

Farsight Christian Mission's Plan for sustainable relief to Haiti has begun.

Reports from Nego and Ellen have continued to come in. The news has not been good. In the midst of all of the appeals and concerts and government aid coming from just about every country in the world, one might think that "The Pearl of the Caribbean" should soon be restored to its original glory. Unfortunately, the status quo seems to be firmly in place. Here are some snippets of what has been happening in no particular order:

1. Individuals in positions of authority or related to those in authority have been put in charge of distributing the relief supplies. The supplies have been collected from relief agencies and have been put into storage. Some is being passed out, some is being sold, and some is being saved for later use or sale.
2. Relief agencies have hired all the livery trucks to get their supplies moved. All regular deliveries of food and supplies have been suspended so all of the outlying villages that depend on deliveries of rice, beans, and oil for food until the summer crops come in, have not had any food delivered since the earthquake.

3. To further complicate the problems in the remote villages, many of the city residents are moving out into the country to get away from the death, devastation, and contamination in the city. All these people were counting on their relatives "back home on the farm" to be able to take them in and feed them.

FCM with matching funds from IDES and working through Nego & Ellen Pierre-Louis have implemented the following recovery program:

1. Shopped all the agriculture stores in Port Au Prince and bought all the bulk seed we could find.
2. Recruited 50 families to double the size of their market gardens, FCM provides seed and fertilizer and the families produce twice the usual crop for taking to market. The first of the crops should make it to market in about 60 days.
3. FCM bought rice, beans, and oil for Nego to distribute to the families that are taking in those who are migrating to the country.
4. All the schools were closed so Nego put together a team of youth to go with him to the mountain villages and put on a VBS program. Rumors were running rampant throughout the island that the world was coming to an end. While there is some truth to that rumor, Nego shared with the children that only God knows the day and the hour and most importantly, He is in control. The question each person must answer is: "Is God in control of your life and your soul?"

Below: One young lady is being baptized while a dozen more young people wait their turn. The youth group that Nego is discipling has grown to over 50 and he is busy sharing the Gospel, baptizing those who respond, and then teaching Christian life lessons to the saved.



The next Project

I need all kinds of help for this project. I need teams; prayer warrior teams, financial support teams, and GO teams.

Please read about this project and if it is worthy of your support, please let me know which team I can put you on.

Maplat is a village S.E. of Seguin, between Seguin and the Caribbean, going toward the Dominican Republic.

Any springs they had for water has ceased to flow. The families are suffering greatly. The same drought that dried up the springs also took the lives of over 20 children last year.

Originally, my plan was to go and find a sloped piece of land I could cover with tin roofing on posts and capture all the water into tanks. Then Nego sent me pictures of this structure (above), standing without a roof for over 10 years. The local community will give us the building (actually sign documents) if we put a roof on it, which is 2,000 sq. ft. of rainwater capture surface and a secure covered place for the water tanks. Then it could also be used as a church building, its original intended use. The only school in town is next door, so it's been used as a walled playground.



1. Prayer warriors: please pray for volunteers to GO, for safe travel and good weather. Pray for sufficient funding to complete the project in time to capture the fall rains.

2. Financial supporters: I need 200 2x4x16's @ \$10 each, 20 sheets of plywood @ \$20 each, 12 2x6x16s @ \$15 each, and then 2000 sq. ft. of galvanized roofing tin for \$1,000. VBS time is upon us, can you share this with your church as see if the kids would like to buy some boards to roof a church that will then provide water to save the lives of kids just like them? Can you share this project with your Bible School classes and mission committees? If that doesn't work, will you pray over your personal finances and then if God gives you the "go ahead," will you buy a board or two with a check from your own funds? FCM has a PayPal account so you can send money without a stamp.

3. GO team volunteers: I think I need a total of 3 teams for this project. I have one scheduled for Aug/Sept, firm dates within a week, but I also need one or two teams before then to help establish a work site, locate and secure materials, locate and secure transportation and lodging. It might work out to have one team before and one team later in Oct. to finish the project. There is a lot of room for the unexpected; if you were on an FCM mission trip in 1997-2000, then you can imagine what I'm talking about. All other volunteers will have to wait and see.

TWO MORE NEWS ITEMS:

After June 1, you should be able to find FCM on the www.PepsiRefreshEverything.com site. If you find us, would you please share this with everyone you know on the internet and ask them to vote for my project. You can read all about it on the site.

Next: I am in the process of filling out an American Red Cross application to build 100 relief houses in Haiti. This is a long shot but if approved, I will have more openings and opportunities for volunteers to help with this project also.

One last request: Please keep Cindy and I in your prayers. The summer has many challenges, but God is our 'healthcare provider' and sustainer. Our road ahead might be better travelled by someone half our age and with twice our wisdom, so pray that we are sufficient to the task. Thanks.