



# Haiti Needs You 2020 Newsletter

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*The word we are focusing on this year is **COOPERATION**. Without being able to travel to Haiti due to the COVID pandemic, we are even more dependent on the people and organizations who are connected and can assist us in getting aid to those who need it most.*



**Haiti Update - Malnutrition is on the Rise.** Just a year ago, 60 Haitian gourdes was equivalent to one US dollar, and today the amount has increased to 120 gourdes per one dollar. With this rapid increase, food costs twice as much which many families cannot afford. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, is experiencing an increase in unemployment, and is in great need of help. Your donations can help provide seeds for farmers and food for families.

**Meet Patrick Alziphat!** Patrick has been working with us for the past ten years. When we are able to travel to Haiti, he handles setting up the guest house arrangements, getting the interpreters, and arranging transportation for medical, dental, and student mission trips. Now that we are not able to travel there, he is our lifeline in communicating with the priests and community leaders and translating messages in order for business to proceed as normally as possible. What a blessing to know that he is in Haiti and continues to assess situations and assist us in helping those in need!





## Gift of Water

Twenty years ago, we met Lamothe Lormier who introduced us to a wonderful non-profit called Gift of Water. In our first trips to Haiti, we witnessed people drinking contaminated water used by people and animals. Immediately we understood how important clean water is in preventing diseases and keeping people healthy. Fortunately, the Gift of Water organization is able to continue delivering water filters and providing water technicians to assist the people in setting them up and making sure they are used correctly. We are impressed with the quality and durability of the two-bucket water filtration system. Testing the water before and after being filtered has proven that the system takes out the impurities. Even the first buckets installed continue to hold up well after years of use. Every day, the water filters are saving lives!



Despite the poverty, political instability, droughts, hurricanes, COVID, and so many other obstacles, our brothers and sisters in Haiti are resilient and full of faith and hope. We are grateful for your **COOPERATION** in sharing your blessings with our friends in Haiti!

**Thank you** for your continued prayers and support as you 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.

*Tim Ryan*

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