



CHEMEN LAVI MIYO: PATHWAY TO A BETTER LIFE

Mercy Focus on Haiti is proud to celebrate a 96% graduation rate of the women participating in this 18-month program, which is conducted in partnership with Fonkoze, Haiti's largest microfinance institution serving poor and ultra-poor women in rural Haiti. Participants in Pathway to a Better Life develop both skills and confidence until they have their own functioning microenterprises, making it possible for them to feed their children, send them to school, and have homes with a tin roof, a latrine, and a working water filter. Mercy Focus on Haiti is sponsoring its third cohort of 200 participants in the spring of 2021.

MISSION STATEMENT

Passionate for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the legacy of Catherine McAuley, Mercy Focus on Haiti members are led to service and solidarity with people who are materially poor, especially those living in Haiti. We partner with the Haitian people to meet their unmet needs and we collaborate with like-minded organizations.

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YOU BRING MERCY TO HAITI

This year you “walked” hand-in-hand with the holy people of Gros Morne, Haiti, striving to resolve issues of water and food scarcity, especially during this pandemic. Without water, to drink and to grow food, no Haitian family can survive, much less thrive. This brochure highlights the activities that you make possible for the Gros Morne community which offers hope, life, and light to the thousands of people touched by your care.



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AGRONOMY

Grepén Center's team of agronomists and agronomy technicians, supported in part by Mercy Focus on Haiti, work to support farmers and their families in a host of activities – from sweet potato weevil eradication, container and family gardens to fruit tree planting, soil enhancement, seed development and goat husbandry. Its reforestation program plants saplings in the mountains. Mercy Focus on Haiti also provides support for Grepén's hen house and egg production program, which is now supplying the local community with fresh eggs – an affordable and important source of protein.

WANNA BE A GOOD EGG?

This project increases the protein in the diets of the students at Lekòl Jezi-Mari in Haiti by providing each school child a hard-boiled egg three times a week. A gift of \$60 helps a child learn better and feel better. **Be a Good Egg today!**

MAISON BON SAMARITAIN

Maison Bon Samaritain is home to about 20 residents, some of whom are elderly or frail, and without family. Mercy Focus on Haiti provides staff and program support for the residents as well as capital improvements for the facility. Solar panels and a water storage tank were added, providing electricity and running water throughout the building. The residents and staff create an environment of dignity, respect, love and affection for all in the community of Maison Bon Samaritain.

IMMERSION

Mercy Focus on Haiti takes Mercy students and adults on immersion experiences to Haiti, where they learn a great deal about the skills and virtues of the Haitian people. When this is not possible, because of a pandemic or unusual civil unrest, we assist Mercy schools and colleges/universities to bring Haiti to the U.S. – through classroom learning, campus lectures, and mini-fundraising campaigns focused on the gifts and needs of the Haitian people and the programs in which Mercy Focus on Haiti is engaged.



RAINWATER HARVESTING

In Gros Morne, food insecurity is worse than ever, partly because drought conditions persist, and existing wells are drying up.

Despite our flourishing agronomy program, water scarcity is now a critical concern in Gros Morne. Without water to drink and grow food, no Haitian family can survive, much less thrive. Our goal is to elevate the skill level of the Gros Morne community for water care, control, and conservation while providing for the basic food and health needs for Haitian families and caring for our earthly home in the process.

This 2020-21 community rainwater collection/harvesting effort will result in 50 new 500 to 1,000 gallon rain storage facilities. The stored rainwater will be strategically placed so the farmers can access water for their crops.