

## This year, we are celebrating ten years of Haiti Needs You!

Thank you for being with us through the tough times of hurricanes and earthquakes. Thank you for bringing hope to our friends in Haiti through your donations which help improve the health and living conditions of people living in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

### To celebrate, we are listing ten of our highlights:



**1 Medical** – Over the years, you have helped thousands of people in Seguin, Jeremie, Fonds Parisien, Port au Prince, and Orangers. Now we are training Haitians nurses to bring medical care to their communities.

**2 Dental** – The longer we work in an area providing dental care and instruction, the healthier the people are. Thanks to you, we have American and Haitian dentists working side by side.

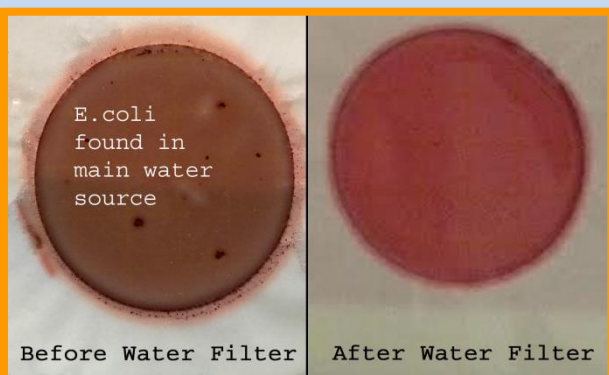


**3 Operations** – For more serious operations than we can perform in our medical missions, we have been able to assist families with the travel and medical help they need.

**4 Latrines** – Families have assisted in digging and building their own latrines. Schools and churches now have their own public latrines.



**5 Water Filters** – Many water filters have been purchased and have been a major factor in improving the health of the people especially in mountainous areas. Ongoing water testing is showing that the filtered water is purified and free from E.coli bacteria.



**6 Education** – Thanks to you many elementary and high school students have the opportunity to receive an education, many teachers receive the supplies they need, and many communities benefit from health education from missionaries and from local nurses.



**7 High School Spring Break Trips** – Every year several students from Catholic Central and West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids spend their Spring Break delivering water filters, putting tarps on cornstalk houses, and playing with the children in Seguin.

**8 Saint Mother Teresa Orphanage and Hospital** - Many of the mission groups have had the opportunity to walk where St. Teresa walked and to hold and care for the children at the orphanage.



**9 Twinning Assistance** – Working with the twinning parishes of Holy Spirit in Grand Rapids, Our Lady of Consolation in Rockford, and St. Michael's in Remus has been a blessing as we all learn from each other aiding our efforts in the common goal of improving the quality of life in Haiti.

**10 Beauty of the Haitian People** – The more contact we have with the Haitian people, the more we are impressed with their resourcefulness and gratitude. Erin Mangan who has participated in three high school mission trips has this to say, “We are sad and ungrateful because of what we don’t have while they are happy and grateful for what they do have.”



As we count our many blessings over these past ten years, we are especially grateful for your prayers and support which have helped improve the lives of thousands of people in need. As you count your many blessings, may you continue to support us and help improve the lives of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. We wish you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with hope, health, and happiness!

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