

## Missions-2023

In 2023, our goal for this newsletter was to streamline the descriptions of our programs and condense the overall length of the content. However, after reflecting on the incredible blessings that God has bestoed upon the people of Haiti through Olive Cove, we felt it an injustice to downplay the results. Nonetheless, what follows is just a small reflection of what God has done and how your contributions have impacted the lives of those throughout Haiti.

# "BUILDING A LEGACY"

At Olive Cove we feel that the best way to honor a community is to preserve its heritage. Our *Legacy* ministry seeks to restore and revive a community to its



fullest potential. For over 50 years, Pastor Cebien Alexis and the EBAC Ministry has faithfully served the Haitian people at their orphanage, school, and medical clinic in Morne Rouge, Haiti. Olive Cove is implementing a restoration plan to transform what infrastructure exists and redesign a new standard for the future.



# Morne Rouge, Haiti

This year new exterior bathroom facilities were created and existing bathrooms renovated after many years in disrepair. In addition to a security staff, over a dozen solar security lights were also installed throughout the property to create a more safe and secure environment. Portable solar lights and chargers were also provided, including recreational supplies for the orphans to use after school and during holiday breaks. More improvements are planned for 2024.



#### "FOOD FOR FAMILIES"

Developing self-sustaining communities is a main mission of Olive Cove. As a result, our *Food For Families* ministry seeks to work directly with indigenous people in various locations around Haiti showing them how to cultivate their own resources in order to achieve independence from foreign assistance. To start, funding is supplied for seeds and materials. In certain cases, goats are also provided to generate milk, food, and finances. Programs have begun in areas such as Léodiague, Chiron, Jeremie, Mapou, Cuime, Maria Lapa, and Amba Mapou, Haiti. So far, many communities have been successful growing staples such as corn, millet, beans, spinach, peppers, and potatoes by planting and harvesting God's provision directly from farm to table.

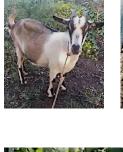
























# "VITAL SIGNS"

The focus within our *Vital Signs* ministry is to provide care for those who neither have funds or access to crucial medical needs. Using OC's medical container supplies, combined with outreach events and partnerships with key facilities, we seek to continually make medical care and treatment available to all who are in need. Below are just a few examples of its impact.

# Cité Soleil, Haiti

This year, Olive Cove partnered with *Centre Hospitalier Dé Fontaine* to provide medical supplies for the hospital and mobile clinics within Cité



Soleil, one of the most dangerous locations in Haiti. Over 8,300 infants, children, teenagers and adults were treated for general medical



issues from fever and pain management, to severe ailments such as malnutrition, respitory disease, and cholera.



## Ansé a Veau, Haiti



pressure, and respitory issues. Food, water,

In March, Olive Cove assembled a medical team for a prison outreach event in the southern region of Haiti. Besides general wellness checks, the team treated over 350 inmates for

diabetes, high blood

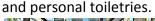




sandals, and toiletry kits were also provided.

Kawouk, Haiti

This spring Olive Cove sponsored a pregnancy outreach event for new mothers at the *Centre dé Santé Felix Mathieu*. Over 40 women were treated, as well as, 23 mothers with newborns. Patients also received infant care items











## "SOUL RESTORE"

Our outreach ministry Soul Restore is simple: Invest in positive, uplifting events to help communities live better lives. Here is a small example of how your resources have affected the everyday lives of those within Haiti.

#### Jeremie, Haiti



In February, a community in Jeremie, Haiti hosted a weeklong revival celebration praying for restoration and healing in the country. The event sponsored by Olive Cove, featured praise & worship, preaching by numerous guest speakers, and



testimonies from those in the community. The support covered the cost of audio equipment, musical instruments, gas for generators, and per diem for traveling pastors.





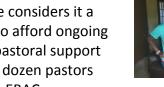
## Port au Ciel, Haiti & Other Various Locations



Olive Cove considers it a privilege to afford ongoing monthly pastoral support for over a dozen pastors

within the EBAC network of churches in locations such

as Bakoladé, Terre Noir, Port au Ciel, Dokano, and Chiron, Haiti. As well, each month several new pastors are provided assistance to help them preach and support their families.



## Chiron, Haiti & Other Various Locations



This summer, Olive Cove sponsored a Dental Care Outreach in areas such as Chiron, Haiti. Collectively over 500 citizens were educated on proper oral hygiene techniques using donated supplies from dentists across the United States. Demonstrations included how to brush and floss properly. At the end of the events each attendee received a dental kit with toothpaste, brush and floss.



## "BUILDING EMPIRES"

Over the last decade Haiti has faced fierce hurricanes and devastating earthquakes. With our *Building Empires* ministry we want to revitalize, renew, and restore key infrastructure that is a force multiplier within a specific community.

## Chiron, Haiti



The roof of a church in Chiron, Haiti was near collapse after a devastating storm ripped through their community. With additional funding, Olive Cove was able to completely restore the roof using all indigenous labor for the church of 150 parishioners.





## Ansé a Veau, Haiti

The remains of earthquake damaged structures permeates many areas throughout Haiti. Each signifies a life changed forever. This year, through a partnership, Olive Cove provided additional financial support to build dwellings for five families whose homes were demolished during the 7.1 earthquake in August, 2021.



## Chiron, Haiti

The school facilities at *Ecole lá Renaissance dé Chiron* were rendered unusable from previous earthquake damage. Olive Cove provided support for bathrooms to be





rebuilt as part of a solution. Following a long shut down, the school was up and running once this key infrastructure need was restored.



## "KNOWLEDGE IS POWER"

One of the critical shortage areas in Haiti is affordable access to education. As a result the literacy rate is among the lowest in the world. Our *Knowledge Is Power* ministry provides support for indigenous, Christian faith-based education, sponsorships, and training.

### Robinet, Haiti



*Ecolé Mix Evangelique Compassion School* has faced countless challenges over the last decade. With additional financial support, Olive Cove reinvested into new uniforms, supplies, and support staff for the K-12 school of 75 children.



## Maria Lapa, Haiti



Olive Cove continued its ongoing support for additional staff at

*L'ecole Jesyon Communauté*. After vandals recently broke into their food storage facility, OC was also able to provide funding for repairs.



Chiron, Haiti



This year, due to additional infrastructure improvements from Olive Cove, *Ecole La Renaissance dé Chiron* was able to reopen. With community involvement the residents have laid the foundation for continued growth and selfinvestment.



#### Morne Rouge, Haiti

In 2023, Olive Cove sponsored a student seeking to obtain his AS degree in Pharmaceuticals. Upon graduation, he plans to work full-time at the EBAC medical clinic in the orphanage where he grew up.



#### Moustique, Haiti



In April, an Olive Cove mission team held a fourday health diagnostics training at *Faith Christian University* for over 80





wellness check-ups, including acquiring and assessing patient vital signs.

## "HANDS & FEET"

It is often impossible to describe what it's like to minister in a third-world country. As a result,



Olive Cove periodically offers a mission experience through our *Hands & Feet* ministry. This year OC assembled a team from The Chapel, a Christian non-denominational church in Ormond Beach, Florida to take part in the life and daily challenges of Haitian citizens.



## Vacation Bible School



The mission team hosted VBS over several days for over 200 kids within the community. Besides sharing the Gospel, the event consisted of praise & worship, arts & crafts, games, and practical bible lessons.



# Martial Arts Workshop



In another location several members of the mission team joined forces with a local accomplished sensei to share their knowledge during a martial arts workshop. Over several days, the group discussed practical self-defense techniques, traditional martial arts styles, kicks, and strikes,

various exercises, and developing personal inner restraint.



# Chiron Community Dinner Celebration



To close out the week the mission team held a spaghetti dinner for all who participated in the daily events. Although food was prepared for 150 people, over 250 showed up. As always, God provided and all who attended, ate!









## Jeremie, Haiti

Travel is tough in Haiti due to fuel shortages and high prices. Motorcycles are often used as a more affordable way to get around. Olive Cove's on-going *Moto* ministry provides pastor's with a motorcycle for the ability to oversee other churches more effectively and efficiently throughout the year.

### Moustique, Haiti

The challenges continue to mount at Faith Christian University. Recently a sizable sink hole developed on the campus grounds. As well, the exisiting perimeter wall was damaged due to vandalism. Your support will allow Olive Cove to address these costly repairs and restore FCU's campus infrastructure for future school development projects.

# Vision for 2024

We continue to be amazed and honored at how God has used the entire Olive Cove team to directly impact the lives of Haitian people through your contributions. Even more has happened than what could fit in this newsletter. As always, we are truly thankful for those who continuously and generously support the ministry. Nothing could get done without you! We hope you'll continue to partner with us by choosing to invest in God's Kingdom.

### In Christ, Mike, Alexis & Oliver Swittel and the entire Olive Cove Team

"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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