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## **Three Friends Take an April 2015 Trip to Haiti**



**Joe Provost**



**Fr. James Morgan**



**Peter Hughes**

***They left with twelve (12) bags filled with all of the things we take for granted and gave them to those who take nothing for granted. There were laptops, food, clothes, shoes, and medical supplies. There were specific requests from the students for things such as sunglasses, watches, scrubs, blood pressure cuffs, and blood testing equipment. Our three friends came back with no bags, but with lots of love, appreciation, and a sense of renewed purpose in this ministry that God has led them to. They made a difference!***



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Letter from the President*

*Joseph Provost  
June 2015*

*My Dear Friends,*

*Often people ask me how things are going in Haiti and I tell them that things are improving. Roads are being repaired, electric lines are being fixed, houses are being built, two hotels have been constructed, and bed and breakfast hotels have being repaired. Many charities have taken upon themselves the task of building schools and churches, however the poor always lag behind in being taken care of, especially women, who are left to cook and clean after the men. We have interviewed a new student to start school in the fall semester. Her name is Gunette Raphael, and in English she is call Jeanette Raphael. Part of the interview process is that we visit where she lives and talk to her parents, or other relatives, if she still has them.*

*Gunette comes from a farming area about 50 miles from Port Au Prince. We went to her house on the 25 April this year for the home visit. Her father was working his small garden plot. Her mother explained to me how she had fallen down while walking home from gardening. She had broken two ribs, injured her right leg above the knee, injured her shoulder, and her head. She was found in the street and carried home by her neighbors. She could not go to the doctor because she had no money. She had to endure the pain by herself because there were no free doctors to treat her.*

*When I met her she was walking with a severe limp and holding a walking cane in her hand. Misery does not stop there. Because of the accident, she had to give up three of her children because she could no longer feed them or care for them. She is now left with one son and a 17 year old daughter. They had no food at the time I visited. Fortunately I had brought a suitcase of food with me that was originally designated for someone else. I gave the food to her which provided her with three days of food for her and her remaining family. As you can see, we try to provide more than just tuition to our students.*

*Sometimes we are called to provide their daily sustenance. With your help, we can do more in God's service to help these people. Sometimes it is not just about education, sometimes it is about saving people from starvation. Please, help us make a difference.*

*Joe*





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**Meet Our Newest Nursing Student  
Gunette Raphael  
And Her Family**



**Gunette**



**Joe with Gunette's Family**



**The Bed**



**Two Room House**



**The Cook House**



**The Bathroom**

**Gunette is our newest scholarship student and will start school in September 2015. She was very happy to have Joe meet her family and see where she lives. In the picture of her family, notice that the only one smiling is Joe.**

**As you can see, her bed is a sheet on the floor. She feels lucky to have a space inside to sleep.**

**She lives in a two room house that has no electricity and of course no air conditioning. The roof is tin which holds the heat. They leave the door open, hoping for a breeze.**

**They cook in a separate building. When they cook, there is smoke coming from the building. There was no smoke when this picture was taken, because there was no food to cook.**

**The last picture is the bathroom. It is outside and open, no walls, and is basically just a hole in the ground. You would also have to bring your own toilet paper to this bathroom, because there is none. That would be a luxury.**



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***Meet Our Star Nursing Student  
Christla Pierre***



***Christla is a third year nursing student and will graduate in September of 2016. Because of her high academic status, she was able to travel to the U. S. for a week experience at one of our hospitals, the Shriners Burn Center in Massachusetts.***



***Christla had the highest grades of all of our students. She is holding the prize that she won from The Friends of Haiti Inc. for such a great accomplishment. Her nursing education would not have been possible if not for the scholarship she receives from The Friends of Haiti Inc. What a waste that would have been!***



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### ***Would You Like to Go to Haiti?***

*We go there two to three times a year. The journey to Haiti lasts about 7 days, and we stay at a place called "Mon Chez Moi" which is a bed and breakfast hotel. You will have two meals per day at Mon Chez Moi. There is a hearty breakfast of sausage and eggs, bread, peanut butter and jelly, fresh fruit like watermelon, mangos, bananas and any beverage you may like to drink. For supper, you will be served roast meat or chicken, Haitian rice, red or black beans, various fresh fruit of the day, and your choice of beverage. Meals are served family style.*

The work we do in Haiti is visiting our students who are studying to become nurses, to check on their wellbeing. You will be able to see where and how our students live. We will visit as many homes as is possible during our stay. We will also visit the school and meet the director of Nursing, Madam Thimothee. We will also go to a hospital that deliveries babies for the whole area. The hospital was built in 1947. It was originally built by the United States as a gift to the Haitian people and is still used today. Other destinations will be determined as the need arises.

The cost per person for a trip to Haiti is \$1,600.00. This will cover your flight from Las Vegas, NV, to Port Au Prince, Haiti, and your return trip back to Las Vegas, NV, all your meals and Hotel accommodation at Mon Chez Moi. It will also cover all airport transfers at the airport in Haiti to the hotel and return back to the departure gate. The cost will also cover some touring and visiting. Prices change often in Haiti so there may need to be some adjusting once we are there.

You will need to have a valid passport to travel outside of the United States. You need to have a current tetanus shot, one within the last 10 years, for your protection. You may also want to talk to your doctor who will recommend to you any additional shots or medications, specific to your needs while travelling in Haiti. Once you have decided to go to Haiti, more instructions will be given, as to what to wear, what to bring, and what not to bring.

It is a trip that will change your life and give you a new perspective on the world. You may discover how blessed you are living in the United States. It will make you appreciate what you have, and give you a better understanding of what it means to help those who have very little in the way of material possessions, but have a lot to give in the way of love, appreciation, and friendship.

If this sounds like something that would interest you, contact Joe Provost by phone or text to 702-561-4119 or email your questions to [joecool057@aol.com](mailto:joecool057@aol.com).

***Help Us Make A Difference!***



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**5th Annual Scholarship Fund Auction to  
benefit our Haitian Doctoral and Nursing  
Students**

*will be held on*

***October 10, 2015***

*at the*

***Legacy Golf Club***

***130 Par Excellence Drive***

***Henderson, NV 89074***

*from*

***6PM to 10PM***

***Tickets for the event are available for***

***\$25.00 Each***

***There will be many exciting auction items,  
door prizes, great food and great fun.***

***Don't miss out.***

***Call: Joe Provost 702-561-4119 or***

***Rev. Sue Provost 702-523-8963***

***for information***

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*The Friends of Haiti Inc.*

*Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20*

*2015 Raffle Prizes*



*1<sup>st</sup> Prize-One Week in Pompano Beach, Florida*

*Includes free airfare for two and a condo that sleeps six.*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize-100 Dollars*



*Third Prize-50 Dollars*

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*100% of all your donations go to the scholarship fund.*

*Administrative expenses are separately funded.*

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*The Friends of Haiti Inc.*

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