

Haitian Artisans for Peace International

Advance #3020490

Global Ministries: United Methodist Church

Living out Christ in community for a world of peace with justice

Annual Goal: \$100,000.00

Location: [Haiti](#), [Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

Partner: Grand Rapids District Peace with Justice Community (UMC funded)

Background/History

Situation: Mizak is a mountainous, rural section of La Vallee consisting of 23 localities, situated in the southeast department of Haiti, 80 km south of Port-au-Prince and 12 km west of Jacmel. The total population is just over 35,000. Seventy percent of the people are peasants living under the poverty level of less than \$1 per day. Sixty-three percent of the population is under the age of 18. There is no hospital or doctor, no opportunities for adult education/training, no industry, electricity, telecommunication, plumbing, or water filtration. Agriculture is the main and unreliable source of livelihood.

Adolescents, young adults and those with skilled trades are emigrating to Port-au-Prince or Dominican Republic. Those without skilled trades often fall into delinquency or prostitution because of their lack of marketable skills and massive unemployment rates. Some return pregnant or ill for the community to care for. Women travel long distances to market agricultural goods and may fall victim to rape/theft in the marketplace, or become victims of unsafe transportation. They lose profit in transportation costs and also lose family time.

Impact of January 12th Earthquake to Emigration: Mizak has experienced 'reverse emigration.' 60% of the economy of Port-au-Prince collapsed. This has tremendously burdened rural areas as family members return to Mizak and elsewhere. No large-scale aid provisions have been made for rural areas. Family members who were employed in Port-au-Prince prior to the quake no longer have an income to share with their rural relatives, eliminating this cash flow. Over 3000 homes in Mizak were damaged or destroyed. Prices have climbed on food basics and gas, household size in the rural communities has increased, hunger and homelessness have increased. The majority of households have no measurable income; they rely on a system of barter and trade. This does not pay for tuition or health care. Families are extremely vulnerable to any emergency situation or a bad crop. They live in daily fear. Need: The community wants to raise more of its members above the level of extreme poverty and increase measurable, cash income to pay for education, healthcare and housing. They want to provide employment alternatives to the market or field, especially for women, which are closer to home, less physically demanding, and in a safe environment. The community wants change that will break the cycle of youth leaving the community to follow the mirage of opportunity elsewhere. They want to protect their community from civic violence and disease. They want spiritual development that cares for body and soul. They want access to better medical care. They seek to enhance the health and safety of

their community members and to be a model 'community of peace.' Additionally, and most importantly, HAPI wants to achieve change in the societal perception of the value of women. Significant accomplishments:

- 1) HAPI's initial focus was to increase economic opportunities for women. They started a fair trade artisan business with 32 female artisans and three Haitian staff, which increased to a total pool of 54 part-time artisans in HAPI's 'creativity center'. HAPI is now 'graduating' off smaller, specialized artisan units into independent businesses in a vendor relationship to HAPI and encouraging the production of both HAPI and nonHAPI products with the use of microloans. The new business units are seeing increases in product volume and profit.
- 2) 'Peace Pals' teaches children to interact with love and respect toward one another, to think about peace in their everyday lives and how to put those thoughts into simple actions. The program is held every Saturday by 25 indigenous leaders. Since the earthquake and emigration of children from Port-au-Prince, Peace Pals increased from 100 to 500.
- 3) The Bible study 'graduated' to an emerging congregation of approximately 100 persons, 'Faith in Action' Methodists of Mizak. It has been ratified by the Methodist Church of Haiti and will be accepted into their Annual Conference, January 2011.
- 4) The HAPI clinic is now open daily with 2 fulltime local employees. Community shut-ins receive periodic home visits.
- 5) The medika mamba intervention for children under 5 yrs old continues.
- 6) Site development: The Peace Park perimeter has been enclosed, latrines and a cistern added, and a pavilion.
- 7) HAPI has been accepted as a 'Community of Shalom' in partnership with Drew University and as a 'sister' COS to the Grand Rapids UM District. Training is currently underway in Shalom concepts and interpersonal, business and project management.
- 8) Purchased a used vehicle to haul supplies, local team travel, and persons to the Jacmel hospital.
- 9) Distributed food relief following the earthquake.

Goals & Objectives

Our goals & objectives are focused in 4 key strategic areas. In each of these areas, we are intentional in encouraging local creativity and in the inclusion and empowerment of women.

Health

Health, healing and wholeness of self, others & environment.

- 1) Community-based clinic. Maintain daily hours (9-4) with 2 indigenous staff: Director of Community Health & registered nurse. Maintain availability of prescription and nonprescription meds with participation of UMVIM teams (4 annually).
- 2) Establish benevolence fund to provide transportation to women in labor or those in acute medical situations from the Mizak clinic to full-service clinic in Jacmel.
- 3) Medika Mamba: Nutrition intervention for children ages 0-5 utilizing 12 trained health care workers. HCW also does health promotion with families. Optimally, 24 children per quarter (96 annually).
- 4) Health care worker and midwifery education. Two UMVIM HCW training teams annually. Send 1 local midwife to midwifery training. Development of curriculum and certification. Increase integrated maternal care from pregnancy to post delivery (See ABCD). Provide birthing kits. (See 'Investment')

- 5) Completion of Peace Park cistern with chlorinator or other filtering device.
 - 6) Encourage various water purification methods and understanding of cross contamination, proper hygiene.
 - 7) Food security. (See 'ABCD')
 - 8) Environmental health: Planting trees, using recycled/reused materials to create artisan products and encouraging clean up of trash and reduction of Styrofoam to Peace Pals.
 - 9) Spiritual health
- Artisan painted prayers (See 'Prosperity')
- Lay pastor education. (See 'Investment')
- Prayer ministry (See 'Investment')

ABCD

Asset-based community development. In this area, we will highlight the action & growth of our Shalom Zones. HAPI will provide participatory training in organizational and leadership development and project management. Ultimately, indigenous leaders set their own priorities and work their own projects.

Currently, we have a 'park beautification' Shalom Zone and a 'Men / Women Against Domestic Violence' Shalom Zone. They will each develop their own goals, as well as collectively participate in broader community development initiatives.

In the next 12 months, the goals are to:

- 1) Complete training in the basic concepts of Shalom.
- 2) Have a Shalom Zone site plan for each individual site and for a collective community project; help the community see how all parts work together to form a whole.
- 3) Identify a core group as a steering committee for Communities of Shalom in Mizak.
- 4) Celebrate the milestone of articles 1 - 3 with a Commissioning Service.
- 5) Continue participatory training in basic organizational concepts, interpersonal skills, leadership development, budgeting / accounting, and project management.
- 6) Successfully complete a minimum of 2 community-initiated projects.
- 7) Initiate new Shalom activity based on local assets and strengths to address other areas of community need: potable water, job creation (See 'Prosperity'), health moms, healthy babies (See Health), & food security (See 'Health').

Some of these Shalom activities may be initiated by new Shalom Zones, or some may be broad community projects.

Prosperity

- 1) To increase product sales to artisan businesses by 25%.
- 2) To expand economic opportunities with microfinance.
- 3) Job creation through small or medium-sized businesses (See 'ABCD')

Investment.

Many of our new upcoming goals and objectives for 2011 center on investing in HAPI's capacity in systems, structures and people to sustain current initiatives and build indigenous capacity for leadership and expansion.

- 1) To fund and begin construction on a two-story, solar-or-wind powered facility, complete with satellite for telecommunications capability. Multi-purpose main floor for artisan businesses and community emergency shelter and upper level for cyber caf?, seminars and offices.
- 2) Peace Park: To add a water tower and turbine above cistern, a storage depot, and playground equipment.
- 3) To maintain current local staffing levels for all programs and support a paid US staff position.

- 4) Participatory training in organizational and leadership development, planning and project management, basic accounting and lay pastor.
- 5) Attempt again to send 1 or 2 persons to Servants in Faith and Technology.
- 6) Peace Pals: Maintain programming for 500 children with 25 leaders. Identify training needs for leaders. Continue education with children on respect, self-worth, conflict resolution, environment, and health / hygiene. Provide VBS or summer 'camp' opportunities.
- 7) Local home repair: Thousands of homes are in need of repairs to roofs and walls or need new window shutters or doors due to hurricanes and earthquake damage. Up to \$10,000 annually on home repairs or replacement.
- 8) LONG TERM, 2012 and beyond- maternal care / birthing center and university for health, business and alternative energy training, both theory & practical application.

Activities Plan

- 1) Develop a more cohesive marketing plan for both church and retail outlets. 2) Identify reps and communication strategies to implement the marketing plan and increase distribution. 3) Continue product development and market introduction. 4) Continue business and project management education of Haitian staff.
- 5) Increase social media and online fundraising from Haiti.
- 6) Gather information on costs of building and transportation projects. Determine material sources (what's local and what will need to be shipped, like playground equipment). 7) Line up an architect and engineer to oversee project.
- 8) Continue volunteer cultivation to meet needs of respective areas of HAPI.
- 9) Continue local training and development to equip HAPI and the community to use their gifts and assets to respond to their community needs.
- 10) Work on board development and fund development. Launch campaign to fund new facility.
- 11) Create google map of Mizak and project; data collection. (Global Information Systems GIS)

Budget and Financial Information

Income

Advance Financial Goal	\$100,000.00
Grants	\$32,500.00
Merchandise Sales (based on card sales from inventory position ONLY; new products not yet calculated)	\$30,000.00
Gifts (organizations & individuals)	\$25,000.00
Team project funds	\$20,000.00
Carryover (2011 projects)	\$10,500.00
Fundraising events	\$10,000.00
In Kind donations	\$7,000.00
HAPI clinic	\$1,500.00
HAPI microloan interest	\$1,500.00
Vehicle maintenance fee	\$300.00

\$238,300.00

Expenses

ADVANCE - Dist rev-Building (artisan co-op, cyber cafe, class/office space)	\$65,000.00
Dist rev-Peace Park water tower & turbine	\$26,000.00
ADVANCE - Shalom Zone grant fund	\$20,000.00
ADVANCE - Medika mamba nutrition intervention	\$18,000.00
Merchandise	\$12,000.00
ADVANCE - Haiti staff compensation (5)	\$9,000.00
Decent housing repair / replace fund	\$8,500.00
VBS camps	\$8,500.00
Health care worker / midwifery seminars	\$8,500.00
US staff compensation	\$7,000.00
ADVANCE - Dist rev-Peace Pals (program)	\$5,800.00
ADVANCE - Microloan & sm business fund	\$5,100.00
Travel, US & Haiti staff	\$4,500.00
Continuing education, Haiti staff development	\$4,000.00
ADVANCE - Sales & marketing trade show	\$4,000.00
Artisan business debt retirement	\$3,500.00
ADVANCE - Community medical benevolence fund	\$3,400.00
Haitian nurse (contract)	\$3,000.00
Materials to assemble & package product	\$3,000.00
Artisan seminar	\$3,000.00
ADVANCE - International Day of Peace Community celebration	\$3,000.00
Storage depot	\$3,000.00
Bank fees	\$2,450.00
International calls & cyber cafe communication	\$2,000.00
Liability & directors' insurance	\$1,300.00
Postage and Shipping	\$1,080.00
Office Supplies, US & Haiti	\$800.00
Guard, contract	\$720.00
Mobile Phone	\$540.00
Trees / agriculture	\$425.00
Admin and Meetings	\$400.00
Web Site / Constant Contacts fees	\$300.00
Dist rev-Product development (program)	\$300.00
Rent in Haiti	\$300.00
Vehicle maintenance	\$0.00
Playground equipment	\$0.00
Dist rev-DEVELOPED youth photo club	\$0.00
	\$238,415.00

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