

## **Second Mission Summary And Progress Report**

I hope this letter will serve as my report of how we (Wing and a Prayer Foundation) have performed since joining the "Heaven sent" mission in Haiti. It's my goal to summarize our strategies, processes, accomplishments and, most importantly, how these efforts should outline and pave the way to achieving much bigger goals for the families of Bethany Baptist Christian Church and School in Caye Jacmel and ultimately Jacmel as a whole.

Since the start, we felt that Bethany Baptist Christian Church and School's mission gave us an achievable target. We didn't want to bite off more than we could chew and wanted all of our efforts to lead to very definable achievements - delivering relief directly to the needy without "friction loss." I think we have done remarkably well for our rookie season.

Our first goals were to establish a secure staging area for the immediate response to the event, sustained routine support and, God forbid, providing support for future events. The Dominican Republic was the obvious solution. With contacts already established in Santo Domingo, we were able to hit the ground running.

During our first trip we staged shuttle flights from the Dominican Republic to Jacmel delivering various supplies that had been requested, which most importantly included a month's supply of food for 270 students. Those supplies were purchased in the U.S. and the Dominican Republic. We also used this mission as an opportunity to buy an Isuzu utility truck and an 11,000 watt generator. We felt these purchases were critical.

First, the truck could be used to transport supplies, people and anything else the School might need. The dependence on other Haitian sources could be substantially diminished if not eliminated.

Second, as state sponsored electricity comes and goes, the School would have a backup source of power in the new generator. Both tools, being diesel powered, are easier to support, safer to use, and efficient to supply.

Our future use of the utility truck is exciting. The plan is to equip it with a box for secure containment of its cargo. It can be used to commute back and forth to the Dominican Republic for all needs and where it can be serviced by a qualified technician in Santo Domingo.

To conclude our first trip it was critical to get Jim Speicher, the missionary in charge of the School, back to the Dominican Republic for your connecting flight to the U.S. The earthquake had taken its toll and he needed rehabilitation.

During the following weeks we were able to shop many sources of supplies from the U.S., Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. It was decided for our second mission we would charter a cargo plane to transport donations of food, clothes and various supplies from the States to the Dominican Republic.

And let's not forget Mr. Speicher's return. Our pilot, Mike, sends his gratitude for Mr. Speicher's service as 1<sup>st</sup> Officer. From the Dominican Republic we loaded more food stuffs on the cargo plane to complete its capacity. The next day, Mr. Speicher was back at the helm with additional supplies and a full head of steam.

Simultaneously, Mica and I completed the shopping list in Santo Domingo. The list included 3 or 4 months of food supplies and a 250 gallon diesel fuel tank for the generator. The next day a hired delivery truck started its journey to the School. This trip wasn't to be an uneventful.

Due to the lifting of the humanitarian conditions in Haiti and the government's fear of the reselling of donated goods, our truck was stopped at the border with over 10,000 pounds of food on board. We were required to send Pastor Remi to the border to accept the truck for the Church. Forty-eight hours later, the goods arrive in Caye Jacmel. All's well that ends well.

The final component to the second mission was for me to visit the Port of Jacmel. Upon our arrival to the Port we witnessed a large ocean going barge and tug arriving. This equipment had arrived from the Dominican Republic to start pulling out the Canadian military's equipment. This appeared to be ending Canada's military presence following the earthquake. Our site inspection uncovered a pier that is more than capable of receiving large barges drafting at least 10 feet of water. Good news for future barge deliveries.

From the Port we had the opportunity to visit with Customs and the Port Director who will be the contact for future tax and duty issues.

Now that I have surveyed the ingress/egress issues and feel comfortable with the results, I will focus on fund raising. I have attached a spreadsheet outlining Bethany Baptist Christian Church and School's objectives for the coming year and what financial challenges they present. It is urgent that we collect these donations as soon as possible and start construction.

I guess all that is left to say is, "Let's get to work!"

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