

Haiti—Nehemiah Community Development Project

Haiti is the western one-third of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. In the late 18th century, Haiti's nearly half million slaves revolted under Toussaint L'ouverture and after a prolonged struggle, became the first black republic to declare its independence in 1804. Haiti has been plagued by political violence for most of its history. 80% of the population lives in abject poverty, and natural disasters frequently sweep the nation.

History

GAIN began its relief efforts in Haiti in the summer of 2004 in response to the devastating flooding that occurred in the regions of Mapou and Fonds Verrettes. GAIN was able to distribute much-needed food, clothing, tents and other essential sanitary supplies to hundreds of families in the affected regions. This was followed up in late 2006 by the delivery of a container containing hospital beds, dry soup mix, dried apples, used clothing, many types of seeds for planting, and school supplies for children.



Reality—Uncertainty and Hopelessness

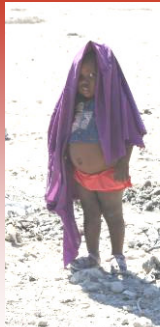
As the poorest country in the western hemisphere, Haiti suffers from a lack of safe drinking water, access to education, basic hygiene, and the skills to become self-reliant. In 1997, the village of Chambrun was home to 3,703 people. Since then, because of the recent influx of people seeking a source of income, the population has ballooned to over 12,000. This places an even greater strain on existing natural resources and Haitian villages like Chambrun are plagued by on-going needs. With a national unemployment rate over 65%, an average age of 18 years, and an AIDS growth rate spiralling out of control, and 50% of children not attending school, needs relating to youth are acute.

Recovery—Food, Water and Education Restore Dignity

We can help transform the Chambrun community through the Nehemiah Project by drilling water wells, further developing an existing school to provide basic education, and caring for street children. GAIN staff experience from prior trips to Chambrun is that the Haitian people highly value education as a means to

progress in life, are enthusiastic, patient, and extremely grateful for past aid received. People desperately lack the basics of life; there is little or no food, and a lack of shelter. The government is doing very little, as the needs of the people in this remote area are not considered a high priority.

Our in-country partners' existing school presently has 69 children enrolled and is directed by the Main Director of Linguistics of the Haitian State University. The school has a huge need for teaching aids, books, and stationery supplies. There were many older children in lower grades because they have never been to a school before and are only now learning to read and write.



Aid distribution at Nehemiah Project school in Chambrun. Up to 700 people received food, clothing, and hope!

Strategy For Hope

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Stage 1: GAIN plans to help develop land purchased in the Chambrun District as the future site for expanding the school. Work has already begun to clear the site, as the goal is to move the school in the new building in 2008. The new school will have the capacity for 100 children in Kindergarten through grade three. This further development will provide tremendous opportunities for these children, allowing them to be educated and giving them hope and a future.

Stage 2: GAIN will also co-ordinate on-going humanitarian aid efforts to care for children and their families and establish a well-drilling pump for the centre and surrounding community. Several water wells will be dug throughout the community of Chambrun. These will serve to provide safe drinking water, which will in turn combat sickness and water borne diseases. A readily available supply of water would also meet the needs of people to irrigate their land. Great potential exists for good crops to be produced, but with the lack of water, the land sits as a desert wasteland.

Response—Our Commitment to Building Haiti's Future

GAIN's goal, together with our in country partners in **Nehemiah Community Development Project (NCDP)** is to invest in the next generation of Haiti. Their vision is to **"...help the littlest children cover their feet, fill their heads with wisdom, and fill their hearts with [God's] love"**. Your partnership in this project is vital in taking advantage of a unique opportunity for promoting positive change; the transformation of the entire community of Chambrun will be an example for others and will have the potential to spread to other areas of Haiti. Help to build the foundation for lasting change in Chambrun, being a part of

"Training the next generation for the rebuilding of Haiti."



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Current classroom conditions

Investment

- **Delivery of 40-foot container of in-hand relief supplies valued at \$75,000** **\$9,700**
(1-1/2 tonnes of clothing, hospital and medical supplies, school supplies, & much more)
 - **Drilling of two water wells** **\$8,000**
 - **Construction of new school** **\$45,000**
- Total: \$62,700**

A proper record of all the receipts and expenses incurred will be maintained and reported monthly to GAIN Canada. This partnership will ensure that funds will be utilized with integrity and financial accountability.

Country Facts

Currency: gourde (per dollar US - 39.14)

Unemployment: More than 2/3 of the population are not regularly employed

Population: 8,121,622

People living with AIDS: 5.6% (2003 est.)

Percentage of area consisting of fresh water: 0.685% (compared with Canada's 8.925%)

Per capita purchasing power equivalent: \$1,600 (Canada - \$31,500)

Median (average) age: 18.03 years (Canada \$ 38.54)

Infant mortality: 73.45/1,000 live births (Canada \$ 4.75/1,000 live births)

Current environmental issues: hurricanes, flooding, excessive deforestation, soil erosion, and inadequate supplies of potable water

Facts and statistics compiled from various national & international government sources

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