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#### Our History.....

What began from an idea discussed among a few people, has blossomed into a major mission touching many lives. "Sharing the Gospel with Haiti" (SGH) mission work was started by the Church of Christ at Madison in 1996.

Joining forces with the brethren in this work in 2002 was Kent Christian Church. Since that time several congregations and individuals have jumped on board to help plant and cultivate the Gospel of our Lord. God has shown favor over the years to this ministry as enthusiasm continues to grow. Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, is shown God's love on a daily basis through this ministry and our supporters.





# Haiti Route 9 Bridge Collapse - US Army Corps of Engineers Reveals the Cause

KREYOL: Haiti -

Experts from the US Army Corps of Engineers have just revealed the reason the Haiti Route 9 Bridge Collapsed... After inspection of all components of the bridge, the experts concluded that several possible factors may have contributed to the collapse including overloaded trucks crossing the bridge daily...

According to an article by Le Nouvelliste, the bridge which designed for vehicles not surpassing 30 tons was being used daily by vehicles well over 40 tons.

The team concluded that frequent and unregulated crossings of the bridge by vehicles exceeding the regulatory weight limit have impacted the bridge and may have contributed to his failure.

The US inspectors also mentioned the fact that the is no record of inspection on the bridge in the 20 years since the US Army built it... The bridge was constructed in 1997...

#### Editor's Opinion.....

What we see above is the major road into Kreyol being closed down because of it being used by excessive weighted vehicles. We have also learned that Haitians removed the bolts from the bridge which obviously weakened it. This is one of many incidents where we are reminded that people will do what is needed to survive.

Our support of our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ must stay strong as we reach out to them both physically and spiritually.

#### Give them a fish, feed them for a day...... Teach them to fish, feed them for a lifetime!

School Along with our goal of reaching the Haitian people the Gospel and love of Christ, our school is a priority.

Bakery Feeding our own and selling some to help with expenses has seen this project jump to the front.

Goats In process for over a year now this project can accomplished by an individual or the entire family.

Cattle Families working together is the key to the success of this thriving project.

Tailoring The tailoring project is growing every month. Many of our new converts are active in this area.

# News Around Haiti......

By Brother Danney Kelley



I received a phone call from Neriil. He said the two wells he had, one for the school and one for the home, had dried up and they were now without water. With the long drought of about three years this becomes even a larger problem. The Haitian people depend on rain for their gardens. The goats and cows are dying for the lack of food. They are starving to death.

Fourteen years ago it cost \$10,000 for each well. We don't know what the cost is today.

A few days later I called him back and asked him to get the engineers in to assess the situation for them to start drilling. We had raised enough money to get started. A few days later Neriil called me back and said he hadn't found any available engineers because all of Haiti had dry wells and they were so busy. Compound the low number of engineers together with the loss of one of them by being killed while on a work site then this is a another issue.

Please pray for them to get a well dug with water in it. There are no guarantees when a company comes in to do your drilling as they may hit water and they may not. The charge is the same.

Presently the congregation is transporting their water from seven miles away, but there is concern of how long that water will last.

## Haiti and their other problems......

Things are so bad in Haiti. A bridge collapsed because nuts and bolts were stolen so people could sell them to feed their families (See page 2 of this newsletter). There was no inspection of the bridge in 20 years since the US Army built it in 1997.

Violence is running ramped in Haiti. On March 18, three deaf women were assassinated near Cabaret. If you are a white missionary woman in Haiti you can not travel alone or you will be kidnapped and held for blackmail or ransom.

Haiti has struggled for centuries with crippling debt, exploitation, deforestation, corruption and violence. Since the earthquake on January 12, 2010 the situation has gotten worst. The millions of dollars that was sent following the earthquake was kept by the government, which used it for their personal gain. The poor didn't receive it. I saw this first hand. It would break your heart to see the poverty they live in.

Check out our web site at

http://sharingthegospelwithhaiti.org

### Letter from Bro. Neriil....





Brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is to inform you about the current situation in Haiti.

Haiti has for a long time, raised concerns on account of its precarious situation, in many respects. In the last five years the country has suffered more than ever before. For one thing, people do not feel safe going out, for fear of being robbed at gunpoint or worst still, being kidnapped. Last month, Roberta, a U.S. citizen, a member of the Church of Christ and the Director of an Orphanage was kidnapped and later killed. Another orphanage director, A Haitian preacher has recently been shot down along with his chauffeur and their peronal belongings stolen as they rode back from the bank. Two school children, ages 8 and 11 lately kidnapped were killed despite payment of a ransom of Haitian Gourdes 150,000 (exchange for 3000 US dollars). Policemen are shot down in the streets almost every day.

On the other hand, drought has taken its toll on poor farmers in Boisneuf and other areas as crops meant to generate some income have been devastated and cattle killed for the lack of vegetation, In light of this situation, economists expect unprecedented famine in Haiti in the near future if nothing is done to stop the fall of the economy.

Lastly, people worry about the threat of Zika fever, recently diagnosed in our country. Health care is still unresolved around the country.

Haiti is, evidently, going thru very tough times. This urgent situation sends a call for help to alleviate the pain and suffering of the poor people on the brink of despair.

In Christ's Love.

Dieudonne Neriil

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