

Haiti Needs You December 2012 Newsletter



Dear Friends of Haiti,

It's Official! Seguin now has a high school, the very first ever on this mountain! We expected 20 students for our first class but now have 42. We are grateful to Fr. Gilbert for reaching out to the entire Seguin community to welcome all students who wanted to continue their studies. These students come from three faith-based church schools and one public school. This is a huge breakthrough because in Haiti some churches would rather go it alone than to work with one another. If it were not for your generosity, these students' dreams of higher education would not be possible. Without this first year of high school these students would all be in the fields working and their dreams of going to high school would never happen. This is just the beginning, and with funding we will be able to add a new level each year. For now they are grateful for one more year of education and look forward to a hopeful future with your support knowing that through education we can help break the grip of poverty.



New dental team location: One of our goals in 2012 was to provide a dental clinic for the people of Fond Parison, a community north of Port au Prince. We were able to provide an extraction-only clinic this time, but our future goals are to be able to provide restoration and prevention for the community. Our team was able to see over 200 people during the short time that we were there, and our skilled Haitian dentists extracted well over 500 teeth.

In Haiti **there are few dentists and doctors**, and those who are available are usually hours away and demand payment before they will provide any service. Most Haitians cannot afford to seek out medical or dental care because they do not have the money. It often is a choice of feeding the family or dealing with health issues. The family always comes first, so many people have just learned to live with the pain.

As always, we thank you for your support in brightening the lives of our brothers and sisters in Haiti!

Sincerely,
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Christmas Gift Giving Ideas

Provide a tarp for a family in a cornstalk house	\$30
Home Water Filter for a family of 5 to 7	\$50
Sponsor a student to attend High School	\$150
Build a Latrine (outhouse) for a family	\$250
250 gallon water filter for 600 students and staff	\$1,500
Build a house for elderly or handicapped people	\$3,200
Sponsor a dental team	\$3,500
Sponsor a High School class for the entire year	\$5,000



Meet Roger!



We have known Roger for 12 years. He has had a difficult life due to the death of his wife and also being blind. His 12-year old son is going blind also, but his daughter can see fine. His home is a leaky tin shed, so when it rains he pulls a piece of tin roofing over himself to keep dry. We are always amazed by his positive attitude and his ability to traverse the mountains. Our goal is to build him a house. The elderly and handicapped have an especially difficult time in Haiti, so with your support we try to assist them as much as possible.