

ACH/Dreams for Haiti

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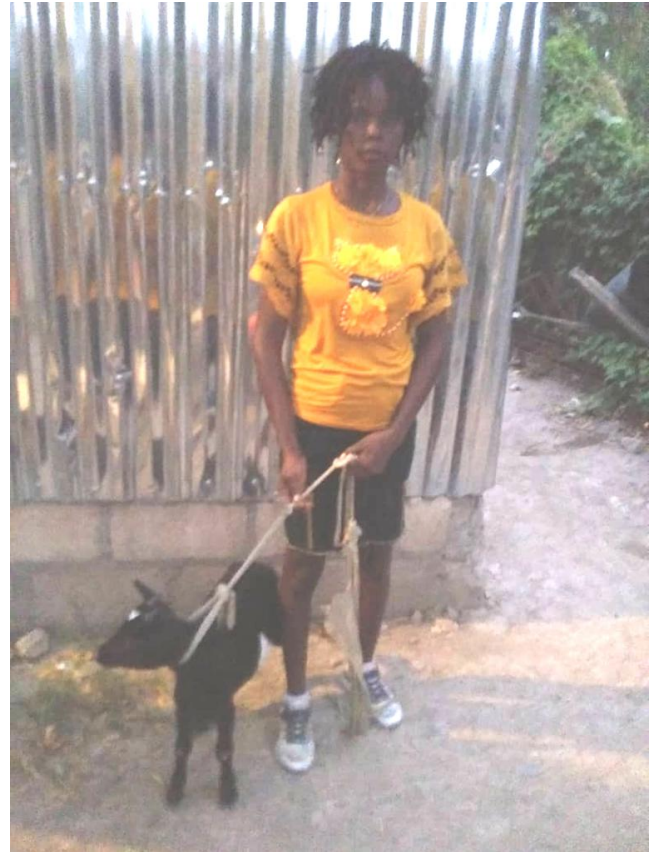


What is going on in Gonaives Haiti?

Political unrest continues to plague the nation resulting in demonstrations, gun fire, burning of tires in the middle of the roads and lots of kidnappings resulting in people paying many thousands of dollars to get their loved ones released, if they are lucky enough to have friends and relatives with money. Right now we are choosing NOT to travel to Haiti so as not to endanger our friend's lives. Please pray for their safety as they are very frightened living in constant fear. Last week a pastor was kidnapped out of the pulpit during church service and had to raise \$50,000 from friends and relatives for his release. He was one of the lucky ones as quite often the person delivering the money to the kidnappers gets shot along with the kidnapped person. There are between 5 and 15 kidnappings a day now. Port au Prince is the most dangerous but there is no safe area.

School Most of the children are still coming to school but to be on the safe side they are not wearing their school uniforms (your family must have money if you can afford to send your child to school as about half the school age children do not go to school). School will end some time in June.

Church Several of the programs have had to be stopped at church because there is an 8 PM curfew in effect. Others have been combined on Sunday morning so they do not have to travel back again on a different day. Pastor Charles has also started having Church at 6 AM until 9 AM hoping that the kidnappers and gangs are not out at that time.



Animal Project We are continuing with the animal project and passing out more animals all the time. We are excited that now when we need to purchase chickens, ducks, pigs or goats we can go to some of our families and buy the babies from them! These baby animals are healthier than the ones that we can purchase at the market and in turn is helping one of our families become more financially independent.

Pito ou travay pase ou mande

Translation : It's better to work than to beg

Meaning : Doing any job is better than begging.
(Haitian proverb)

Future Plans

We have been blessed with starter money to purchase a used school bus. Charles would like to take the children to a large piece of property that he owns on the out skirts of town and teach the children how to grow food. He already has a large garden there and the children could have produce to take home to their families. Banana trees cost about \$1 and within 8 months they can have very fresh bananas! The school bus would also be used to take the children on outings such as going to the large soccer field in town. Although they live on an island and Gonaives is an ocean side city many of the children have never seen the ocean! Can you imagine what a field trip there would look like? It could also be used for the church for outings or going on retreats. But the most important need for the school bus is for groups that are going to Haiti to transport people to Gonaives plus lots of luggage. Then while there we unload the container and we could transport all the boxes from the unloading spot to Gonaives. In the past this has cost us up to \$1,000 just to hire a truck and driver for several trips. The bus would soon save us a lot of money just in transporting fees. Charles would also be able to hire it out and make money for his family's needs. If you would like to donate to the BUS fund please let us know.

Sponsorship

We are always in need of sponsors for the school children. With the turmoil going on in Haiti many of the mamas that do street vending are very frightened to sit on the streets to try and sell their wares. The average life expectancy for a Haitian is about 55 yrs of age. Many do not reach that age and a lot of our school children are orphans and being raised by grandma or aunts or even neighbors. If you have \$25 a month and want to change a child's life forever please consider sponsorship.

We also do scholarships for university students. We have several young people that want to attend nursing school, engineer school or to become a teacher. \$600 a semester helps them go through university.

Containers We have been holding off shipping for several reasons. One, it has not been safe for our Haitian friends to go and pick up their items at this time. The second very important reason is we are needing food to place on the containers. With food the containers will go through customs much quicker and the people desperately need the food. But with covid so prevalent in the USA we have been unable to get the donated food that we usually send. We are praying that Covid goes away and we are able to get donations of food again. We have sent as much as half a million meals in one year so this is very important to the school children and the orphans and widows in the area. If you have contacts for obtaining food please let us know. If we are able to obtain food we are hoping to ship the end of August.

Golf Scramble We will be holding our 4th annual golf scramble on May 15th. This is our largest fund raiser and helps us raise money to buy food, ship containers and cover other expenses. If you would like to donate a prize for us to give golfers, or sponsor a hole (\$100) or play in the scramble (\$85) please let us know. A great way to help and have fun all at the same time!

Dreams for Haiti

4 man Golf Scramble

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| Who: Dreams for Haiti | Other important information: |
| What: 4 man golf scramble | Cost: \$85 per player |
| Why: To help a small village in Gonaives, Haiti | Includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, refreshments, lunch before start, 2 drink tickets, prizes |
| Where: Incline Village 10220 Fairway Dr, Foristell, MO 63348 | Hole Sponsor: \$100 to sponsor a hole |
| When: Saturday, May 15th 2021 @ 1:00 P.M. shotgun start (arrive @ 12:00) | |
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