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Food appeal: I got a whatsapp message from a young man in Haiti because he was feeling so frustrated. He said he didn't know what to do. Each Sunday after church older people, widows, and youth (many who are missing one or both parents) come to him and ask for food. They know some times he has food that Dreams for Haiti has given him to share with his less fortunate neighbors. He has nothing to give them and it is breaking his heart. He wants to help. I told him I would share with you and see if we could raise funds for him to buy some rice and help the poorest of the poor.



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Sponsorship: One of our little sponsored boys moved to Brazil with his grandmother. We were blessed to gain several new sponsors. The kids are so excited to be going to school. These children are now sponsored but we have plenty more that need sponsoring! Our school goes through 10th grade. Some of our sponsors have been with us for 8 years now and have seen their child grow up in the school. Some have helped out with medical expenses. Some go and visit their child. Changing lives in both countries. If you want a cute picture to hang on your fridge please let me know. \$25 a month or \$300 a year. Making a difference one child at a time

Grangou. This is a word that you quickly learn when you visit Haiti. The beggars on the street come up to the car window and rub their tummies and say Grangou. It means hungry and you can see they are. We try to carry some type of food we can hand out the window (meat sticks, energy bars etc) We do not like to but we can also pass out US \$1. Bills. It will buy some rice. We have to be very careful not to draw attention to what we are doing or we could have a riot started. Before our feeding program was started I have seen children fall out of their desks at school. When I became very concerned the teachers explained that the children were only hungry. Can you imagine trying to learn when you are so hungry you pass out? We are struggling right now to get containers of food through the roads in Haiti because they are held by gangs but we are able to buy rice and beans to feed the children. If you would like to help please contribute and mark it for food.



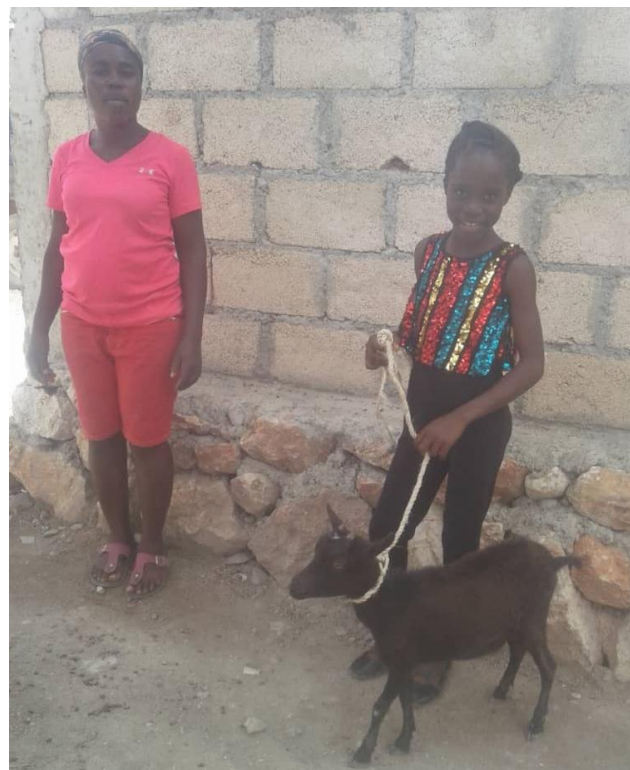
Remember the 100 plus wedding dresses we sent to Haiti? Isn't this bride beautiful? So happy for this couple. Thank you Tina and Rob Weiman.

Planting time is coming and we always collect gardening tools and seeds.

++ Sign up for our Texas Holdem tournament coming in February and be watching for our annual golf scramble in May. ++

Immigration: As you may have seen on TV news there are Haitians illegally crossing the border from Mexico. It is very easy for a Haitian to immigrate to Brazil and then make the journey north. In January our government started a new program that allows citizens from 4 Caribbean nations to legally travel to the USA if they have passports and a US sponsor. One of our friends in Haiti is living in a very dangerous area and because he has a job, a house and a car the gangs think he is rich. So he hears rumors that they are after him. His young children can no longer go out and play for fear of being kidnapped. His wife could not travel the roads to get to work because the gangs are controlling them. We have someone willing to sponsor him to the USA.

I have another young man that just finished his engineering school and is asking to come to the States. He is a born leader in his community and his church. He wants to help run Dreams for Haiti in the United States. He is trained to do all jobs in Haiti so he knows our goals and procedures. Someone has stepped forward to sponsor him which is a real blessing. Please pray for these young men and their families.



A sponsored child receiving a goat. \$50 will buy a goat for a family.