



Trip Results

Surrey Alliance Church
Haiti, Grand Goave
March 15 – 27, 2009

Trip Objectives:

The objective of this trip was to build relationships within the community of Grand Goave while serving with Haiti ARISE Ministries (HAM).

Team:

16 people from Surrey Alliance Church, led by Pastor Aaron Gerrard, travelled to Grand Goave, Haiti for 11 days. The team was lead by HFL Project Manager Steve Johnson.



Completed Objectives:

- › 3000 people received enough food for a week (\$3400 USD)
- › 50+ people accepted Christ during home evangelisms
- › 100+ lbs of toothbrushes and toothpaste were handed out to local kids in community
- › 2 basketball hoops were constructed and set up at the HAM compound
- › 150+ youth and young adults were blessed with an activity day that included 2 meals
- › 30 staff of our local partner were blessed with trip to Jacmel (tourist beach 2 hrs away) and an amazing fish and chicken lunch.
- › 3 team members professed wanting to get baptized in their home church, one was baptized in the ocean
- › 6 seminars were held; topics included: personal hygiene, dental hygiene and AIDS
- › 80 kids in an outreach church program received care packages that included toothpaste and a toothbrush

The team introduced a new method in landscaping sidewalks by creating bricks and then laying them in a mosaic pattern and back filling with sand. This method drastically reduces overall cost of creating a sidewalk as it uses less than half of the cement a regular sidewalk would use.

Testimonials:

"Although the poverty and living conditions are heart-breaking, I've experienced so much more joy. Viewing the community of Grand Goave and Haiti ARISE's part in that change and experiencing Haitian church has really motivated me to enact change at home."

"I'm very motivated to create change in my own community ... but I think I also need to create more personal time with God."

"It's [this trip] made me realize that I need to be more joyful in my worship because God is great! I also need to be thankful for the little things."