



Haiti

Not far from U.S. shores lies the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere: Haiti. The AIDS epidemic has orphaned 200,000 Haitian children. Another 300,000 Haitian children are virtually enslaved. Ten percent of the child population will die before the age of four.

Though worlds apart in many ways, the international language of friendship binds us. A smile, a laugh, a handshake and a hug are the same in any language. In that spirit, the fulfillment of a dream for Haiti's children is on the horizon, and you can help. The dream—even now, becoming a reality—is *to provide a stable, loving, supportive community in Hinche, Haiti for the children in the form of an orphanage, school, medical clinic and church.*



The Dream

This dream for Haiti originated with Emmanuel St. Juste, pastor of the French-Speaking Baptist Church of Stamford, CT. Pastor St. Juste emigrated from Hinche, Haiti to the U.S. in 1974 and established a congregation in Stamford, CT. Always close to his heart, though, were the destitute children of Haiti. He wanted to provide a brighter future for them by fulfilling their basic needs for shelter, education, nutrition, emotional security, medical care and life skills. *The mission of the Center of Hope (Haiti) is to make the dream a reality.*

The city of Hinche, with a population of 80,000, has little or no electricity and is thus

deprived of the simplest of conveniences. Good roads are few and extremely rugged, and transportation is mainly on foot or by donkey. Markets are open twice a week, and the women walking there balance unwieldy baskets of produce on their heads. Potential in Haiti, though, is unlimited.

The Orphanage

The site of this dream is a scenic twelve-acre expanse of land near Hinche in the central highlands of Haiti. Envisioned there is a community serving the needs of homeless children. The orphanage facilities will provide housing for the homeless, elementary and secondary education classrooms and a vocational training center.



The orphanage will feature, also, a medical clinic where medical and dental teams from the U.S. may serve on a rotating basis. Agricultural self-sufficiency will be encouraged on the property through the raising of crops and animals. With 45% of

the Haitian population illiterate, 70% living below the poverty level and 30% ill or underweight, the Center of Hope (Haiti) offers a beacon of encouragement, promise and hope.

You Can Help

You can help make an immediate difference in the lives of the children and for the future of Haiti. You can donate your **time, goods, facilities or finances**. For example, contributions by doctors, dentists, optometrists and other medical professionals who are willing to spend some time in Haiti at the orphanage site, and people who can



help us convey our message, are all very much appreciated. We also need volunteers here in the U.S. to help with projects and administrative duties. Together we can make a big difference. Please contact us and let us know how you wish to participate.



Visit our website, www.centerofhope-haiti.org, where you will discover our **Hope Chest**. Our **Hope Chest** is the center of our giving program. In the **Hope Chest**, you will find ways in which you can help our children. You will see several categories that illustrate the needs of the orphanage and the estimated cost of meeting those needs. Also, you will find our **Endowment Giving** and **Regular Support** programs. We hope that you will consider these programs as part of your support for the Center of Hope (Haiti).

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