Our Mission

Hope Force International's mission in Haiti is to respond to the 2010 earthquake, chronic poverty and recent hurricanes by inspiring and empowering followers of Jesus to engage in the recovery, rebuilding and further development activities in Sous Savanne and surrounding communities.

Outreach Teams

Each team is made up of anywhere from five to 16 persons. **As this is not an immediate post-disaster response, the opportunity is available to individuals who have not undergone the HFI Reservist Training Intensive.**

We do expect volunteers to complete the Hope Force International application process prior to involvement.

Travel & Costs

Volunteers are responsible for their own travel expenses. The ground cost while in Haiti is $100 per person per night. This covers: housing, food, translators, in-country transportation and outreach facilitation.

*** Teams may want to raise extra funding for specific projects.*

Contact Rene Lako (rene.lako@hopeforce.org) for openings. Dates can be requested by church groups and will be accommodated as much as possible.

American Airlines, Delta & Jet Blue fly into Haiti. If your travel reservation includes an overnight stay in a layover city, please make sure to arrive into Port-au-Prince between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following day.

Once details have been confirmed with the Lakos, you may book your tickets and travel insurance. *Please do not finalize travel arrangements until you receive travel confirmation from us.*

Contact US

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615.371.1271

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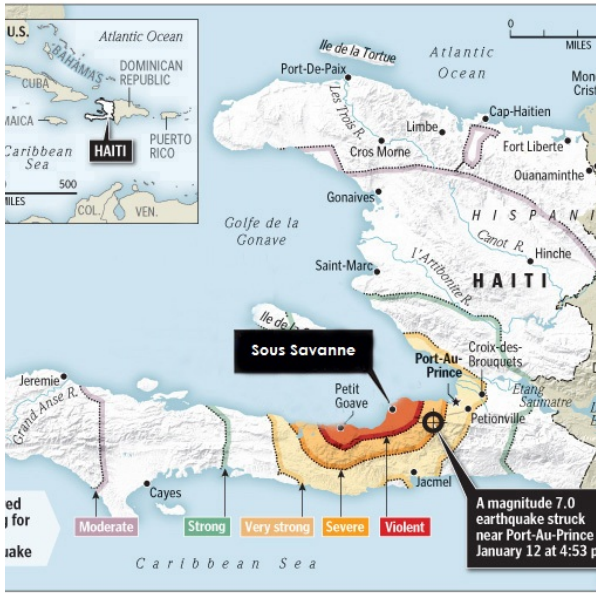

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Come Join us in Haiti!

Rene & Marianne Lako

Hope Force International [HFI] has had a presence in Haiti since the immediate aftermath of the massive 2010 earthquake. **HFI's in-country coordinators, Rene & Marianne Lako, have been living in Haiti since 2011 —** facilitating teams, organizing food distributions for the Child Sponsorship Program (CSP), and bringing leadership to the overall construction projects for the Houses of Hope and other HFI initiatives.

Objectives

Given Haiti's existing poverty prior to the 2010 earthquake, HFI's long-term goal is to promote sustainable development and improve the overall quality of life for people in Sous Savanne and the surrounding area.

Hope Force strives to provide a life-changing experience for volunteers while increasing awareness in the Christian community about Haiti's plight.

Opportunities to be Involved

- **Construction:** Houses of Hope
- **Food Distribution:** Food supplements for those families in our Child Sponsorship Program (CSP)
- **VBS style Programs**
- **Medical clinics**
- **Community healthcare education**
- **Initiatives in local schools**

Medical Missions Abroad

Historically, emergency medical intervention has led our relief efforts in international disaster events of great magnitude.

We are very fortunate in Hope Force International (HFI) to have a number of highly qualified healthcare providers in our volunteer ranks. When a crisis occurs, we send out an SOS, and then mount an effective response.

HFI is committed to providing opportunities to better prepare our medical volunteers for future calamities, and have planned pre-determined opportunities in Haiti to serve together under less stressful conditions. This will enable us to identify areas of opportunity to strengthen our systems and practices. It will also provide first-time international volunteers the ability to acquaint themselves with what it takes to be effective in unfamiliar conditions, and builds confidence.

Child Sponsorship Program

HFI assists families with school fees, uniforms and supplies, and provides a monthly food distribution. The primary focus of the CSP is on education.

Houses of Hope

Since the 2010 earthquake, Hope Force International has continuously worked to spread hope and rebuild lives in this area. Since April 2012, HFI has built over 70 houses in the Sous Savanne and Babay area. With the desire to promote sustainable reconstruction, HFI continues with the Houses of Hope project, building durable block homes for more families. These families are in Sous Savanne, and are in desperate need of adequate housing, where 90% of residents lost their homes.