

# The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti Partnership Program

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

As coordinator of the Partnership Program of the Diocese of Haiti, I want to take this opportunity to tell you of all the good things that are happening in Haiti, in great part because of your continued prayers and support. Too often, the news that you receive from Haiti is of great need and unrest; however, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, there is indeed Good News to share.

Your support has made it possible for us to continue our work in health care, clean water, development, nutrition, education and feeding programs for your brothers and sisters in Christ here in Haiti. Although we are separated by many miles, we know that you are with us, and we pray that we are with you in the Spirit.

We know how difficult it has been for you to raise funding to help support us; the economic crisis around the world has made all of our finances very tight. But through your great faith, you have made it possible for us to continue to care for all of God's children here. We cannot do our work without you.

Many of our priests are preparing their reports to send to you concerning the various projects you support. They also will include information and budgets for the upcoming year. We pray that you will receive these reports with all of our gratitude for your work with us.

The four hurricanes that devastated Haiti last year made our work more difficult. Our people are still suffering from the effects of those terrible storms. Your extra support in the face of those fierce winds and rains gave us, and continue to give us, great hope for the future of our people. Your support continues to change and improve the lives of the people here, and we cannot tell you enough of our deep gratitude.

Our schools are all entering examination time, a difficult time for our students, but they have studied hard and the teachers have worked harder to help them, and all of us have high hopes for excellent test scores. The school year will end in late June, and will resume in the first week of September.

At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in July in Anaheim, we will have a booth in the exhibit hall (No. 512). We invite all of our partners, and all who are interested in becoming

partners in the Gospel to visit this booth throughout Convention. The Rev. Fernande Pierre Louis, director of Holy Trinity Elementary School in Port-au-Prince, will be at the booth, with information about our institutions and crafts from the Holy Trinity Gift Shop. The Rev. Fritz Valdema, who is priest-in-charge of the parishes in Croix-de-Bouquets, will also be at the booth. Brochures about the Diocese of Haiti and its various projects will be available at the booth; we invite you to take some, and to invite others to read them as well, so that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ might be expanded in Haiti.

In another piece of good news, the Diocese of Haiti will be receiving an Appointed Missionary from the United States who will serve here for three years. This priest will be helping with the Partnership Program, assisting in developing our vision and implementation of that vision, as the bishop deems necessary, as well as many other projects here. More information will be forthcoming on this new appointment in late summer.

Please know that we continue to pray for all of you. We know that this last year has been difficult for many of us, and we hope that our prayers will strengthen you in all of your good works done in the name of Jesus. Our prayer is that we will continue to work together as partners in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for many years to come. You are a blessing to us, and we pray that we are a blessing to you in return.

Please pray specifically for the people of Haiti at this time. The hurricane season already has begun, and our people, who are still recovering from last year's devastation, are praying for a calm season this year.

.I bid you God's peace and blessings, and praise God for all of your love and support for God's children in Haiti.

Your servant in Christ,  
The Rev. Pere Kesner Ajax  
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