

Sacred Heart Haiti Mission

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Spring is finally upon us and as it warms up, we are able to spend time working at the sheds. We sorted and packed as much loose stuff as we could over the long winter months so we could be ready for the shipping season.

We emailed Fr. Jean and Fr. Brilliere to see what their needs were and found they both needed generators to provide electricity for their parishes. The church, school, and rectory all need light when it isn't available from the government. Fr. Jean also needed a little help with his school and we were happy to help. A friend in Haiti called and asked for help with housing for a family they know. These are the types of things that keep our mission active!

As you may or may not know, there has been unrest and violence in Haiti. Our contact at the Bishop's office was afraid to take our last container out of Customs for fear that the rioters would seize it. For that reason, it sat at the dock running up our storage fee for quite some time. We just got a phone call letting us know it is FINALLY out after sitting all winter! The empty warehouses are now full again with our donations and ready to be handed out to those in need.

Our friends in Haiti tell us how much the people need and appreciate the containers we send. We receive many "Thank Yous" to all of the people who donate shoes, clothing, linens, etc. They are also thankful for all who gather to sort, pack and ship all of the donated items. They pray for us often and hope we are praying for them as well.

When violence erupts, the poor feel it the worst. Food becomes even more scarce and expensive. There are no jobs, so they cannot pay their rent. Think about their devastation! We can't even imagine being in their shoes! We continue to pray that things will settle down soon.

The last thing we were able to do with some of the donated money was to send a check for food distribution. This is much needed! We couldn't help them without your support. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!



Loading a container in Rochester, MN



One of the storage sheds

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A few notes of interest:

- If you've had an address change, please email Lisa Jessen at ljessen@holyspiritrochester.org so she can update our records.
- Please "like" us on Facebook (Sacred Heart Haiti Mission) so you can follow us and be informed of scheduled work days at the storage sheds, Board meetings, trips to Haiti, etc.
- Our website is: www.holyspiritrochester.org/sacred-heart-haiti-mission

Blessings to you all,

Dale, Joyce and the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission