

# Journey to Haiti



- Having and loving a family is the best thing that has ever happened to me. Getting involved in Haiti is the next most life changing thing I have ever experienced. I went to Haiti for the first time in 2012 with FBC Cleveland. Since that trip, my family and I have been back six or seven times. I count it among one of the greatest gifts that God has ever given me that I have been allowed to watch the wonderful things He is doing there.

It's hard to single out one thing, but the easiest thing to show through pictures is the journey that an Orphanage has taken. In 2012, our group was one of the first groups to ever visit that orphanage. The conditions were deplorable. There were 65 children living there in squalor like conditions.



- There was a precious Christian husband and wife doing their best to take care of those children. They were sharing beds and had no real structure built for school or church. In the 4 years since, a building has been built that contains a school and bedrooms, beds have been built for each child, a bathroom with toilets, sinks and showers are built and they are currently working on a kitchen. Most importantly, they are able to be educated and learn about Jesus there now. FBC Cleveland members have been instrumental in helping achieve that goal. To watch those children run to find their own bed for the first time is something I will never forget.





# That Orphanage Today





Besides schools and churches being built and mouths being fed, we have gotten to witness a number of Haitians come to know the Lord. We've been able to see several baptisms. This is the most joyous occasion of all – to know that I will see those folks again in heaven someday.



The work in Haiti is not done. Recently, we were able to visit an island off of Haiti. A church has recently been planted there. It is literally in the middle of the ocean, in the middle of nowhere. As we were painting that church, little children were gathered in the church singing Jesus Loves Me and Father Abraham. It takes a boat ride across the ocean and an hour in the back of the cattle truck, but The Word is reaching people that may never have another chance to hear. I'm so grateful that God has allowed me to be a part of such a great, important work in Haiti..





