

# HAITI UPDATE

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Dear Co-Laborers:

We have now totally rebuilt 4 church buildings and we are replacing the roofs on 5 of our church buildings. Some are blue, some are green and some have no color. The roof of a sixth building is the dwelling of one of our preachers as seen on one of the pictures. We also replaced several other roofs for some of our elderly members. I helped 12 families to replace their roofs in the north of Haiti (many more received lumber, cement and roof tiles) and I bought no less than 100 mattresses. I also bought tables and chairs for members who lost all their furniture. I also helped a Haitian family (a former student of mine) to restore their flood ravaged home in the Dominican Republic.

We are still feeding a lot of people but we told people our funds are now running out. We will be able to finish the buildings that lost their roofs and we will finish on the inside the 4 buildings that were totally destroyed. We are also replacing damaged and lost benches and chairs for our buildings.

I think we did really good with the (about) \$105,000 that have come in so far. It cost about \$65,000 to replace the 4 totally destroyed buildings. The buildings look really good. It is hard to believe that just three months before there was not left one block on the other, even the foundations were totally gone. Remember that 2 of our largest buildings that were rebuilt hold more than 750 people. What's more, at least 20 families had their roofs replaced and hundreds of families received food and shelter in the beginning (that is in the south of Haiti that had the greatest damage). Now a few more families remain to receive aid, mainly elderly folks.

When all the projects are fully finished and all the reports come in about rebuilding, restoring, replacing furniture, feeding and treating (medically) those who needed it the most, I will give a full account of all that has been done to the glory of God.

Being so thankful for all the help we received, we again thank you all for your gracious support. Your prayers and kind thoughts were and are much appreciated.

I am an old missionary and I realize that all of our combined (yours and ours) labor of love will bear fruit for a long time and it does feel pretty good when our denominational friends come and admire our new church buildings, our restored preachers homes, our restored buildings and roofs, and when they see the restored homes of so many of our families.

May God continue to bless you all and thanks again.

God bless, Joe W.