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Greetings! Mission to Haiti Canada is pleased to bring you an update on our recent progress as well as upcoming events and opportunities. We thank all of you for your support and interest in this organization's cause as we strive to improve the lives of the people of Haiti with support and the living Word of the Lord.



Short Term Mission Teams

Mission to Haiti Canada will be organizing up to three trips this year depending on the level of interest for each time period. There will definitely be a team going from January 21 to February 1; this team will be involved with ongoing construction on the orphanage in Messailler. We also hope to have a medical and dental team, **but currently we are in need of a physician**. If you know of anyone who might be interested that is qualified in health care, please contact Dr Andre Boersma or Bill DeJong. There is a need for carpenters and general laborers as well as people to help with general camp necessities.



The sponsorship program administrators will be very busy distributing gifts to your sponsor children as well as visiting their schools and identifying other children in need of sponsorship. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a child, please contact Joanne VanAmersfoort. Standard sized boxes are available for packing gifts for your current sponsor child. Please note that we can only deliver your gifts if you use our standard box. This allows us to pack efficiently and means that every child gets the same looking box. If you do not use our box, we can not deliver your gifts, so please be aware of this and ask for a box. You can find a list of what to include in your gifts with the enclosed mailer; please adhere to these recommendations. We will do our best to take a photo of your child with your gift and forward it to you in a future mailing. Thank you for your co-operation and support; your gift will make a Haitian child very happy.



Other dates for mission teams are tentatively March 10 to 21 and July 7 to 18. Applications are available by contacting us, or by downloading from our website at www.mthcanada.org. We will process every application as it is received and please remember that places are limited as we must buy our airline tickets months before the actual trip dates. Unfortunately, there are times when there is not enough room for those wanting to join a team, so to avoid disappointment act early!

Progress Updates

Mission to Haiti Canada would like to thank everyone that contributed to the success of our annual golf tournament. A lot of hard work went into the planning and logistics of organizing this special event and we appreciate all the volunteers and

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donors who stepped up to the plate to create a great environment of brotherhood and sincerity where the golfers could come and enjoy a wonderful day. From this year's golf tournament, over \$32,000 was raised!! This money will be used for various construction projects including the Matt Baugh Memorial Medical Clinic and other special needs within Haiti as they arise. Without your generous support none of this would be possible and we thank you again.

Mark your calendar for next year's tournament on June 21, 2008; it may fill up completely so be sure to register before it becomes full.

Our sponsorship program continues to grow at an excellent pace since we began it last year. With your donations, we are currently sponsoring 130 children and adolescents in various schools in central Haiti. It is amazing what comfort and hope each child receives from your sponsorship gifts. The children are Haiti's hope for the future and this program continues to empower them to make a difference.



The current state of the orphanage construction project is such that we intend to embark on plumbing and electrical needs of the structure during the January trip as well as build cabinets and beds for it. It won't be long before it is fully functional!!



The medical team will be missing some of our regular attendees on the January mission trip. We wish them well and thank them for all of the support and great work they have brought to the table so far. If anyone is aware of people who have medical experience abroad or locally, especially an actual physician please let them know of this opportunity to serve in a country of great need.

The dental team intends to branch off into another area of service in Haiti. It is our intent to partner with local groups of oral health care workers and dentists to assist them in their educational and vocational journey. By joining with the local dentists we hope to show them techniques and share information that they may not know and thereby improve their ability to perform efficient and quality dentistry. We will update you with our progress as this unfolds.

Our current website www.mthcanada.org is in the process of some revision and updating. We hope your experience when visiting our website has been pleasant and hope you will be patient as we successively get closer to our anticipated result. Look for day to day updates of news from the field that occurs during each mission trip and follow along with your friends, family and loved ones as they serve the people of Haiti.

In Closing

Mission to Haiti Canada would like to thank George Voogd for all the time and talents he freely shared with the people of Haiti as our secretary on the board of directors. He spent many years as a board member and has recently resigned from this post as he feels called to serve in other areas of the world. We wish George the Lord's blessing on this decision and are sure he will continue to touch many people through his great gifts.

On behalf of Mission to Haiti Canada, we thank you for taking the time to read this communication and welcome your feedback and input. Please direct your comments or questions to Bill DeJong or Dr Andre Boersma. We wish you a safe and fruitful autumn and look forward to seeing you when and where God may will. Please keep us and the people of Haiti in your prayers. Blessings to you all.