

A Place To Call Home

Busy, colorful, excited, enthusiastic, energized, multi-generational, noisy

No! It's not the arrival of a carnival or a world cup soccer game! It is the response of a poor village receiving houses! Everyone in Luitor is engaged.

Picture all ages waiting to help unload the housing components, which arrive by sugar cane cart. Picture the loads being carried by community members in the hot sun to the various house sites throughout the village.

Picture a blind woman entering her house – stepping on the concrete slab after carefully removing her shoes. She has never had a floor before! The jumbled remains of her old house are a dramatic reminder of the neediness of this community.

In another village, Macome, we are greeted by an 88 year old, Madame Pierre Fortune. She takes Lauris by the arm and rearranges her own hair for a photo together.

She is overwhelmingly grateful – we are thanked and blessed repeatedly. We promise to come back when her house is finished.

We follow her out to the tarp and iron sheet covered structure where she lives now and she shows us places where the rain gets in. Then it's back to the new house – “What a beautiful roof!!! Bless you!”

Over 1000 people are now out of the rain and into safe shelter! Thank God for his goodness!



Top row: The housing components arrive and are carried to the various house sites.

Bottom row: A blind woman enjoys the cool cement floor in her new home, children rest peacefully under their new roof.



Capacity Building

CRWRC helped to sponsor STAR Training (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) in Haiti for the first time. Three of us from CRWRC and one CRWRC Partner were among the participants.

What a joy to see hope arise in the Haitian participants, including Pastor Harry who profoundly said “We can change Haiti by breaking the cycle of violence by stopping creating victims and aggressors.” What a privilege to see the seeds of change planted in their hearts.

CRWRC also sponsored a training on collaborative leadership for our community advisors in Leogane on four consecutive Saturdays. The training was well done and very professional. The final day corresponded with a visiting Dutch delegation. Ron invited a member of the Dutch parliament to speak and hand out the certificates. His short spontaneous address was on servant leadership with Christ as the example. Right on target!

Pictured left: Pastor Harry was inspired by CRWRC-sponsored STAR training

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask for prayers for:

- The on-going work in Haiti
- Willys Geffrard and the other members of the Haiti Disaster Response team
- Our safe return to and transition back to life in Canada

Please join us in praising God for:

- Our safety and well being during our time in Haiti
- That more than 1,000 people are now living in safe, dry homes.



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Celebration of Ownership

Three representatives from each of the five communities where CRWRC is currently working were selected by their local community based organization to be the first to receive certificates of ownership for their wood framed core house.

The event took place at an outdoor venue in the village of Croix Des Peres called Bethlehem. About 160 people attended including dignitaries, spiritual leaders, community-based organizations, community members, suppliers, CRWRC and the real guests of honour, the 15 house recipients.

Most of the service was in Creole so we depended on others to get the gist of what's said – but two of the recipients were familiar to us: Madame Edner Decayette of Masson (the first house to have plywood cladding) and Madame Pierre Fortune of Macombe (mentioned earlier).

The highlight of the event for us was the recipient speeches. Madame Pierre Fortune spoke with gusto and wept when she explained how she no longer gets wet in her house.

Another highlight is when Madame Edner asks if she would see us again. We promise to stop by to say goodbye to her and her mother. How thoughtful she is.

The Community Advisory Committee did a great job organizing the event and preparing and serving the food. All in all it was a great day.

Wayne DeJong, CRWRC Director of Disaster Response and Rehabilitation provided this most appropriate message for the recipients:

Dear Friends:

I am so sorry I could not be with you today to help celebrate the fact that so many of you now have safe, secure, dry homes of your own to enjoy with your families.

I rejoice with you that there is now some stability in your lives. CRWRC feels deeply honoured that we have the opportunity to serve God and serve you in this amazing way.

Thank you for your patience as our housing program was developed and initiated. CRWRC still has a long way to go, but we're very happy that hundreds of families already have a place to call home again, and have a foundation on which to build a future together.

*What a difference a firm foundation can make!
Remember that if your lives are built on The Rock, on Jesus, you will never be shaken again.*



Top: A home ownership certificate
Middle: Willys Geffrard the new Program Manager in Haiti, Madame Pierre Fortune speaks during the ceremony
Bottom: People are taking pride in their new homes and adding personal touches like this porch

Passing the Baton

While we are moving on and returning home to Canada - the project is gaining momentum with the arrival of Willys Geffrard, a gifted and experienced leader who will take the project to new heights. Willys is the International Disaster Response Country Leader ...aka Program Manager! His faith, wisdom, competence and experience are great assets for the earthquake response team.

Farewell to friends and colleagues is always the hard part after months of investing together in a project such as this. Much of what has been accomplished is credited to the servant-heartedness of the team. We wish them a fruitful and fulfilling future. We are thankful for God's grace and favour for each and every day! To God be the glory for the things He has done!

The side by side pictures of a house destroyed, a tin shack and a newly-framed safe house will remain in our minds as a symbol of transformation ... of new beginnings ... of hope and peace of mind. We leave with Haiti in our hearts.