

# Farsight

Seeing a need beyond our own, and doing something about it...

The FARSIGHT missions team began in 1992 with a trip to Panama to help Mike Richards with a medical clinic for the Guaymi Indians. In 1994, the second team went to Mexico to help Craig Gates build youth camp facilities. Last Christmas Team III went to Haiti to begin building a church in Seguin. RoRo Eustache is the missionary there.

This was the turning point for me. I felt as though I had left my heart up on the mountain with my Christian brothers and sisters. I told my wife "I wish I could quit my job and go into full time mission work. We are just not doing enough. Keeping me from taking the leap was concern for the company I was working for and financial support of my family. God heard me and responded. The following week my boss called me in, said the company was having trouble and he would have to let me go, **BUT** he would give me four months severance pay. I thanked him, called my wife with the good news, packed my desk and began that day making plans to return to the mission field. In the days that followed God opened many doors and gave me a newfound strength and energy. God showed us clearly that He was working with us, guiding and leading. He gave us so many signs we didn't need a fleece. Within a month I got a call from a former fellow employee to tell me that my boss had said it was a big mistake to let me go. I thought, OH Lord, get me across the Red Sea, or in this case the Caribbean.

Farsight IV returned to Haiti in March to build trusses and put a roof on the building started in December. The pictures in this letter are from that trip.

The day before Easter we were packed and moving to Ft. Lauderdale, FL., just thirty minutes from the Miami airport. I can easily travel to Haiti and work on the projects that Ro and I have planned during our week long meeting in July. The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful new church family in Community Christian Church. Amanda has many new friends and is keeping all her old friends at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia, MI. Paul likes coming to Florida on his breaks from Kentucky Christian College. He is looking forward to taking more of his college friends on mission trips like the Farsight IV trip that he organized and helped lead.

The next trip will be in August, Lord willing. We need to put the finishing touches on the roof of the church building and then research the area for sites to build retaining ponds in the plentiful ravines around Seguin.

Let me further explain the FARSIGHT concept. It starts with the statement: "Seeing a need beyond our own." In Jesus' message of the *Good Samaritan* both the priest and the Levite saw a need beyond their own but chose to do nothing about it. James 2; 15-17 says; "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?"

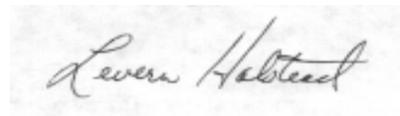
James question, "what good is it?", brought about the completion of the statement with; "and doing something about it."

There is an urgency to the work. Haiti, the island, is dying. It is coming close to the point of no return because of erosion and drought. The people are now starving to death, especially in the North. We can either help them now or help six million people find a new home elsewhere in the very near future.

Our plans are to bring help to the people THROUGH the Haitian Christians and the Christian Church. Providing a helping hand rather than a handout. We plan to start with Seguin where we have a solid Christian population who will work with us. We will begin by building retaining ponds. This will provide a more stable water supply for trees and crops. Eventually we will install mini hydroelectric generators to produce a supply of DC electricity for the school and medical clinic facilities that will share the church building. Tree seeds are being donated by the Hartmans, a family I met on the internet. We will do some experimental planting in August.

Please pray for the work, my family, and me. If you see any merit in the work, or the workers I hope and pray you will feel compelled to support this work in the same way that I am now compelled to go and preach the gospel while ministering to my brothers' physical needs as well.

May God bless you.  
Christ's servant,



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# FARSIGHT IV .. Mission Trip to Haiti

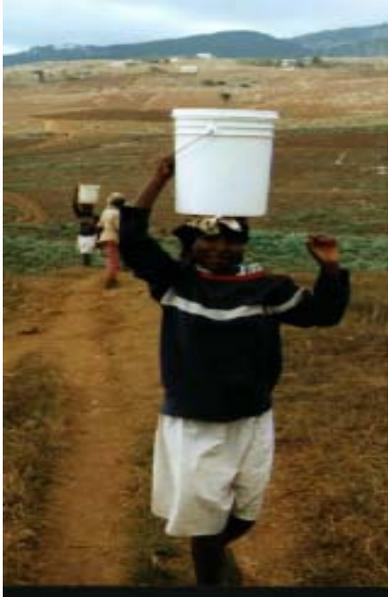
Are you looking for a remote getaway? A place where you can escape all the hustle and bustle of modern society, get away from all the conveniences like cars, phones, TV, electricity, plumbing, etc. AND YET, you would like to go to church on Sunday? Then Seguin, Haiti is just the place for you. The last two Farsight Mission teams have almost completed the new 32x75 building which will be used as a Christian church, school, and community building for medical clinics. The August trip, Farsight V, will put the finishing touches on the roof and start work on the floor. Do you know anyone who likes to work in concrete? I will need a floor pouring team this fall. If you or a group in your church are interested in a short term mission trip, please write or call. I have 5-6 projects in the Caribbean where you could get involved.



One of life's inconveniences is the one hour walk in each direction to bring water to the camp, home, or work-site. A full five gallon bucket weighs about 45 pounds. Children age ten and up may make one or more trips each day to provide their family with water. Make this trip one time and you will have a whole new appreciation for water and a new respect for your Haitian brothers and sisters that will gladly carry water for you. One blessing is that the water is good, cold, clear, mountain spring water. All the water used by the mission team is still treated as a standard precaution.

Everything gets carried on top of the head. Everyone carries a scarf or rag that quickly becomes a "donut" to pad whatever is being carried. Many women and some of the men can carry up to three concrete blocks at one time this way. That would be close to 100 POUNDS!

At an elevation of 6,500 feet we found it difficult just to keep up with them along the rough mountain paths.



More construction takes place on a mission trip than just what you see in concrete, wood and tin. Here the boys from Kentucky Christian College build a pyramid with some of their new friends. They are also tearing down the walls of prejudice and anti-American sentiment. Even the village witch-doctor saw that the team was doing good for everyone in the village and came out to help carry sand down the mountain to the building site. Christ is a powerful force capable of changing any life or lifestyle. Christians from America are now welcome and honored friends in Seguin, Haiti.



**The Church of Christ is not constructed of stone and wood. It is built of love in the hearts of all who love Jesus Christ.**

So that no one will think mission work is all fun and games I have included this picture at left. The KCC boys along with Bob Keesee from Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia, MI. after a typical days work. A shower would be nice, better yet a big tub of hot water. These guys will settle for a gallon of warm water each, a good hot meal provided by the girls on the team and MAYBE a change of clothes. On this trip the airline misplaced two duffles (one guy, one girl) of clothes and sleeping bags along with three meals of food. It was a small inconvenience that worked to bring us all a little closer together. It sure was nice though when the lost items arrived four days later.



THE "GIRLS"

of FARSIGHT IV. Here they are BEFORE they started on their days work. After a long day they were "not available" for photo opportunities. It's probably just as well. Anyone seeing the AFTER picture would probably not volunteer for a future trip. Along with Cindy's (my wife) supervision and help, they kept the camp running, kept us well fed, helped with the construction and, most importantly, made up the best "public relations" team you could ever hope for. They were pretty good with a hammer but the guys made them hold their own nails.