

Present Realities:

The last 15 years of Haiti's tumultuous political life has taken a tremendous toll on the country. Corrupt governments and military coups have resulted in a high rate of inflation, lack of investment and a severe trade deficit. In addition, Haiti has one of the world's lowest literacy rates as only 52.9% of the population is functionally literate due to the government's inability to promote widespread education. These economic and social factors have resulted in bringing the country to its lowest levels of physical poverty, social security and degradation of the environment, and it is currently listed by UNICEF as "the poorest and least developed country in the western hemisphere."

The community of Thozin is eager to be involved in a community transformation project that will help them change spiritually and economically. The work has begun through Hungry For Life International's local partner, HaitiARISE Ministries (HAM), located in an area of Grand Goave, and is spreading to the surrounding community.

Plan of Action:

We plan to provide an opportunity to facilitate a group of medically trained individuals to visit our partner in Thozin, Grand Goave. Under the leadership of Dr. Bob Cutler, who has previous medical experience in Haiti, another doctor, a couple registered nurses and others will work alongside the local leadership at HAM to provide medical care to the community. The team expects to see over 800 patients during their stay in Grand Goave in the continuation of medical clinics that run on a semi-annual basis within the community of Grand Goave through the partnership between Cranbrook Community Team (CCT) and HAM. As well, the CCT has raised money to help HAM with their projects and during this trip Rick Klassen and Dr. Bob Cutler will be discussing future project plans with the leaders of HAM with the intent of focussing on building facilities that can be used to facilitate medical clinics. As well, a film crew will be travelling with the team to begin documenting the effects of partnerships between groups of people in North America and groups of people in Haiti as they band together to help people through medical and compassionate care.

Positive Benefits:

We will demonstrate and communicate the love of God by providing medical care to people who have limited opportunity to attain medical attention. The team will empower the local church and community leadership as it works alongside them in caring for the people of Grand Goave.

Projected Costs:

PROJECT COMPONENTS	FUNDS REQUIRED (CAD)	PEOPLE AFFECTED
Medical Clinic supplies and medicines	~\$10,000	800+
Haitian Translators and Medical Staff	~\$2,000	800+
Follow up tests and surgeries	~\$1,000	4+
TOTAL:	~\$13,000	800+



Persons Responsible for the Project:

The staff of Hungry for Life, under the leadership of the Board of Directors, are responsible for the project.

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