

2019 HAITI RELIEF MISSION TRIP

Seasons Greetings Friends and Family:

The giving season is once again upon us. As most of you know, it was nine years ago that I started doing mission trips to Haiti with the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal after significant damage from Hurricane Matthew and then an earthquake in 2010. Haiti still continues to suffer from those disasters as well as more recent disasters - as recently as just a few weeks ago when a fire destroyed the orphanage school. In January, I will again be joined by my wife Helen, Bob Thompson and Karen Fitzgerald. We will also be welcoming Lucy and Roger Parent from Ascension Church on this mission.

Thanks to your generous donations last year, we were able to build 30 chicken coops for the residents to raise their own egg-laying birds as well as 30 houses and bathrooms. This year, we will be building a boy scout meeting house and rebuild the orphanage school.

We cannot do these relief missions without your financial assistance, and your donations are critical to our success. In addition to building supplies for the projects mentioned above, your donations also help fulfill needs for medicine for the health clinic and food for the families. We continue to provide basic food items such as rice, beans and pasta for thousands during the food handout, and the need increases each and every year.

Please help us by forwarding your check payable to "Friar Suppliers" to me at 275 Swamp Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. You will receive a tax form in early February, as all donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at greghelen@myfairpoint.net or call me at 849-6232.

We hope that we can once again count on your continued support of our relief mission.

On behalf of all of us, I thank you.

Yours truly,

Greg Hartmann