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Legacy of serving Haiti began
the winter of 1968-69.



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FOCUS

So many distractions in the world today... so many things that we can do nothing about, so it is productive to focus on God and the Lord's work... join me?

STARTER HOUSE #2



We told you about the lady and her children waiting for Starter House #2 in the April newsletter. Funds are in Haiti and supplies being purchased and they were starting to make headway when the rains started again...



The river came over its banks and there were families trapped in their homes for three days

It started drying out again and if the weather holds plans are to commence construction again on Monday 4/19. The obstacles in Haiti are challenging at best.

HEARTBREAKING

This little one is two years old. She isn't holding herself up because she is so malnourished she doesn't have the strength.

You may remember Rosemarlene?

She is being sponsored through medical school by dear friends in England. She is now doing her last year of internship. She worked in the clinic on a recent break.

The baby had been with her dad and brought back to her mother with these burns. Rosemarlene is treating the burns with a very sad heart... as she suspected, the baby wasn't brought back the next day so likely did not make it through the night at least she was more comfortable..



HUNGER

We haven't seen this level of hunger in many a year, but there are many reasons...

Haiti's primary source of revenue is tourism. And even though the virus has been a non event there, people aren't traveling and cruise ships aren't released to sail. Royal Caribbean has the beach of Labadie leased for 99 years, it hires local people from the Village of Labadie cross the bay... none of those people have had jobs since the ships were discontinued.

There is a docking fee paid to Haiti based on the number of people on the ship. That money went to Port au Prince, so with Cap Haitien and Labadie are all suffering losses.

MEMORIALS

Dorothy W Ingram
In Memory of **CLAIRE ALLEN**
Sharon Patch
In Memory of **JIM PATCH**



HONORARIUMS

Chuck Ruebel
Honoring birth of first great grandchild **MILO LEDER**
Amber Wheat
Honoring **SUSAN SMITH** on her retirement



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We have ordered a container of food packs, but it isn't an overnight run to the store, it has to be packaged, boxed, loaded into a container and shipped from a northern state to the south east coast of Florida, put on a ship and sent down... it is on its way but we really don't know when it will arrive. Then there is the challenge of clearing from the wharf which takes as much as three days.

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SHARING

Normally there are so many things going on that it is a matter of sharing little bits of each to keep it to a one page newsletter, this month? Not so much.

Big flooding from rains two months in a row have really slowed things down on the Haiti end of the work, except for the clinic and I hesitate to overwhelm you with burn pictures, some are hard to look at.

Construction is exciting as the money is down there for Starter House #2 and almost have funding for #3... but it needs to dry out for construction. Roseline is going to be going through possibilities so she will be ready when funds are completed for #3. Weather permitting.

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REFLECTING

4/15/2006, fifteen years ago, Don went to be with the Lord, has put me in a reflecting mind set I guess, Thought it would be okay to share with you how For Haiti with Love came into being.

I met Don at a bid letting in Indianapolis. I was working for the man who put the bid packets together and was distributing them, Don was with one of the construction companies interested in bidding the project.

We hit it off and when he proposed it was "I have been to Haiti, left a part of my heart there, we will have to come as a package, take it or leave it." I took it. That was in 1973. He worked the construction job and I continued my own secretarial booking service. The trips to Haiti and projects in Haiti became more and more and we finally decided it best to think of moving to Florida—less travel expenses and time in the Atlanta airport.

Mac Barksdale was a friend from Indianapolis who lived in Orlando and had his own plane. He began flying Don to Haiti and got more and more involved. It was Mac who suggested we incorporate as a 501(c)3 so others could help us and take a tax deduction for doing so.

For Haiti with Love, inc. was born in 1982. We were really short of funds from the move and sort of taking turns finding work...so I utilized my expertise from years of working for lawyers and filed both the incorporation papers and filed for the 501(c)3.

Birth of the newsletter was interesting Mac had invited us to Orlando for an interview show on the radio. We heard the words "and if you would like to be on their newsletter mailing list just let us know." Don and I looked at each other with "newsletter?"... and just like that we were putting out a monthly newsletter. Hard to believe that this has been happening monthly since 1983.

The work in Haiti was first out of a hotel room in Cap working in the village of Pilate... to renting an old Haitian house in Cap and traveling out to Pilate. Then Mr. Beck came to the green house (color) and said he liked what we do for the people and wanted us to work from the Hotel Beck property. We looked at the building he was talking about with two of our directors... and moved up and around the corner. We have added to the building that houses team rooms as well as the burn clinic. The flow all felt seamlessly like God's plan all along. Thank you all for being a part of this Lord's work.