

Haiti Pre and Post Earthquake 2010



International Projects Team Report October 2010

During the ISGF World Committee meeting in March 2010 it was decided that ISGF will continue to support the Northern Haiti School project in Grison Garde. The mandate is to continue building the Scouting and Guiding Spirit throughout the school and village. Haiti 2011 Team started raising funds to purchase chairs for all the children at the school. Our team has raised over one thousand US dollars to purchase chairs for the students in Grison Garde by collecting metal, pop cans and cash donations.

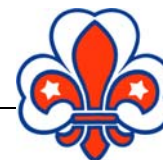
Back in July 2009 dishes were required for the lunch program in Grison-Garde. They were purchased and delivered to New York. CASEGHA, the Central Branch group of adult Scouts and Guides from Haiti but based in the state of New York, included our donation on behalf of ISGF in the next shipment to Haiti. During that visit to New York plans were made to return to Northern Haiti in January 2011. Many of the former team members are committed to finishing this project at the school and support Scouting and Guiding in the village.

With plans underway for Haiti 2011 a devastating Earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010. The International Projects team changed their focus and to meet the needs of our Brothers and Sisters in Haiti. There were so many unanswered questions as communication was nearly impossible. We started to collect medical supplies as they are still in high demand and will continue to be for many years to come. ISGF has collected approx. one million US dollars in donated medical and school supplies since January 2010. The following organizations have delivered medical aid on behalf of ISGF:

- Help Tammy Help Haiti: US\$10,000 in January and February 2010 to Cite Soleil
- International Rescue: US\$32,645.75 in April 2010 to Port-au-Prince
- ISGF International Projects Team: US\$187,000 to Grison-Garde July 2010 via CASEGHA

Approx. US\$75,000 in School Supplies was shipped from New York via CASEGHA in July along with the medical supplies. The shipment was delivered by the Haiti 2011 Team from Canada at a cost of over one thousand US dollars for the shipment to New York. The shipping cost for this from New York was another US\$1880 to Haiti. This was paid by CASEGHA which has left their travel funds low for their impending trip in 2011. In the past CASEGHA has supported the shipping costs from New York to Haiti but this past year has been extremely expensive due mainly to the Earthquake and the financial support they have sent to Haiti. Hopefully we can raise enough financial support to repay CASEGHA for this last shipment. *(Our shipment has arrived in Northern Haiti awaiting our arrival in January)*

There is still over US\$500,000 in Medical supplies waiting to be shipped to Haiti. The cost will be approx. US\$10,000 and it is our goal to have this shipment moved in the next few weeks when finances allow.



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Several other teams from Canada have travelled to Haiti in recent months and ISGF continues to send Medical supplies as well as quilts to Southern Haiti. As each team departs, more medical supplies accompany them. The most recent team delivered care kits, 3 handmade quilts and toys to families in Southern Haiti.

The Haiti 2011 Team continues to support Grison-Garde as well as Southern Haiti. The rebuilding will take years and although our ISGF mandate is for a two year project our contacts through CASEGHA will continue for years to come.

How can you help?

Through your financial support the following can be purchased and delivered to Haiti in January 2011:

- Chairs for Children are eight US dollars each (made in Haiti)
- French Scouting and Guiding Books are ten to fifteen US dollars each
- Medical Needs: Calcium supplements, Cough Syrup, Aspirins, Vitamins, these are just a few medical items that are required daily.
- Financial Support for shipping costs.

You can contact Linda C. Bates at: projects@isgf.org for further information.

The Haiti 2011 Team will consist of:

Monique Blanchard, CASEGHA Team Leader, Dr. Patricia Connell, Medical Team Leader, Linda C. Bates, ISGF Team Leader

There will be a team of 30 going to Grison Grade in January 2011 to make a difference in the lives of so many. In the words of our founder Baden-Powell who once said:

"Look wide, even when you think you are looking wide, look wider still".

No truer words have been spoken. As we continue to support friendship and fellowship throughout our world you too can make a difference in the life of a child. As a reminder all travel costs to and from Haiti are paid for personally by each volunteer that has joined the Haiti 2011 Team. Thank you for your commitment to leaving our world better than we found it.

In Friendship and Fellowship,

*Linda C. Bates
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