

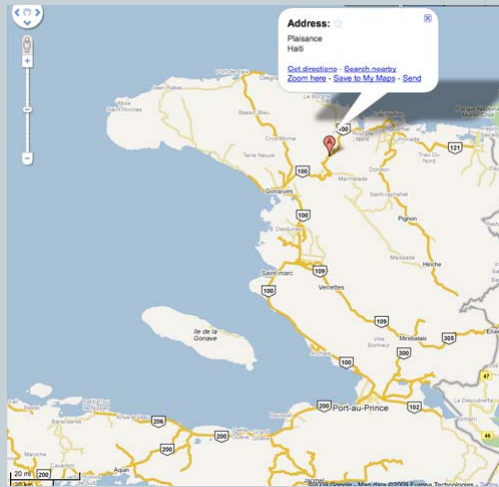
Duvivier Haiti Project, Inc

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Haiti

- Haiti inhabits the western third of the island of Hispaniola, which is located in the Caribbean between Cuba and Puerto Rico. The Dominican Republic occupies the remainder of the island. In 2008, Haiti had an estimated population of 9 million.

Location of Plaisance, Haiti



Plaisance/ Duvivier

- The town of Plaisance is located on the Route Nationale Numero 1, the main highway in Haiti, at approximately 40 km south of Cap-Haitien, the second largest city in Haiti and about 50 Km from Gonaives, Plaisance can be accessed by bus. Duvivier is on the outskirts of Plaisance a 30 minute walk from the center of town.

Duvivier Region



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Our Mission

- The mission of the Haiti Duvivier Project Inc. is to improve the quality of life for Haiti's people, particularly those who are malnourished; through religious, nutritional, educational, athletic and healthcare programs by using sustainable, renewable energy sources to empower and bring new opportunities to the country.

Our Purpose

- To establish a facility that will accelerate community development, and to provide intervention strategies to address issues of education, vocational training and employment opportunities in the Northern region of Haiti, which encompass Plaisance, Pilate and the surrounding towns. This proposal has evolved from meetings with local residents where topics such as deforestation, malnutrition and the need for change that can affect the future were discussed.

Project Ideas

Short Term

- Road construction
- Securing the property with fence
- Construction of a warehouse
- Public restrooms and health education
- Water pump installation
- Goat sharing project
- Conservation program
- Fish farm
- Build a nursery of local tropical fruit trees
- Offer a hot meal daily to children in the region
- Recruit young men and women to train them as agricultural extension workers
- Provide a literacy center for people of the area

Project Ideas (Cont)

Mid term

- Add chicken coops
- Teach agricultural and water irrigation techniques
- Add a pig pen for a pig sharing program
- Build a pen for goats
- Rent out tools to local farmers
- Build a community supported store
- Build a recreation center for local youth

Project Ideas (cont)

Long term

- Build a health center
- Build a community park
- Create an art center
- Expand the training center to include other practical skills needed by the community
- Work on different infrastructure for the community such as roads and bridges as needed
- Have an energy plan for the community where solar and wind energy can be used for needed power locally
- Build an assisted living facility to assist the indigents of the community
- Assist local residents with housing projects

Our Progress So Far...

- The project is located on a 12-acre property in Plaisance, Haiti, near the Artibonite region which makes it favorable for extension and participation of other communities.
- A road has been built in Duvivier in recent weeks to provide better access to the property.

Photos of Duvivier



Road construction



Working on the road



Work in progress



Lunch



The Road



End of the road



Pay day



Men at work



Women at work



Last day of work



Initial Phase

- Part of the land will be used to construct the training center and to conduct the program. It is expected that the entire process of establishing this center with adequate infrastructure and proper manpower would take about one year.
- The first part of it includes securing the property with solar powered electric fence
- Building of an outside toilet

Initial Phase (cont)

- Following the securing of the property, our next priority is to develop the necessary infrastructure with the required building, machinery, tools, equipment and staff. This includes the following:
 - Constructions of a training center
 - Purchase of machinery and equipment
 - Recruitment and training of staff
 - Enrollment
 - Management
 - Evaluation

Goat Sharing Program

- A poverty alleviation program through agricultural education.
- Involves local veterinarian students and professionals for skill sharing activities that benefit all.
- Participants would have the opportunity to receive training on goat herding, and animal care.
- Goal – to distribute 280 goats by the end of the second year.



Goat Sharing Program (cont)

Program Objectives

- Provide community members with a goat-sharing plan to aid poverty alleviation
- Provide vet students and grads a place to practice their acquire skills
- Provide participants with a means to support their families while learning about animal husbandry, feed and health.

Conservation Program

- Develop a conservation program where community members can learn about soil conservation and how to plant trees known for their ability to conserve top soil.
- Participants will learn how to build terraces, how to build compost piles in order to decrease dependence on fertilizers from the market

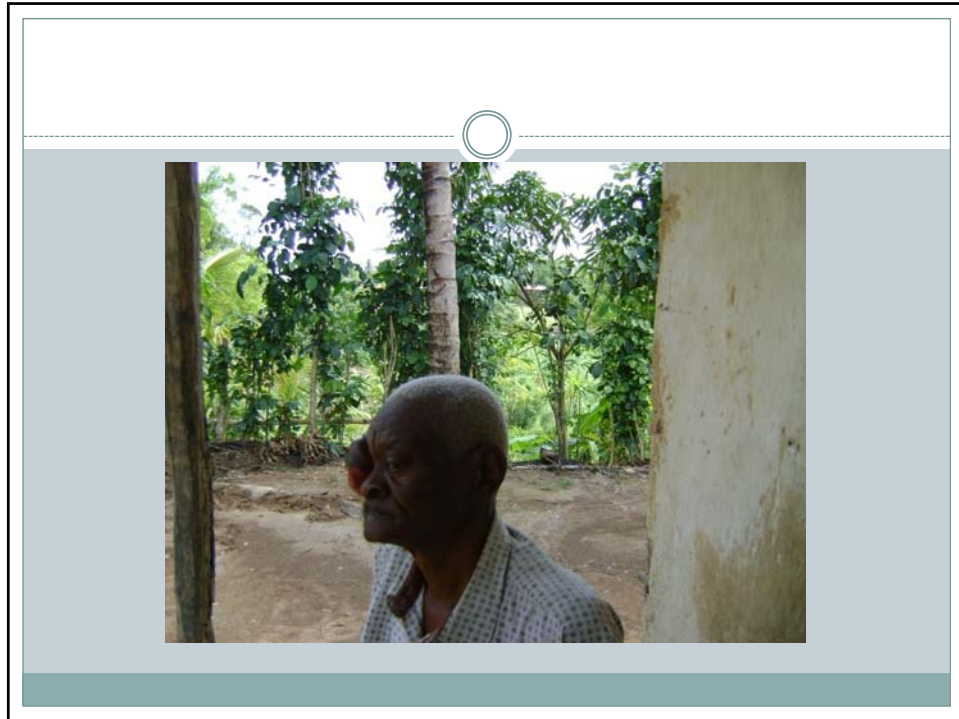
Health Needs

- Haiti faces many health issues. Most of them are preventable
- Preventive health is not practiced in Haiti
- Infant mortality rate is 60 per 1,000 compared to 37 worldwide (CIA world fact book)
- Preventable childhood diseases are rampant as children are not getting needed vaccination
- Inadequate sanitation, HIV/AIDS, contaminated water, tuberculosis, infant and maternal mortality are all part of the health issues faced by the people of Haiti

Health Center

- Medical centers in Haiti are rare and for the most part sub-standard.
- Doctors and hospitals often expect immediate cash for payment for health services.
- The nearest hospital to Plaisance is located in Limbe a town located about 20 km north to its north.
- Our goal is to establish a health center in Plaisance to assist the local residents and help increase health outcomes.





Project Needs

- Farmhouse construction
- Sustainable energy source such as solar or wind power

Thank you!

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- God bless you!

More Photos of Duvivier



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