



HAITI TODAY

The earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010 lasted only 35 seconds but it nearly devastated a nation. It is estimated that more than 250,000 people died and about a million are homeless as a result of this tragedy. Since the earthquake the Foursquare Church has been serving the Haitian people bringing comfort and restoration.

The hope for Foursquare Haiti is to see churches plant orphanages around the country to fulfill the Biblical mandate to take care of orphans. The leaders see and feel the need every day to care for and love these children. They are everywhere.

Orphans and Separated Children

There were already an estimated 300,000 orphans and street children in Haiti before the quake. That number has now been added to by this disaster, as many children lost parents and care-giving relatives to death or disability.

Poverty

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 60% of the population living in abject poverty. Four months after the earthquake, tens of thousands live in tent camps, having lost their homes and all their earthly possessions.

Growth

Life in Haiti continues to be challenging, but amid the rubble, God is moving, pouring out His spirit of love and comfort, and showing the way forward to those who will follow Him.

There are signs of recovery all around:

Food is easier to purchase;

Clean water, through new wells and water filters, has lessened the impact of Cholera and other diseases;

Tents are being replaced by semi-permanent "starter homes;"

Orphanages are better equipped and cared for;

Schools have more supplies, better facilities, and more paid teachers; and

The national church building has finally cleared customs!

Transforming lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ is our ultimate goal.

PURPOSE

Foursquare Haiti Children of Promise was established to love, care for, nurture and train the orphaned children of Haiti, enabling them to develop strong Christian character and church commitment along with a vision for rebuilding their devastated nation.

We believe that it is the right of every child to:

LIVE, having their basic physical needs met in order to live a healthy life. This includes the need for food, shelter, clothing, health care and education.

LOVE, being valued as a unique person who belongs to a church family and who is cared for and cares for others.

LEARN, receiving an education that equips and trains them to be functional and productive members of society.

FIND PURPOSE, individually discovering the God-given purpose for their life.

This philosophy reflects the principles and teachings of a biblically based Christian faith. We recognize the Bible both as the source of our philosophy and the foundation for its implementation.

The Bible places a unique value on the life of each and every orphan. God consistently intervenes on their behalf and singles them out for special care. He sees them as victims of the evil at work in the world rather than individuals being punished for a sinful past.

This Biblical mandate comes from James 1:27,

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

Foursquare Haiti Children of Promise believes that every individual has spiritual, social and economic needs.

SPIRITUAL: meeting the spiritual needs of the orphans and people of Haiti through evangelism, discipleship and leadership training.

SOCIAL: to intervene on behalf of the orphans of Haiti providing hope for the future and the future of their nation.

ECONOMIC: to offer immediate assistance to the destitute by providing food and clothing, as well as working to establish self-sustaining agricultural enterprises and providing job training for individuals.

HISTORY

The Foursquare Church in Haiti...

Pastor Guy Thomas, Foursquare National Church Leader, is working toward his vision of an orphanage in the near future.

MINISTRIES

Our partnership together enables us to:

Plant and Develop Spiritually Vibrant and Socially Relevant Churches.

- Evangelism Activities through VBS, Child Evangelism, and Camps.

Equip people to fulfill God's dream for their lives.

- FOURSQUARE INSTITUTE (Teach, Train, Mentor) - to include **Ministry Seminars** for Bible Teachers, Worship Pastors and Leadership Seminars. As well as **Business Classes** and **Life Skills** workshops.
- NATIONAL FOURSQUARE SCHOOL BOARD - *Raising the Standards of Education in Haiti* through the development of New Schools, Teacher Training, School Scholarships and Lunch Programs.
- NATIONAL CHILDREN'S COUNCIL - *Raising the Standard of Child Care in Haiti* by incorporating new standards for orphanages and orphan care through training of Caregivers. Provide daily provisions as well as education, medical and dental for each child. Construction of new orphanages and children's homes to provide home environment.

The Haiti Foursquare Church currently has one orphanage in Jeremie that cares for 46 children. Pastor Cassamejor and his wife lovingly parent these children, trusting God continually to meet all their needs. A new property has just been purchased for the Jeremie Church and orphanage to build on so that they have a permanent home.

Leaders here are planning another orphanage in the hills above Port-au-Prince with Pastor Bellande and his church leading the charge.

Express the love of Christ through compassion ministries.

- SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS designed to create jobs and help Haitians provide for themselves are in full swing:
 - Bakery
 - Poultry Farming
 - Tilapia (fish) Farm
 - Hydroponic Gardens
 - Dehydration Plant & Garden
 - Water Wells and education
 - English Classes

- COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PROJECTS through road repair and garbage clean up.
- CONSTRUCTION of National Church and Property (Les Cayes and Torcel) and National Institute.
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION to orphanages, schools and tent cities.

We are excited that God is giving us, the Foursquare Church, the privilege of serving the country of Haiti by partnering with the churches, to care for the most vulnerable and needy of all... the children.