

ST. PAUL'S AID FOR HAITI

Aid for Haiti from St. Paul's Episcopal Church Delray Beach may be viewed as comprising two critical elements in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010. One element is related to direct or nearly direct relief to the victims of the earthquake and the subsequent migration of Haitian citizens from the population centers of Port-au-Prince and Leogane to the countryside and particularly to the region of Bondeau.

The second element is related to the continuation and expansion of assistance and support for the school and parish of Ste. Marie Madeleine (SMM) at Bondeau in partnership with the other members of the South Florida Haiti Project to support and develop this component of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. The school is the only educational opportunity for more than 150 kindergarten and elementary level students from the region of Bondeau.

In recent years it has also often been the only nutritional opportunity for these students and now adults as well. Following are priority needs as identified by the Executive Committee of the South Florida Haiti Project and related costs that may serve as a guide for contributions to support both the immediate and recurring needs. The Committee has agreed to immediately incur some of these costs in the prayerful hope that funds may subsequently be raised. (Costs are in US dollars).

Priority needs related to January 12 earthquake and subsequent events:

1. Double existing feeding program to encompass SMM families, local residents and migrants in need of food. Further expansion may be needed subsequently. This will involve an additional expenditure of between \$20-24,000 for 2010.
 - a. The cost of feeding one person for one week is approximately \$2.
 - b. One person (child or adult) can be fed through this program for one year for approximately \$100.
 - c. One class at SMM can be fed for one year for approximately \$1,250.
2. Fuel costs (propane) to prepare food are \$500 per month/\$6,000 per year.
3. Construct latrine to serve school population and others, an immediate sanitary need. Construction cost is \$6,000 using local labor and materials.
4. Establish sustainable goat farm on SMM property. This will require \$4,000 for fencing and approximately \$300 per month to employ persons to harvest fodder at a distance from SMM.
 - a. One goat can be provided to establish/supplement the herd for \$50.
 - b. One week of fodder for the herd can be provided for \$75.
5. Clear land and purchase tent/covering to provide temporary church space to meet spiritual/worship needs of SMM congregation and migrants. Priest-in-charge

describes worship services in classroom spaces as greatly overcrowded, with more than 60 baptisms currently planned. Cost=\$1,200.

Priority needs related to sustaining support for Ste. Marie Madeleine school and parish:

1. Purchase and install satellite communication equipment for reliable internet/communication access. Initial cost=\$3,500. Operating/service costs=\$80 per month.
2. Purchase and install security gating for second floor of Friendship House (teacher and guest housing). This must be accomplished before visiting teams can be sent to Bondeau. Cost=\$4,000.
3. Fuel costs (diesel) to generate electricity for SMM are approximately \$375 per month/\$4,500 per year. (Electricity is used to power water well, although it can be operated by hand).
4. The cost to provide one kindergarten/elementary teacher per year through grade six is \$1,300 to \$1,625. (SMM currently needs 12 teachers at these levels).
5. The cost to employ one cook for a year is \$825 to \$975. (SMM needs three).

Needs for greater Haiti:

The above items describe needs for those persons located in the proximity of Ste. Marie Madeleine school and parish in Bondeau, Haiti. St. Paul's had an ongoing commitment to the support of this community prior to the devastating events of January 2010, and as noted above these needs have been greatly magnified in the wake of this disaster.

Members of St. Paul's may also wish to support broader efforts in Haiti to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery. Various efforts for this purpose are described and linked to the St. Paul's Haiti Earthquake website, including Episcopal Relief and Development, Episcopal Charities of Southeast Florida, and Food for the Poor.

http://www.stpaulsdelray.org/Haiti_earthquake.php.