# Dreams for Haiti

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## Two containers shipped to Haiti

In October we were able to ship 2 containers to Haiti. A group went in November to help unload these containers. There were 14 different missions sharing the space on the containers.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three stranded rope isn't easily snapped.

And so it was with our group in unloading. It got late and a friend living in the area offered us a place to spend the night. Yes, everyone that wanted had a safe place to sleep and 2 meals. After praying for safety, the young men unloaded the containers. They especially enjoyed a dip in the Caribbean Sea after working so hard. The 10, 500 pounds of food that we were able to put on the containers were a blessing for many.







#### Sponsorship



Due to the death of Carolyn Ashmore, a great supporter of Dreams for Haiti, we needed to find sponsors for her 3 sponsored children. We are happy to announce that we had 3 great sponsors step up and sponsor "her kids". We are always in need of sponsors for other school kids. Interested?? \$25 a month and you will receive pictures, and updates. The child will receive lunch, books, shoes, uniforms and an education. Let us know when you are ready to help a needy child.

#### **Fund Raising**

Funding has been down but the need is still there. Because of the Corona Virus we were unable to hold many of our normal fund raisers. We were fortunate to be able to hold a Texas Holdem in February before things closed down. There were no spring golf tournaments, no garage sales etc. We were finally able to hold a golf tournament on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> thanks to Joe Mica and Ken Strickland and their great work team. Thank you to everyone that gave prizes, sponsored a hole or came out and worked or played.

## Church

The new Church building is completed and looks fantastic. It is much cooler and larger than where they met before.

Jackie Settle's mother passed away in August. She loved singing hymns and reading her Bible. As a memorial to Dorothy Miller, money was collected to buy new Bibles for the Haitian Church and also song books. Jackie purchased them while in Haiti. Also while in Haiti we were blessed with a box of new testaments from the Gideon's.



## **Animal Project**

It is amazing to see as we drive around "our little corner of Gonaives" all the animals that are now in our program. My favorite visit this trip was when we went and visited Grandma C. Remember several years ago we passed out goats and grandma C. was crying because the other ladies made fun of her because her goat was so small? 4 of us ladies laid hands on that goat and prayed that it would grow big and strong and have many babies. This trip I climbed a fence and admired her large pig and then saw the mama goat with her 2 babies! That mama was one of the largest goats I have ever seen! Grandma C. was so happy and so was I!



Grandma C. 's pig from our animal project



#### **Trips to Haiti**

The Pandemic caused air travel to stop between Haiti and the U.S. This leaving a dear friend's wife stranded in the U.S. for 15 weeks before she was able to return home to her husband and 2 small children. It also stopped groups from traveling into Haiti as we normally would. The Corona Virus did not affect Haiti like it did the U.S. Schools were stopped and done by cell phone for a few months. I believe since so much of Haitian life is conducted outside, this may have helped them avoid the high number of cases that we suffered. Also they are preparing for their elections. There has been much rioting and gang activity on the streets so with respect to the safety of team members there was no Dreams for Haiti group trip this year. We are hoping the virus goes away and things calm down in both countries after elections are over. If you are interested in going to Haiti next year please let us know.

#### **Personal news**

2020 has been a hard year on all of us. My apologies for not keeping everyone informed and updated. Personally, John Settle has not been able to do donation pickups due to many health issues. Since January he had back issues, 6 eye surgeries, radiation treatment for cancer and a broken foot. On top of that Jackie's mom, Dorothy Miller, passed away. John is now getting great reports from all of his doctors. Thanks for the prayers. Several of our dear supporters also passed away just adding to the sadness of this year. Board member, Dennis Schwartz, also just lost his father. Long time friend and Haiti supporter Yvonne Norman, lost her battle with Covid this week.



We are happy to report the great blessing that Pastor Charles and wife Patricia received. Baby Mary was born Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. Isn't she a cutie???