



HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY - A CELEBRATION OF CABRINI'S COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH IN HAITI



On Pentecost Sunday twenty-five years ago, Cabrini began a twinning relationship with Haiti, a country only 700 miles off the coast of Florida and 70 miles away from Cuba. At that time, we knew nothing about the African slaves that had been brought to Haiti by the French in the 1700's to work on the tobacco, cocoa, cotton, sugar cane and indigo farms. These slaves were treated so terribly that most lived only 7 years after they arrived in Haiti. However, Haiti became known as the "Jewel of the Caribbean" in the late 1700's. But then greed, dictatorships, and a devastating earthquake have led to the worst poverty in the world.

DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, CABRINI PARISHIONERS HAVE SERVED THE POOREST OF THE POOR!!!

- 37 Cabrini team members have traveled to the mission fields in Haiti. Seventeen of those parishioners traveled there multiple times.
- 717 duffels bags, weighing in excess of 50,000 pounds were sent with the teams, filled with clothing, shoes, crocheted tote bags, school backpacks, handmade quilts, bibles, dictionaries, and much more.
- 200 Haitian children and elderly were sponsored @ \$30 per month for ten years by Cabrini families.
- 3 - forty foot-long containers were sent across the Atlantic Ocean to Haiti, filled with furniture, filing cabinets, desks, tables, ladders, bikes, water buckets, and non-perishable food.

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT BECAUSE OF CABRINI PARISHIONERS' FAITHFULNESS AND DEDICATION TO HAITI AND ITS YOUNG PEOPLE.

In 2008, we began to work with young Haitian men who were being raised in a Catholic environment at St. Joseph Home for Boys and its three mission centers. It soon became evident that God placed Cabrini right where He knew our time, talent, and treasure would best be served. God knew we needed to be in a place that would raise up young leaders who would work to bring about positive changes in Haiti.

To the right, you will find drawings of the future Haiti Outreach Center, along with funds raised thus far, both from Cabrini parishioners and other outside sources. This is our most ambitious adventure to date in Haiti. As you can see, we have already accomplished much. The Center will be a vibrant, holy place. It will serve the poor in the Jacmel community and will support the new "Wings of Hope" facility which will be completed in 2015 on the adjoining piece of land. The twinning relationship

between St. Joseph and Cabrini is multifaceted. We at Cabrini are related to St. Joe's through our own "Journey Program" and their "Wings of Hope" orphanage, both which serve special needs children. Our Evangelization to the Trinity School children and their families in our Women's Bible Study Project are raising up the lives of the poor and educating more young people to go forth to help others throughout Haiti.

**- Future -
Haiti Outreach Center**
Jacmel, Haiti

Mission Guest House Community Center

Little by little the bird builds its nest.
- Haitian Proverb -

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\$147,000 Money Raised \$87,000 toward new building construction \$198,300 total

Please continue to look for more information about your work for Haiti in the coming months. We will be introducing our "Quarters for Living Quarters" fundraiser next week, using mason jars with special stickers to give everyone the opportunity to participate in this ministry. The Lord will continue to bless Cabrini and its families as we lend to the poor. We are "blessed to be a blessing".