

*Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
Nor fruit be on the vines,  
The produce of the olive fail  
And the fields yield no food,  
The flock be cut off from the fold  
And there be no herd in the stalls,  
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
God, the Lord, is my strength;  
He makes my feet like the deer's;  
He makes me tread on my high places.*

*Habakkuk 3:17-18*

## Urgent Needs: Shipping Opportunity

Tropical Storm Isaac tore through Haiti on August 25, 2012, leaving behind more devastation in tent cities and in the countryside, as well as flooding throughout the country.

While progress was being made from the earthquake, this caused a setback in some areas and increased the need in many areas. Food will be a more significant issue, since many crops and animals were lost in the flooding in the countryside.

Thankfully, Joy in Haiti has been given an opportunity to ship some much needed supplies to help with the ministry there.

A need for the basics always exists (food, toiletries, etc.). Some larger items could also be used in various ways by the church and school.

***A "wish list" of items is included here, but funds for shipping are also greatly needed.***

Ambassadors for Christ in Haiti (ACH) has always been generous in allowing us to ship with them as space is available. The approximate cost of shipping one ocean freight container

is \$10,000, and they have plans to ship two, which allows us to include items as well.

***If you are interested in contributing to the shipping costs or for supplies to place on***

***the container, please mark your donation accordingly.***

As always, we are thankful for your generosity in reaching out to the Haitian people.

### CONTAINER WISH LIST

- Food -** peanut butter, spaghetti, tomato sauce, tomato paste, powdered milk
- Toiletries -** Powder, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, diapers/pull-ups
- Clothing -** girls' underwear (size 4-10), socks, flip-flops/sandals
- School -** French books (kids/story books), backpacks (new or gently used), bulletin boards, chalk boards, paints, construction paper, games (that do not require reading English), play-doh, computer paper, envelopes
- Household -** towels, toaster, microwave, twin sheets

**\$1 toys for Christmas Party at Church**

**Large Fans on Stands**

**Copy Machine or scanner/printer**

**Folding Tables**

**DVD Player**

**Old Ring Washer**

**Old (non- electric) sewing machines** in good working order

**Funds for larger items** (beds, stove, swingset, generator, inverter and battery, ceramic tile, etc.)

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*The mission of Joy in Haiti is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in Haiti, as well as to help meet the physical needs of those living in poverty. Joy in Haiti works with followers of Jesus who live in Haiti and are sharing their faith with those around them.*

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### HELP US REDUCE OUR COSTS!

In an effort to reduce our overhead costs, we would like to offer sending our newsletters (and occasional urgent alerts) by e-mail instead of by snail mail.

**If you would like to begin receiving newsletters by e-mail, please do the following:**

- ◆ **E-mail Leslie at [JoyinHaiti.Info@gmail.com](mailto:JoyinHaiti.Info@gmail.com).**
- ◆ **Give your name and mailing address when you request to be added to the e-mail list.**
- ◆ **Watch your spam folder in the future for e-mails from Joy in Haiti.**

*Thank you for helping us spend less on postage and paper and more on helping meet the needs in Haiti!*

## Updates and Information

### SEWING CAFÉ

A dream to start a sewing café as part of Operation of Talents (OPTA), the microloan program, is becoming a reality. The café would be used to teach sewing skills to those wishing to learn, as well as to provide business opportunities for those in the program. The plan is for the workers to use their talents to provide income for their families, as well as to serve the church by sewing some of the special items used in the church and school (like uniforms).

A house has been found that could house this café that is located close to the church. A couple would live onsite to oversee the ministry and to provide security for the sewing machines and supplies.

Currently, NCCOT needs to raise \$3,000 for the rent of the house for one year. If you would like to contribute to this, please designate your giving accordingly. We are excited to see a new phase of OPTA begin!



### SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS

School is back in session on Monday, October 1.

If you would like to sponsor a child's education for the year, suggested donation is \$140. When you sponsor a child, you will receive updates as they are available, and you will have the assurance that you are making a difference in a child's life.

### SCHOOL NUTRITION

Since Joy in Haiti's involvement with The New Christian School of Tabarre (NCSOT), we have worked to help provide snacks for the school children on a daily basis. Hunger is a large part of the learning issues that take place in Haiti, and this is a small way in which to help.

After the earthquake in 2010, another larger organization helped to provide food to area schools like NCSOT, and Joy then helped supplement the extra expenses that were involved with that (charcoal, oil, etc.). However, the program has come to an end for the post-earthquake food assistance, and we are looking at ways to handle this within our budget. Donating food for the container is one way to help, as well as financial contributions.

### CHURCH PROPERTY

The New Christian Church of Tabarre has looked at a couple of properties in the community recently. The price quoted to them for land is approximately \$50,000US. Please continue to pray for guidance for the leadership and for a way to purchase the land that is needed to continue their ministry in the community. The lease for their current property is up next summer.