

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Larry

*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.
Proverbs 12:15*

Betsy Wall is the Executive Director of Foundation for International Development Assistance (FIDA)/ productive cooperatives Haiti (pcH). FIDA has actively been promoting the productive agricultural cooperative model in Haiti since 1984. I heard the following quote from Betsy on my last trip to Haiti and thought it was profound.

“Every day farmers in this country (Haiti) wake up and labor tirelessly under a beating sun, preparing their fields with pick and hoe, planting seed they have walked miles for, and praying to God to bless their harvest so they may be able to have the dignity of providing for their families. And, in the name of that same God, we undermine every drop of sweat on their brow by sending container loads of “free” food because we believe it is the Christ-like thing to do.”

I have seen so many articles, most of them coming after the earthquake, about groups of people sending food to Haiti. Meanwhile those of us who know Haiti, know that plenty of food is already in the country. The U.S.A., as well as other countries, have flooded the country with rice. In doing so, the farming culture is being destroyed. This is the culture that brought the U.S.A to the economic power that it is. It started with farmers.

Another problem I see is the orphanages being established in Haiti. For many years now we, the United States, have done away with orphanages. We realized long ago

that this model does not work in raising children. Without love, the child grows up, but is not raised. Even though we know, or should know, that this is not a way to raise children, we go to other countries and start orphanages. I saw this example personified in Romania when I was there in 2007. Romania has huge 500 children orphanages with boys and girls of all ages mixed together. It is horrible.

This is why Servants Gift does not, nor will we ever, have an orphanage in Haiti or anywhere else. Dada's house is a home and any further expansion for us will be other homes or foster families. We believe that children are special people and deserve to be raised in a loving family atmosphere.

In His Service,
Larry



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:7



Larry and his sweet friend Linda. Larry met Linda back in 2010 and has seen her several times since. She suffers from a bad case of a fungal infection and has been getting treated by Larry and the medical clinic. Thankfully, Linda is doing better.

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Cathedral in downtown Port Au Prince

Prayer Requests

- Ruth to continue improving from malaria
- Pastor John and his wife Ruth's pregnancy
- A car to send to Haiti for Dada
- Health for Dada and all the kids
- Sponsors for all kids
- John: school and his prosthetic leg
- Medical clinic
- Stability in Haiti
- Project Papillon team

Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Child sponsorship
 - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at sponsorship@servantsgift.com
- Larry is available for speaking arrangements. If you are interested in hearing more about his trips and testimony please contact him at larry@servantsgift.com
- We are still in need of a car to send to Haiti for Dada to use. If you or someone you know would be able to help with that, please contact Larry at larry@servantsgift.com
- Administrative support- data entry and mailing
 - Contact Jean at jean.maloroberts@gmail.com
- Monthly financial support
- Be a prayer partner
- To be added to our newsletter mailing list, please send your email and mailing information to Stephanie at steph@jasonmckee.net.

