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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to begin by thanking each and every one of you for your generous support of our work in Haiti. Against all odds, we have made great strides in the rebuilding of this survival based country.

WHY GO TO HAITI?

Many believe that the earthquake that hit Haiti was the most devastating disaster of its history. This is not the truth. In fact, the earthquake **could** be Haiti's only hope for eternity. You see, Haiti has been spiraling downward into perdition for decades. This is not because of its dictators and leaders, or of its corruption and greed. It is because Haiti has been serving the wrong god. It has become so bad in Haiti with their self-serving survival mentality that they rebelled against their own human nature of protecting and nurturing their own children. Haiti had over 400,000 orphans prior to the earthquake and now it is estimated that the orphan numbers are greater than 1,000,000. The earthquake has brought the real problem Haiti has to the whole world. **Save the children!** There are now more missionaries going to Haiti building orphanages and schools than ever before because the world, now looking from the outside in, recognizes that the **only hope for Haiti is its children.**

**WHAT HAVE WE SPENT TO DATE AND WHAT ARE WE PLANNING
TO DO IN THE FUTURE?**

We have come to recognize, as funds are tightening, that we have to prioritize where we spend our energy and resources. In the last year and a half, we have spent a little over \$200,000 in construction and about \$125,000 in maintaining and surviving. We have a secure compound in which we can now stay. Pastor Willy Severe has moved off of the mountain and into the compound and we are now seeing a God centered community developing due to his leadership and passion for the children. Since Pastor Willy has been at the compound we have been serving 1 meal a day for the children who attend school and enrollment has doubled from 125 kids to 250 kids. Our monthly overhead has now risen to \$6,000/month, which when divided by 200 children is only \$30/month per child.

We have enclosed 2 acres inside a 10' high wall with metal gates for security. We have the walls of 12 classroom buildings, a kitchen & cafeteria, which now need a roof that we are designing and will be shipping from the states within the next month. We have a bath house and a 200' well with a solar powered filtration system, which has a roof but is in need of plumbing to the 4 cylinder septic tank, toilets, and showers.

We finally were able to get our old truck and trailer out of the port with a 40'x 60' revival tent. Dr. Suarez, who is Columbian and speaks Spanish, contacted the Paraguayan U.N. for medical support while he was in Haiti for 6 weeks. We met the colonel in charge and shared with him our commitment to the orphans. We asked for help erecting the revival tent over the church slab and they did a terrific job. Now, the village has a temporary school house and church. They have also agreed to help us with their building expertise if we supply the

materials and teachable men. They have given us a list of materials for the plumbing of the bath house and septic tank that we will buy when we go back in June. That will give us 6 showers and six toilets with lids and concrete floors which can be cleaned properly. This will help stop the spreading of disease. It will also give us a complete bath house in which we can bottle our clean water.

**WE HAVE TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO FISH INSTEAD OF GIVING
THEM FISH!**

We are focusing our energy these days on generating ways to produce income in Haiti and finding sponsors of \$30/month or group sponsors of \$100-\$500/month. This will eliminate constantly having to fundraise and instead shift the focus on teaching and nurturing.

Pastor Victor from Dominican Republic has found us a manual bottling system for about \$7,000. We believe this system will pay for itself in less than a year as well as generate jobs for the community.

We are developing a fleet of vehicles in Haiti which we can rent with a driver to other missionaries while in Haiti. We pay \$180/day for a suburban every time we go to Haiti. So, we are now trying to buy 4 or 5 1996-1999 suburban's with 350 engines for \$3-5000 each and shipping them to Haiti. This will incur another cost of \$2,000 each. Vehicles in Haiti only last about 1 year because of the driving conditions so our concept is to buy vehicles with the same engine so that when it dies we can use it for parts. We have found another ministry group who will pay us \$120/day for our vehicles, maintain them, supply a driver and be responsible for keeping them rented. We will take 1/3 of that income and put it into a fund for maintenance, 1/3 to buy more vehicles, and 1/3 to the school and orphanage. We are looking for individuals or groups who will sponsor a car \$5-7000 to get us started in this program. My wife and I

have committed to one. We need 4 more to get this program started.

As many of you know, we were given some farm land as well as some land on a big lake years ago in which the only requirement for legal ownership was enclosing the property. These tracts are approximately 30 acres each and we've never had the funds to enclose these properties. The lake property has become a high priority because of its location and the government wants to take it back because we have not enclosed it. On this last trip to Haiti, Pastor Willy and Frontline fought to keep this property. We have paid to have it surveyed and were able to get the four corners marked with 10' poles in cement. It is 1400 meters around the property and it took us all day with 6 laborers and a police escort to put in just the four corner posts. Pastor Cliff Wallace, with your support, has raised \$7,165 to rent a backhoe but we need another \$13,000 for material and labor. We have been given a 40 Ton crane which we have been trying to sell and were considering auctioning it off at the end of June. Jack Iverstine from Task Force who has been our largest contributor and I have talked extensively about how to fence in this property. We have concluded that even if we were able to raise the \$13,000 for labor and material that getting the school completed was a much higher priority for these funds. We have determined that for about \$2-3,000 we can plant 10' poles in concrete and attach barbed wire to enclose the property and secure ownership.

May God Bless You!

Sincerely yours,

Patrick R. Cramer – President – Frontline Men's Ministry Inc

P.S. Sometimes a donation to charity is worth more than selling the item for cash. For example 1996-1999 suburbans have a bluebook value of about \$8,000 but because gas is up no one wants to drive them they only sell for \$3-4000 if you can find a buyer. If you donate it to frontline you get a charitable contribution deduction on schedule A of \$8,000 which could generate tax savings depending on your tax bracket of 21-37% or \$1700-\$3000 in after tax dollars. This makes perfect sense if there is something wrong with the suburban. They get a tax write off for blue book value and then we pay to get it fixed and put it in use in Haiti.