

St. Simon Catholic Church

Haiti outreach

Hearts to Haiti:

This is a fundraiser to support the School of the Infant Jesus In Cite Militaire, Haiti, run by the Salesian Sisters. The school is a pre-kindergarten through 9th grade program.

We are raising funds to rebuild the School of the Infant Jesus. Part of that fund-raising is the selling of \$1 placards with our HEARTS to HAITI logo in stores and businesses. They can be purchased at the church and school offices or in local stores. Kwik Print (Tim & Deb Alley) have generously donated the card stock and printing cost for this fundraising effort. Thank you!

At Christmas 2009, there were 980 students at the School Of The Infant Jesus. 1/3 of those students could not pay any tuition. St. Simon Parish provides funds to help pay teachers and obtain school supplies for all the students. Haitian parents send their children to school with much pride. They want their children to have a better life.

All the children are given a nutritious lunch. For years, money for lunch fruits and vegetables has been provided from St. Simon Bargain Center proceeds. Lunch is often the only meal of the day for these children. Supper is reserved for the family members who did not eat lunch.

Over the years, our twinning program has helped them improve their school. With our donations, they added classroom windows and a small building in which to eat lunch. Over several years, they built a trade school and extended the regular education offered to the 9th grade. Recently, the Sisters built a dormitory and living area to care for 30 orphans from the streets. When we visited in 2008, they had a solar panel and dreams of computers for their students. The January 2010 earthquake has damaged buildings at the school and many neighboring homes. The full extent of the damage is not yet known, but St. Simon Catholic Church is committed to helping its sister school rebuild so the work to improve life in Haiti can continue.

When you purchase one of these **Hearts To Haiti**, you are directly helping rebuild the school and dreams of the people who live in the Cite Militaire neighborhood of Port-Au-Prince. On their behalf, I thank you for your generosity.

Kathryn Nixon
St. Simon Catholic Church
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