

Project Ideas

An Idea List of How You Can Physically Help Your Sister Church

RMI's goal is first and foremost to foster relationships between your two churches that will cause both to grow in their Christian walk and their evangelistic outreach into their community.

Although most US churches are anxious to share their wealth with their less fortunate brethren, there is absolutely no financial obligation to be involved in any project.

However, if your church does choose to take on a project, they will be expected to cover the cost. The Haitian church members will gladly provide the brawn and work alongside of the team on projects agreed upon together.

During this session you should determine the projects you wish to undertake, if any, and then contact the RMI International Office, who will then be in consultation with the staff in Haiti, to get their feedback. They might have further suggestions or have some pertinent information concerning a specific need at that time.

For first time teams, the RMI Haiti staff will work with your Sister Church pastor and the church committee to give you a list of their needs. For subsequent teams, you can use the information from the church committee meeting that your team had with the church during their last visit to address the church's felt needs (as opposed to what you may think their needs are!).

The following list is compiled at the request of several churches and is included here simply for your information. Some are very simple and could be undertaken by small groups such as Sunday School classes or even families. Others are more complex and expensive. You can send for more information according to your interests, capabilities and your Sister Church's stated needs.

Smaller projects

- ✓ Purchase Creole Bibles in Haiti for each adult
- ✓ Purchase Creole/French hymn books in Haiti for each adult
- ✓ Purchase Coleman kerosene lanterns in Haiti
- ✓ Fuel for a year for the lanterns
- ✓ Communion set
- ✓ Purchase Sunday School lessons in Haiti
- ✓ Purchase Bible study books in French for your Sister Church pastor
- ✓ Amplifier for open air meetings
- ✓ Musical instruments

More extensive projects

- ✓ Painting church, school or parsonage
- ✓ Roof for church, school or parsonage. Usually we ask the Haitian Sister Church takes the responsibility of erecting the walls. RMI Sister Church teams then will help put on the roof.
- ✓ Benches for the church or school
- ✓ Providing a Domestic Center for the training of young women in the skills of producing handcrafted items
- ✓ Co-operative store including renting or building a small building and providing initial supplies and training
- ✓ Animal husbandry including purchasing of livestock for breeding and then distribution among the church families
- ✓ Experimental gardens
- ✓ Reforestation projects
- ✓ Generator for church and parsonage
- ✓ Gas money for the generator
- ✓ Motorcycle for the pastor
- ✓ Wiring the church/parsonage for electricity
- ✓ Various projects at the Zanglais Retreat Center



- ✓ Transportation for the pastor such as a motorcycle or mule
- ✓ Tickets to bring the pastor and/or his wife to the States to visit US Sister Church a year or two after the relationship has begun
- ✓ Subsidize your Sister Church leaders at a Leaders' Seminar at the Zanglais Retreat Center
- ✓ Underwrite men's/women's/youth retreat at the Sister Church for your Sister Church or all of the churches of the district
- ✓ Underwrite a retreat for a particular group (deacons and their wives, couples, men, women, etc.) from your Sister Church at the Zanglais Retreat Center
- ✓ Refrigerator or stove for the parsonage
- ✓ Water project
- ✓ Building or repairing widows' homes
- ✓ Medical clinics
- ✓ Dental clinics
- ✓ Music clinics, including teaching music theory or a particular instrument
- ✓ Music concerts
- ✓ Puppets for use by all Sister Churches
- ✓ Specialized training including carpentry, electricity, various home industries, etc.
- ✓ Sponsoring school children with RMI's *Hope for Kidz* Program

You might have an idea of your own once you have completed your SCP trip. Talk it over with RMI staff.

We encourage your missions committee to make a **5 year plan** for your interaction with your Sister Church. This would include when you will visit as well as any projects. This will enable your relationship to have purpose and direction, and also, enable plans and follow through to be cared for well in advance.

