

Haiti

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Greetings all:

World Renew's work in Haiti is growing rapidly. Our team has showed great composure on the field and in the office. Due to the recent elections, and the second round of the presidential elections scheduled for December 27, Haitians think that Haiti is going to end the year with trouble. But we keep faith and trust that God will never abandon Haiti. We are hoping that Haiti will experience a good post-election period.

On a personal note, I am very grateful for all the support that I have received from my colleagues. I started working for World Renew in June. I had full support from all of my World Renew and World Missions colleagues throughout the on-boarding process; we are such a great team. I am also very thankful for my financial supporters. By supporting me you have allowed World Renew to accomplish its mission. Your gifts have helped improve the lives of people living in poverty through great community transformation projects. Through those activities, people have gained a better understanding of the Kingdom of God.

There have been some changes: new funding, increased staff, and partners' capability. We must have greater poise, agility, and patience to minimize the impact of uncertainty while we function in a very uncertain world. We know the way we respond to these changes and other pressures is an indicator of our leadership preparedness and maturity as a team.

We currently have a new water project in Léogane, one of the areas most affected by the 2010 earthquake. I was informed a couple of days ago that we found water in the first well: great news! The deportee-assistance, disaster-response project is being implemented successfully. With the support of World Renew's International Disaster Response team (IDR), we are planning to extend this project and turn it into a deportee reintegration through agriculture project.

Haiti's staff is beginning to feel positive about the new initiatives and projects that are being implemented. Our staff has worked well together as a team and with our partners.

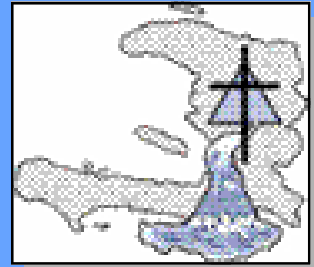
We had to plan and prioritize our workload. We were able to implement a partner evaluation and organize a NGO network meeting by hosting seven NGO's in our office over the course of two weeks. We took a trip to Camp Perin, in the South of the country, to collect information for PWOFOOD, one of our partners. Whenever we are on the field, we notice great energy and excitement among the entire team and we are very grateful to God for that.

Please read the attached newsletter from Sous Espwa, for more on the joint ministry of World Renew, World Missions, and Back to God Ministries in Haiti.

Shalom,

Troy

Sous Espwa Newsletter - Fall 2015



The Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church of North America working together in Haiti under the name Sous Espwa

Elections and Deportations: Two Challenges Facing Haiti This Fall

Haiti is facing strong headwinds in the fall of 2015 for two reasons. First, national elections which have been delayed for nearly four years are scheduled for this fall. Elections are always a time of instability in Haiti. Secondly, the government of the Dominican Republic is increasing its deportation of Haitian migrants, some of whom have been in the Dominican Republic their entire lives. The Dominican authorities have lined up buses on the border with Haiti for a mass roundup and deportation of Haitians. For fear of reprisals by the Dominican military and some of the civilian population and to avoid losing their property, many Haitians have departed the Dominican Republic voluntarily. World Renew is working in the border area entry points, to facilitate safer and more comfortable entries and short stays of the deportees.

The “Choosing Good Leaders” Program

Christian Reformed World Missions is partnering with Timothy Leadership Training International (TLTI) to implement a training program designed to encourage Haitians to reflect on the characteristics of those who can be good leaders. The purpose of this bible-based training program is to help churches and communities discern who among them have the gifts and calling for leadership. The program teaches participants about the importance of making wise choices; not only in elections but also in churches, schools and communities.



Training session held in MCD's conference room



Jacky Chery's voice echoed in all corners of Haiti via radio to motivate leaders

“Perspectives Réformées,” the French-language ministry of Back to God Ministries International, began recording radio messages based on the “Choosing Good Leaders” material. The program is broadcasted in Perspectives Réformées’s network of forty radio stations throughout Haiti. The goal of the messages is to get the Haitian population thinking about its responsibility to choose leaders in church, community and government based on solid biblical principles. Since this program targets leaders, we hope these skills will also be transferred to the younger generation through the schools.

World Renew's Repatriation Project with Jesuit Migrant Service and PWOFOOD

Food and shelter for deportees are priorities for the Haitian government and the humanitarian community. For this reason, World Renew wants to support deported Haitians and non-Haitian citizens to have a safe and dignified arrival to Haiti. Because of an influx in migrants and deportees, this situation is becoming an alarming humanitarian crisis. It is an emergency with large numbers of repatriated people returning to their communities of origin, seeking housing and work. Food and water become scarce due to an increase in population. Prior to this situation Haiti was already facing a food security crisis.



*Haiti and the Dominican Republic:
a divided island needing assistance*

The income of poor households is greatly affected by a drought affecting communities since April. World Renew, Iglesia Cristiana Reformada en la República Dominicana (ICRRD), Jesuit Migrant Service (SJM) and Program for Diaconal Formation (PWOFOOD) assist people at risk of deportation in Dominican Republic to legalize their migrant status. For those who return to Haiti, our partners assist them to resettle in a community. With World Renew's help, SJM and PWOFOOD are providing basic assistance to deportees arriving from Dominican Republic through the official entry points: Malpasse or Fond Parisien (West of Haiti) and Anse à Pitre (South East of Haiti), where the need is greatest.

Sous Espwa and its Partners

In 1975 Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (now called World Renew) came to Haiti to work on agriculture programs in the Central Plateau. In 1986, Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) began a leadership training program for pastors and church leaders in Haiti. In 1998, these two agencies joined to form Sous Espwa (Source of Hope). Back to God Ministries International joined Sous Espwa in 2008 to do French-language broadcasting.

Sous Espwa is the collaborative effort of the agencies of the Christian Reformed Church in North America working in Haiti. These joined CRCNA agencies include World Renew, CRWM and Back to God Ministries International. Sous Espwa's mission is: "As community of Christians and an association of CRCNA agencies in Haiti, we, Sous Espwa, collaborate with Christian organizations, churches, and communities to promote holistic development for the glory of God." Sous Espwa currently has six partner organizations including Haitian national denominations, para-church and church organizations involved in training leaders and fostering community development. These partner organizations are working to tackle some of Haiti's toughest problems like poverty, illiteracy, community vulnerability, etc.

Spring 2016's Spiritual Retreat

Sous Espwa is organizing a spiritual retreat in Haiti from March 25th to March 27th 2016. Part of the CRCNA staff from the Dominican Republic is joining us to spend time in worship, prayers and devotion. We will take advantage of this time off from work to strengthen our relationship with God. We will have the privilege to get to know our colleagues better and understand their struggle in their Christian walk. A speaker will lead us to help us grasp Scriptures that will inspire us in our everyday lives.

Interested in Coming to Haiti? Get to Know Gregory Paultre, the Sous Espwa "Bridger"



Gregory Paultre started working for Sous Espwa in November 2014. He helped host several teams from the United States and Canada this past spring.

Gregory attended Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia from Spring 2009 to Fall 2013. He came back to Haiti in May 2014. If you are interested in coming to Haiti to support our work, and the work of our partners, feel free to contact Gregory Paultre through the information below.

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