



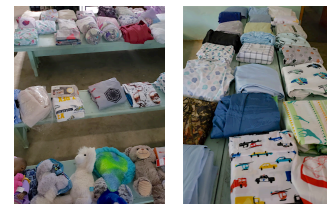
Missions-2020

In Haiti, 2020 began with a tumultuous start. Civil unrest carried over from 2019, governmental fighting ensued between the national army and local police, and the introduction of a global pandemic into an already fragile infrastructure permeated the country. However, through God's grace, Olive Cove was still able to affect lives despite the incredible obstacles that lay before them.

Orphanage Outreach-Morne Rouge, Haiti



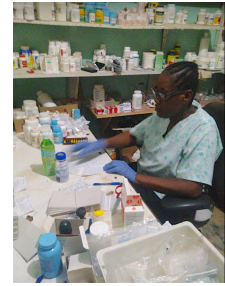
In the winter of 2020, a team of Olive Cove volunteers traveled to Haiti just prior to the outbreak of Covid-19. During that time, one of the ministries they were involved in was a bed-sheet and toy outreach project sponsored by The Chapel church located in Ormond Beach, Florida. With their help, Olive Cove was able to fill a dire need by presenting new bed sheets and pillowcases to approximately 60 boys & girls of the EBAC orphanage ranging in age from 5 to 25. The outreach also included toys for the younger orphans.



Covid-19 Response-Haiti

The country of Haiti immediately took action once the first few cases of Covid-19 began appearing. Lockdowns across the country were enacted and the border closed off to foreigners. Although deaths were initially under reported, Haiti spared mass casualties, with the majority of cases leaning on the mild side.

During the initial spread of the virus, Olive Cove was able to assist by supplying facemasks and protective gloves to the staff and patients at numerous medical clinics, hospitals, and churches in Jacmel, Dokano, Port au Prince, Mustique, Cap Haitien, and Fond Parisien. Masks and gloves were also given out to nursing students at Faith Christian University.



Amazingly, God’s foresight allowed the inventory of these critical items to be secured via an international 40’ container shipment of medical supplies in the fall of 2019, months prior to the emergence of Covid-19. Olive Cove also provided funds to acquire material for more masks to be hand sewn by local artisans as needed.



Mission House Project Update



The construction of a repurposed small group “mission home” continued in 2020 despite considerable setbacks. The majority of all electrical work was laid out, interior and exterior walls were refinished; interior bedroom floors were resurfaced; insulation was installed;



ceiling and upper walls were framed; and wood panels were installed. Some items had to be shipped via container from the US due to delays caused by material shortages in the country. The kitchen and bathrooms are next in line. Once completed, the home will allow more missionaries to visit, assist, and extend stays to further the ministry.



Motor-Taxi Blessing-Sainte Philomene, Haiti

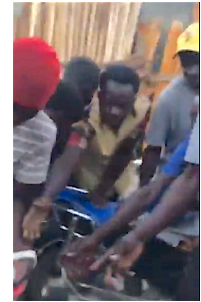
In Haiti, motorcycle taxis are often used for mass transit. This year Olive Cove felt the desire to offer a “bike blessing” influenced by a common practice of



the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). During the event the participants received 3M safety goggles & sunglasses to help deflect road dust. Facemasks



were also handed out to help them operate their business during the pandemic. Farah Valbrun, a crucial Olive Cove volunteer, held the event even though she had been critically injured the previous spring after being hit by a motorcycle. After months of recovery, she led the outreach in Sainte Philomene, close to Barriere Bouteille.



Approximately 80 bikes & bikers participated in the blessing.

Benevolence

By the summer of 2020 the economic effects of the pandemic lockdown began to weigh heavily on the country of Haiti. As a result, OC began to collect funds to provide financial support for many church pastors throughout Haiti in the locations of Cap Haitien, Jeremie, Gomier, Morne



Chicano, Grand Latanier, Bas Colade, Kalmaille, Don Don, Port Francais, Dokano, Maria La Pa, and Grand Ravine. The remaining monies were used to purchase masks and 50 bleach buckets for virus protection for churches in Dokano. In addition, a gas generator was purchased for a large congregation and school in Robinet, fulfilling a two-year prayer request. The purchase will allow worship services to finally take place at night and encourage more citizens to attend.



Praise Report-EBAC "Restoration" Project

In the fall of 2020, the girl's dorm at the EBAC orphanage received long-overdue repairs. The sizable roof, including the buildings entrance, and non-functioning bathroom issues were addressed. Although Olive Cove was not involved in the project, the team was instrumental in raising awareness and advocating for these crucial needs over the last two years.

Faith Christian University-Perimeter Wall-2020

In 2017, work began on the construction of a perimeter wall surrounding the ten-acre property in order to expand the potential of FCU. While approximately 70% has been completed, back-to-back hurricanes and subsequent flooding caused severe damage.



Although repairs were completed, a complex section must still be designed to complete the perimeter and raise the wall height an additional three-



feet. A recent engineering survey revealed that significant additional funding is necessary to continue the



construction effort. The completion of the perimeter wall will provide the necessary safety for students and staff, and ensure viability of all future programs at FCU. We hope you'll consider supporting us in this endeavor.

Vision for 2020

In closing, we are thankful that God has used Olive Cove to positively change lives. Despite the enormous challenges we have overcome this year, many more remain. In 2020, financial support for Olive Cove declined nearly 90% due to the negative impact of Covid-19. We are truly thankful, however, for those who continued to support the ministry during this difficult time. We look forward to 2021 and a time when we can return, in person, to carry on the ministry in Haiti. We hope you'll partner with us by continuing to invest in God's Kingdom.



In Christ,
Mike & Alexis Swittel

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

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