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Mission Trip Report

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“Isa 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.
30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;
31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (RSV).

Despite the heat that is sometime too much to bear in Haiti, the mosquitos that play accordion night in and night out in our ears, the cholera and now the chikungunya, this fever that is famous for “breaking in part people’s bones”, I observe that missionaries keep on flooding the gates of Haiti. They come by hundreds to execute the Great Commission that is found in Matthew 28: 17-20,

“... And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (RSV).

On June 24, 2014 I arrived in Haiti after almost a year of absence. Usually I traveled two to three times a year but it was not possible for me to do so this year. One member of HOHAYE, Max Delsoin went along with me after 40 years of absence. Everything was strange to him. It was hard to explain how Haiti has improved over the years because he can’t remember much of what Haiti looked like 40 years ago.

The next day I met with the contractor to give him an outline of what I would like to see done in the guest house. Step by step I laid out the plan, (1) we will need twelve iron gates to secure the guest house, (2) we must start the electrical and plumbing work, (3) we must do the sanding and (4) we must polish and shine the inside walls and the ceiling. We only had five weeks to achieve this goal.

Starting Point

We called on the metalworker Wednesday afternoon. Early Thursday morning, he showed up. He took measurement and told me that it would take an entire week to have the twelve windows made. He told me that the twelve Iron Gate windows and labor will cost \$ 3,300.00 and we settled for 3,000.00 even.

Since we had almost all the electrical materials, the electrician started working on Friday morning. The main challenge was to move the 500 gallon water tank from one room to the top of the house.

We had it done but it took a lot of manpower.

The following week, the iron gates were installed and the masons started their work.

I am glad to report that everything went according to plan. The only thing is they are still working now as I write this report to finish up the inside walls and the ceiling.

The Importance of the Missionary Guest House

Even though the guest house is not finished yet, we were able to accommodate four visitors from the US during our five week stay: Max Delsoin, Johnson Chery, Babu and Lisa Joseph.

I believe it is a prelude of what is to come. This missionary guest house will be called *Hope International Missionary Guest House of Haiti. (HIMGHOH)* . It will be a Seven bedroom guest house with 4 ½ bathrooms. We feel that when all is said and done we will be able to accommodate twenty missionaries at a time.

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Challenges



1. To finish the outside sanding and shining (Labor and materials \$ 9,500.00)
2. To install sliding windows (16 windows and 12 doors for \$ 9,900.00)
3. Installing ceramics (\$ 6,720)
4. Painting?

5. Furnishing?
6. Air conditioning?

It is our desire to have an open house by December 2015. Please help us get to the finish line.

It will create sustainability and it will give job to at least 10 people. The income generated from the missionary guest house will sustain our missionary work in Haiti..

Guest House before Trip



After the Trip

