

# Dreams for Haiti / ACH

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Blowing the conch shell to signal the start of Haiti's Independence

## A New Year

It is so exciting to share that Dreams for Haiti and Ambassadors for Christ in Haiti started off the new year with their cupboards full! Just as several other mission organizations did when the 2 containers arrived a few days before Christmas! This is even more exciting as January 1<sup>st</sup> is Haiti's Independence day and is celebrated with food and family and friends.



Chicken, Ducks and babies!

In the wise words of Jiminy Cricket, a dream is a wish your heart makes. Dreams for Haiti has lots of heart wishes. What is yours?

## Animal update

There are new baby goats! There are new chickens too but we have had so many chickens it is hard to keep count and now some folks have returned their first born goat back to the program and already have a second goat that is all theirs! I have also received pictures of duck eggs so that phase of the program is starting to take off! Want to help? \$10 for chickens, \$20 for ducks, \$50 for a goat, and \$60 for a pig. \$600 for a cow. You may pay on our website or mail checks to the address above and mark your check with a memo of what it is designated for.



## Sponsorship

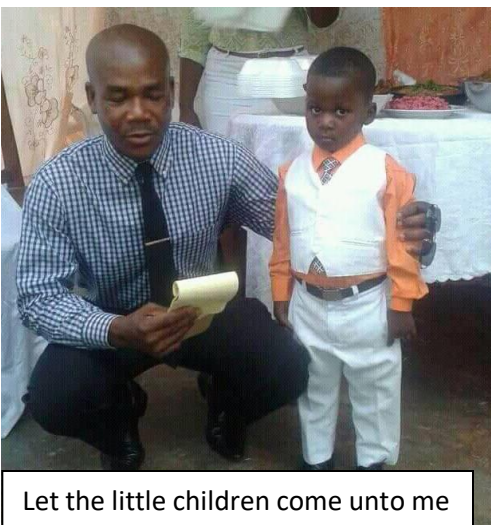
Yes, the sponsored children received their boxes from their sponsors just in time for Christmas. The Haitians very seldom will smile for a photo but as soon as the camera clicks their face lights up with giant smiles. So if you sponsor and receive a picture of "your" child, please know that they were very happy.

## Church

Most of the homes in the area do not have electricity, running water, or indoor toilets or even indoor kitchens. Church plays a big part in filling a spiritual need and also a social need. It is a gathering place to watch religious films, sing and praise, hold celebrations and just socialize besides the usual activities of weddings and funerals, bible studies and youth groups. Baptisms are held down at the small river that runs close by. Many times Church will start of an evening and go until 4 AM!! Our church buildings are also used for school during the week. After school there are sewing classes for the ladies in the neighborhood. When animal distribution goes on it is in the church. The animals are prayed for. When visiting teams come to do clinic, yes, the Church becomes a clinic! Clothing distribution also takes place at the church. The Church is a very important part of the community.



Shall we gather at the river



Let the little children come unto me



Christmas program. Making a joyful noise!

**Trips** The 2 containers sent in October should have arrived in late November or early December. One did, the other "missed the boat" as it was full and it had to wait to go on the next one. Finally both containers were there and I (Jackie) was ready to travel to Haiti. And then there were protests which shut down the roads and all government offices including the customs office at the dock. Even though a ticket had been bought it was not going to be possible for me to travel that close to Christmas (airfare went from \$800 to \$3,000 for that time period) so many emails, texts and phone calls later our wonderful Haitian workers received the 2 containers, organized the unloading, made sure everyone got the correct items (there were 10 different organizations or individuals on these containers) and did a fantastic job of taking care of business without me! This had been our goal all along so we are really excited about it although I really missed being there. We will be shipping another container or two around March and taking a trip to Haiti sometime in April or May. Really hoping to have others join us and see firsthand what all the excitement is about.



Making new friends!