

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Mission Trip to Haiti in January 2013

We would like to provide the latest information about our scheduled trip to LaCroix Haiti in January 2013. We have partnered with Friends of Haiti, a local non-profit that has been serving the New Testament Mission in LaCroix for approximately 15 years. We will be departing Pittsburgh Friday evening, January 25, 2013 and returning Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2013.

Currently there are 23 persons that will be traveling with us. You ask who they might be and are they all medical staff. The answer is – they are people of all vocations who share a love of service to those less fortunate. There will be our pastor, doctors, physician's assistants, med students, nurses, pharmaceutical techs, software trainers, eyeglass technicians, teachers, office managers, service managers, nuclear engineers, well specialists and a Pony League Vice President. How about that for diversity?

In addition to the funding made available to us by your support of the No Sale Yard Sale and the many 50/50 drawings the Golf League had this past season, there will be a 50/50 drawing at the church picnic on September 9.

Our group has also received a generous donation from Taffy Chitester's (Rene Demay's sister) employer of 500 pairs of eye glasses for us to measure and distribute to those in need. Additionally Dr. Olsen of the Vitreous Center in Pittsburgh has offered to loan us his portable Auto Refractor to take with us to accurately measure the powers that are required.

We will be using the Mission at LaCroix as our base and travel to outlying villages to provide medical aid, eyeglass fittings, aid in ongoing construction projects, teaching English in some of the local schools and engaging the children at the Mission in a game of wiffle ball.

Included are two photographs. The first is one of the houses that was constructed in the village of New Perisse following the 2010 earthquake. Friends of Haiti has donated \$5000 for each home with funds donated for Earthquake Relief. The second photograph is of a group of young women who have been trained to use sewing machines donated by Friends of Haiti. The clothes they are wearing were made by their own hands at these machines. We never intend to "do" for them, but to teach them to do for themselves.





Thank you, members of Bethany Lutheran Church, for your spiritual and financial help. We will covet your prayers during our travel.