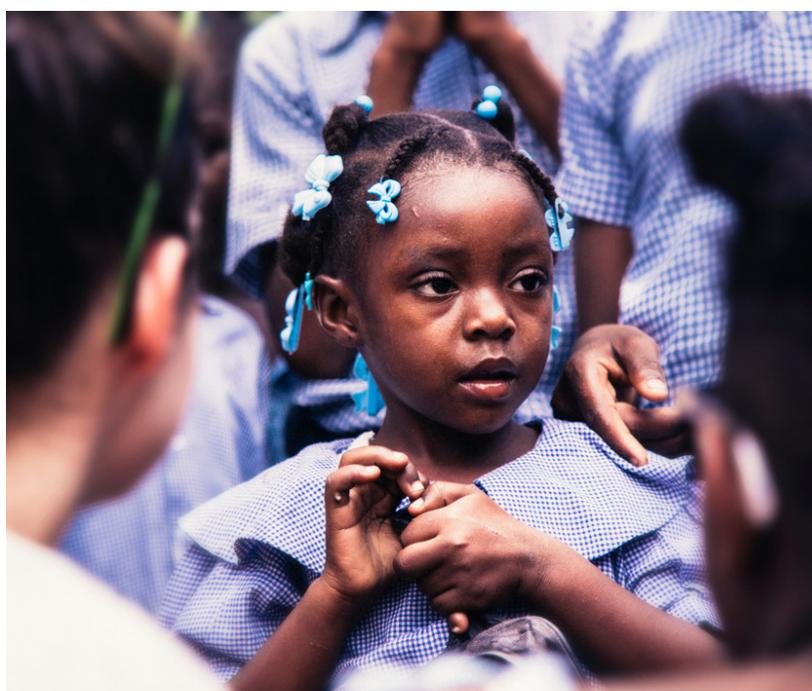
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Garden Project: is an educational training and onsite consultation program with a young woman who is the daughter to one of the Sarepta group members. She has a degree in agriculture and is working to help train local farmers and community members in agricultural practices that will provide fresh produce for their families and the neighbourhood.

Initial investment cost: \$7,700 US

Ongoing support to be determined

Fish Farming Project : is a new possibility is on the horizon. We have been exploring the opportunity to teach and train farmers to produce fish as a sustainable source of food and income. Stay tuned!





GO// TRIPS

Trips serve as opportunities for our Canadian people to grow in their faith as well as understand the unique challenges our sisters and brothers face everyday. It is our hope to make trips to Haiti simple and life transformational for both visitors and the people we serve.

Whether you are looking to join a trip or lead one, please let us know and we will work with you every step of the way from planning to templates to how to prepare your hearts. Contact us to get the process started.

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SHARE // STORIES

In a tiny tin building bursting at the seams came the laughter and singing of children. As I walked closer to the shack like structure I could see people lingering in the yard and it was noisy. Like the kind of loud where you can feel the intensity of the excitement in the room. The church was full of the children who are part of the feeding program. I looked back to see the board that functions as a make shift door was pulled across the entrance. There is only enough food for those inside.

Each child is sitting patiently with their spoon in hand waiting for their meal. I was overwhelmed when I looked around the room at the hard-working women who create order out of chaos, handing out the food. Those of us visiting had the opportunity to help serve the children rice, beans, a few chunks of chicken in sauce. While we made our way through the rows to the back of the building, many of the children in the front were finishing their bowls. The younger ones, some maybe only 15 months old, were still eating away.

That's when I noticed her. A little girl about 3 years old. She seemed to have already finished her bowl but was walking around with her spoon. She gently asked a little 18 month old if she could have a scoop of his rice. As she cautiously took the scoop with her spoon, she did not put it to her own mouth. Instead, she walked to a hole in the metal wall of the church. The spoon full of rice went through one of the holes in the wall into a waiting mouth outside. As we watched, the little girl repeated her task several times, taking rice from those too small to finish their entire bowl.

As a mother of three, this was hard to take in. My heart broke in that moment. This little girl is there to eat one of her two meals for that week and yet she is concerned about caring for the people outside the church. At just 3 years old she sees a need and takes action well beyond her years. So much can be learned about the heart of God in this simple act of caring.

Hunger, poverty and the struggle to care for lives that are just as precious as mine or yours or our own little ones. May we continue to be faithful in our part, helping these particular children develop fully in the face of malnutrition. This is our small way of contributing to hope for the future.

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"In my life I have learned I can live on nothing, therefore I can be generous with everything."

-DR. MANNO

It's your stories, your passion and action that save lives.

- 1. Act:** start today by giving monthly \$25 toward the projects at covchurch.ca/haiti
- 2. Share:** share your stories and the stories of others passionate about Haiti.
- 3. Go:** lead a trip or join a trip to learn more and see first-hand the impact your support has.

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