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BRINGING CHANGE TO NORTHWEST HAITI

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House of Hope, Port-de-Paix, Haiti

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HOUSE OF HOPE IS LOCATED IN LA POINTE, PORT-DE-PAIX, HAITI - 150 MILES NORTH OF PORT-AU-PRINCE.



AT THE ORPHANAGE, THERE ARE 75 BEDS FOR OVER 90 CHILDREN.

AND ONE TOILET FOR EVERY 20 CHILDREN.

THEY EAT RICE AND BEANS FOR LUNCH. AND BREAD AND WATER FOR DINNER.



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Friends of Humanity was formed in response to the desperate impoverishment of the people of northwest Haiti. Chartered as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, it assists those who are working in the region to transform despair into hope and desolation into dignity. Friends of Humanity is directly involved in this work and visits frequently to identify needs, provide personal oversight, and supply the hugs no money can buy.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. And in northwest Haiti, poverty is at its worst. Friends of Humanity partners with organizations and individuals who share its compassionate commitment to lifting the lives and the spirits of the people of this devastatingly poor region. It owes its beginning to the charitable assistance of Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, and members who are natives of the region. The church invited the participation of other organizations, including Central Presbyterian Church of Miami, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Extreme Response International, and Change This World. The support of these organizations is very much appreciated.

Friends of Humanity also welcomes partnerships with private benefactors and foundations. It gratefully recognizes the Fuller Family Foundation for its belief in this mission by leading the way with a very generous donation. Friends of Humanity looks forward to future partnerships with all organizations who wish to join this caring circle and make a very real difference to those in need, particularly children.

Be the change that you wish to see in the world. – Mahatma Gandhi



Port-de-Paix, Haiti

Friends of Humanity focuses on the needs of Port-de-Paix, a remote community of 500,000 residents located 150 miles north of Haiti's capital. Along with sponsoring community-wide projects, it is dedicated to the children of Port-de-Paix. It works very closely with **Beraca Medical Center**, the only medical clinic in the area, and with **House of Hope**, a haven for children in need, orphans, and the disabled.

hope brings change

About House of Hope

House of Hope began its humanitarian efforts in Haiti in 1956. It started as a medical clinic (now Beraca Medical Center) where children could be treated for tuberculosis and other illnesses. This effort expanded into a home for orphaned, abandoned, and displaced children.

Today, House of Hope continues to care for children in the most dire need. Many are disabled and cannot survive in a world of brutal poverty. Others suffer from health conditions and severe malnutrition. A significant number are orphans. All come from families unable to give them even the most basic necessities of life.

There are generally 90 children – infants through young adults – living there at any given time. This number is just the tip of the iceberg. Because healthier mothers mean fewer orphans, House of Hope takes in both mother and child for at least a month in cases of critical malnutrition. Many of these mothers are young girls themselves. They are taught childcare skills to deal with the lack of sanitation, refrigeration, and clean water. These efforts make a significant impact, but they rapidly deplete House of Hope's meager resources.

House of Hope in La Pointe des Palmistes, Port-de-Paix is unrelated to other organizations with the same name.

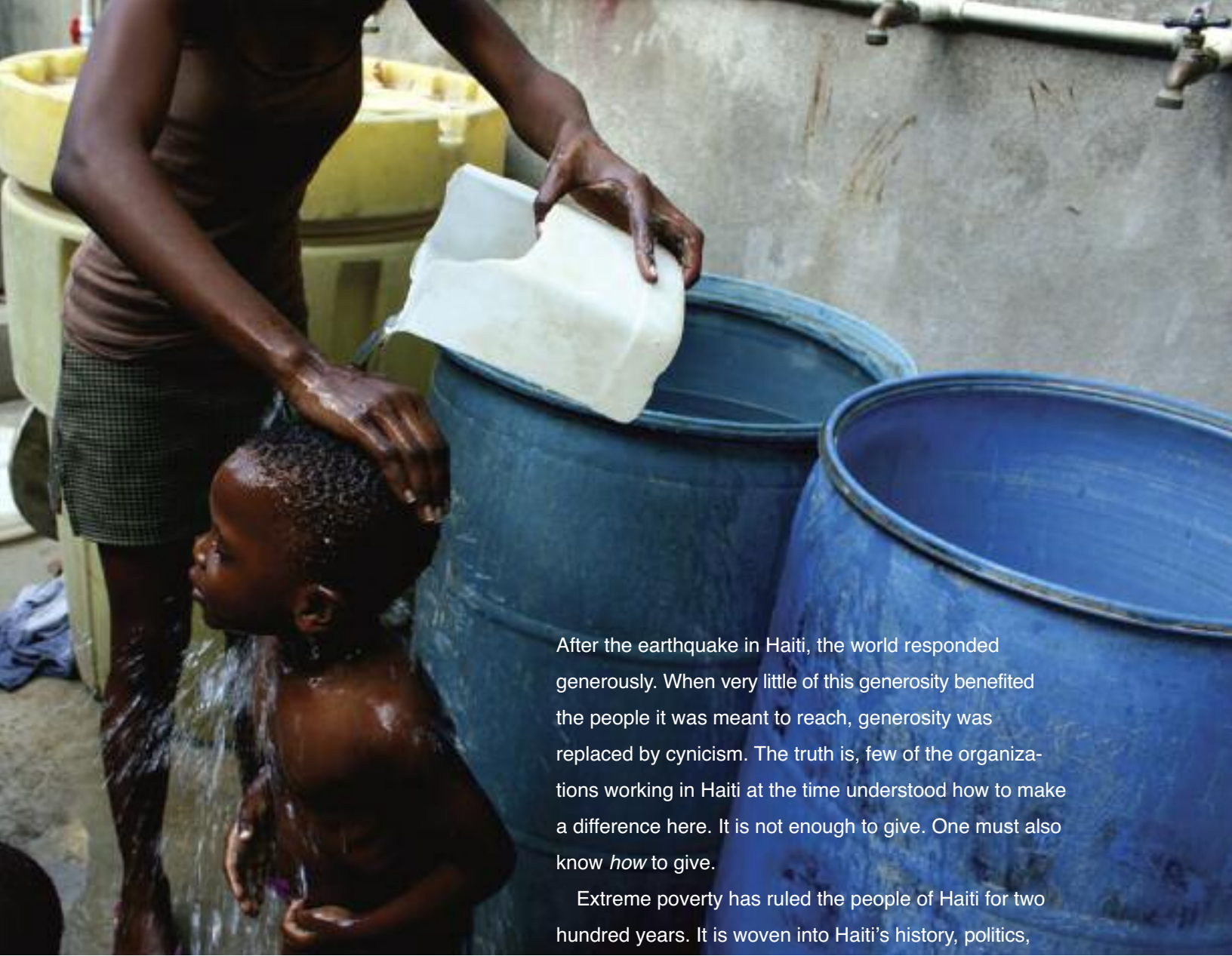


Bringing Hope, One Child At A Time

It costs \$200 a month to change the world for a child in northwest Haiti. This means having medical care, enough to eat, and a safe, clean place to live. It means going to school and having the opportunity for a better future. And it means that the special needs of severely disabled children can be met successfully.

About Beraca Medical Center

Beraca Medical Center resides in a compound next to the House of Hope. The hospital serves a community of 500,000. It performs over 800 surgical procedures and provides 28,000 check-ups per year.



After the earthquake in Haiti, the world responded generously. When very little of this generosity benefited the people it was meant to reach, generosity was replaced by cynicism. The truth is, few of the organizations working in Haiti at the time understood how to make a difference here. It is not enough to give. One must also know *how* to give.

Extreme poverty has ruled the people of Haiti for two hundred years. It is woven into Haiti's history, politics, and culture. Change occurs slowly, sometimes one life at a time. A child who grows up with food, care, and an education becomes a teacher, a medical professional, or a tradesperson – and an agent for change. A farmer who learns sustainable methods of raising food breaks the cycle of poverty for an entire family. An irrigation system supplies clean water and prevents an outbreak of cholera among thousands.

Why hope lives in Haiti



In rural Haiti, water is carried by hand from sources contaminated by washing and refuse disposal. In 2004, Friends of Humanity President Renel Noel led a team of Miami volunteers who installed a domestic water system at the Beraca Medical Center. He returned during a recent cholera epidemic and cut off the source of the contamination. His efforts prevented the deaths of thousands. Recently, Friends of Humanity renovated bathrooms at the orphanage. To the children of House of Hope, having a real sink went beyond their wildest dreams. It was the first thing they proudly showed a Friends of Humanity volunteer who visited from the U.S.

It's important to know that your donations get to the people for whom they're intended. Thanks to Port-de-Paix native, Renel Noel, Friends of Humanity employs the most direct chain of distribution possible. Donations such as food, school supplies, baby formula, clothes, medical supplies, and household items are collected in the U.S. by volunteers and shipped to Haiti. Volunteers load everything onto the *El-Shaddai*, seen here on the Miami River. A tight network of volunteers meets the ship in Carenage, Haiti and transfers the donations directly to House of Hope and Beraca Medical Center. Although the labor is donated, shipping costs average \$1,200 per shipment and can run as high as \$4,500.

Friends of Humanity
Delivers Change



The Intangible Value of Hope

Despair goes beyond the lack of basic human needs for food, clothing, and shelter. It is a feeling of being forgotten and alone. Of not mattering. The fact that you care is powerful. It tells these children, "You count; you are not alone." Every time a cargo container arrives with donations from friends in the U.S., the people of Port-de-Paix receive the heartfelt message that they are loved and valued. If you come to Port-de-Paix and meet its people, their smiles will explain all that can be said about what hope means to them.

If you doubt whether the world can change, those smiles in Port-de-Paix will renew your optimism. You will find hope here too.

Hope is what we do:

- The building of a domestic **drinking water system** for House of Hope and Beraca Medical Center which also serves the surrounding area. This system has helped to control the spread of disease.
- **Participation in over 40 trips** since 2003-2013 to House of Hope and Beraca Medical Center for oversight of projects, training of Haitian workers, inspections, encouragement to caregivers (doctors, staff and volunteers) as well as time and attention to the children.
- The construction of new bathrooms, including **flush toilets and showers**, in 2012.
- Acquiring, successfully transporting, and **delivering food and water** to the House of Hope as well as **medical supplies** to Beraca Medical Center from 2003-2012.
- Procuring, transporting, and providing parts for the only **ambulance** in this region of 500,000 residents from 2003 to the present.
- Construction of a three bedroom **house** to host visiting volunteers.
- Future plans for the group, in addition to ongoing support of the above projects, include the construction of a **wastewater reclamation facility** to purify water for release into surrounding farmlands.

Hope is what you give:

Food: rice, beans, cornmeal, wheat, oil, dried salmon, codfish, flour, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, chocolate, hot cocoa, iced tea, Kool Aid™, Tang™, powdered milk, baby formula, baby cereal, jarred baby food, infant liquid vitamins and children's vitamins

Hygiene: soap for children, hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes of all sizes, diapers, Desenex cream, toilet inserts for toddlers, hair clips, barrettes, bows, head bands

Clothes: all types, used and new, underwear, t-shirts, pajamas, socks, shoes, flip flops, sandals, sneakers, Crocs™, hats, caps, sunglasses

Linens: towels, sheets, pillows

Cleaning Supplies: cleaning utensils, mops, brooms, pails, detergents, liquid soaps, Clorox, Lysol, plastic bags, Ziplock® plastic bags

Utensils: plates, cups, bowls, serving spoons, flashlights and batteries.

School Supplies: books, coloring books, crayons, pens, pencils, sharpeners, paper, white out, backpacks

Toys: sporting goods, basketballs, soccer balls, games, dolls



Funds are always needed to run the medical clinic, operate the children's home, and to help cover travel expenses for volunteers. Any contribution is appreciated.

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