

**REBUILDING HAITI TOGETHER- DELMAS PROJECT**

January 10, 2016



Dear Brethren of the Body of Christ,

Greetings to all of you in the new year of 2016. Time has surely flown by this past year! While the journey up to this point for the Delmas Haiti Project has been a long one, we want to take a moment to rejoice in the handiwork of the Lord as we look to exciting days ahead. The work to acquire all the materials, supplies and funds has been a series of miracles and small victories along the way as we have noted in the past. Thanks again to all those who have supported this project over the past few years with your prayers, time, donations and love.

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide everyone with a report of the last two trips to prepare for construction, our upcoming trip the second week of January and announce our kick-off trip in March. We appreciate all of the interest everyone has expressed in possibly attending an upcoming work trip this year. As you know, there will be numerous work trips until the building has been completed and we would love to have everyone participate who wishes to go. From this point on, our goal will be to communicate by email and updates to the website but we decided it prudent to communicate by letter for this first trip. Our new webpage will have calendars, travel information, pictures and trip updates available for everyone to view at any time. You can visit this by going to <http://rbht.org> or [www.tylergc.org](http://www.tylergc.org) and then going to the **work trip sign-up tab**.

**WORK TRIP REPORTS****October 27<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup> Work Trip I Report**

Attendees: Bros. John Kennedy, Ken Jacobe, Jimmy Jacobe all from Tyler

Took possession of the containers from Haitian Customs and met the inspector at the Montais Campground where the containers are being staged to check the manifest and inspect the containers. After inspecting about half the containers, he said, "Things seem to be in order" and he was on his way. Tools, a small generator, drills and air compressor were all taken out of the containers and then we began installing and epoxying the anchor bolts at the site. Approximately one-half of the anchor bolts were installed. Meetings were then held to outline the erection process and plan for material logistics and transportation.

**IN THIS ISSUE:***Recent Work Trip Reports**Current Work Trip**Upcoming Kick-Off Trip***TO VIEW VIDEOS OF THE WORK TRIPS:***(click on the following links or enter in your browser:)**Rebuilding Haiti Together Work Trip I*<https://youtu.be/zAsE2ug1h-s>*Rebuilding Haiti Together Work Trip II*<https://youtu.be/FlsAqMRjSNo>10075 Hwy. 31 E, Tyler, TX 75705  
<http://rbht.org> or [www.tylergc.org](http://www.tylergc.org)

## **November 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Work Trip II Report**

Attendees: Bros. John Kennedy, Jimmy Jacobe and Terry Widdows of Tyler; JD Wyzard and Ron Myers from McAlester, OK; Curtis Hayes of Poteau, OK; Vital Mueller of Houston.

Transported 55KW generator and pump skid to the site. Bros Wyzard, Widdows, Hayes and Vital worked at the site to install the generator, pump skid and conduits. Tied the electric into the main panels and tested operation of newly installed equipment.

Bros Kennedy, J. Jacobe and Myers worked at the Montais Campground to unload steel from the containers and prepare for transportation to



the site in the proper order. Loaded an 18 wheeler flatbed and crane truck with steel and made two trips to the site to begin laying the steel out so it will be easily accessible when steel erection begins. We appreciate the many brothers there from the local church who have assisted us on these trips and

are developing skills as we progress in the project.



## **January 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 Work Trip III (in progress)**

Attendees: Bros John Kennedy, Jimmy Jacobe and Jarod Widdows all from Tyler

The plan is to continue to move steel from the Montais Campground site to Delmas in order to expedite the steel erection process in March. Work on logistics and arrangements for the March trip. Explore possibility of relocating two containers to the Delmas site to utilize for secure, on-site storage of tools and equipment.



## **March STEEL ERECTION KICK-OFF TRIP**

**Arrive: Sat. March 12<sup>th</sup> by early afternoon**

**Depart: ? PLEASE ADVISE HOW LONG YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STAY.**

### **Objective:**

To go vertical with the red iron and begin erection of the columns, rafters, purlins and girts at the Delmas site. We will be working long hours (daylight to dark) with the intent of getting as much as possible completed. The **second week** of the trip will focus on masonry. After the red iron (framework) has been raised we will go up with the perimeter CMU block walls.



### **Safety & Minimum Age:**

Due to the nature of the work to be completed, we will be emphasizing safety for these first few trips until the building is in the dry. We will be working with heavy steel and machinery. As a result, we are asking that the minimum age for travel on these trips be 18 years of age.

*Conceptual rendering of Delmas 9 building in Port-au-Prince (soon to become reality)*



**Work Experience:**

We are hoping that all those who have metal building erection experience to include iron workers and helpers who have handled heavy steel and are used to working around heavy equipment to consider going on this trip. **PLEASE ADVISE HOW LONG YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STAY.** We don't want to discourage anyone from coming and simply helping if you don't



have experience in steel erection, but do want you to know that there will be a number of trips in the future as well that will include areas of multiple trades (walls, sheetrock, concrete, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, painting, carpentry, hardware, etc...)

-If you have specific skills you would like to share with us, please let us know on the sign up form on the website.

**Church Services:**

We realize that there may be some who would like to attend a church service while you are in Haiti and we would welcome you to do that. You may bring church clothes if you wish or feel free to attend the service and sit in the back in your work clothes. However, they may ask you to sit on the platform 😊.

Once again, we would like to thank you for considering attending a work trip. We are excited about the wonderful experiences everyone will have while we are in Haiti. They will be life-changing for some of you. What an honor it will be to work along-side our brothers in the Body of Christ! The saints in Haiti are overwhelmed with joy and expectation to see you in Haiti! **We ask that everyone considering making this first trip in March please contact us ASAP prior to making flight arrangements. We would like to know who is coming so we can best place them in a specific work team.** You must have a valid passport to make the trip.



Please feel free to call us if you have any questions. You may wish to make the following sheet available to all those in your congregation interested in attending any of the work trips.

In His Love,

Bro. John Kennedy

Bro. Ken Jacobe

## TRAVEL INFORMATION, ACCOMODATIONS AND TIPS

Visit: <http://rbht.org> or [www.tylergc.org](http://www.tylergc.org)

-click on "Work Trip/ Newsletter Sign-up" tab



### Airlines:

**We ask that everyone considering making this first trip in March please contact us ASAP prior to making flight arrangements. We would like to know who is coming so we can best place them in a specific work team.**

\*We will need your mobile number as well to coordinate pick-ups at the airport.

### Please contact the following regarding travel arrangements:

Name: Ken Jacobe

Email address: [kenjacobe@jacobebros.com](mailto:kenjacobe@jacobebros.com)

\*Please verify baggage allowances/requirements for your checked and carry-on baggage with your airline directly. It can become quite expensive if you have to pay for an additional piece of luggage or weight overages.

\*It is also advisable to review airline restrictions and regulations concerning carry-on items.

### Accommodations/ Food/ Laundry:

The church in Haiti will be providing accommodations for your stay in Haiti and 3 meals a day. We most likely be staying in a hotel or charitable organization dorm. (This will be established in the current trip to Haiti.) If you require a special diet, we ask that you consider bringing your own items with you in your suitcase. We realize that the airlines don't allow much weight so it will be possible to have some of the sisters wash your clothes while you are on the trip. We just suggest you bring an offering to give to them if you choose to have them wash your clothes.

### Personal Tools:

Crescent wrenches, adjustable plyers, ¾" spud wrenches and battery operated impact wrenches.

### Mobile Phones:

Please check with your cell phone provider and have your phone set up for international calling and data plans. Again, please send us your mobile number.

### Project Contact List:

#### Mechanical & Electrical:

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936-569-3540 m

#### Engineering:

Calvin White  
936-569-3540 m

#### Steel Erection:

Bro. Dick Tubby  
936-554-7051 m

#### Masonry:

Danny Young  
817-300-8190

#### General Info. or Travel:

Bro. John Kennedy  
903-574-3891 m  
Bro. Ken Jacobe  
903-352-1007 m

### Suggested Personal Items for Haiti:

- Doxycycline pills for malaria prevention- please speak with your doctor about starting and ending dates.
- CIPRO for stomach issues- doctor may suggest something else
- Band aids
- Gloves
- Towels
- Talcum powder
- Work boots
- Wash cloths
- Sunscreen
- Hard hat if possible
- Soap and hand sanitizer
- Chapstick
- Personal toiletry items
- 1 or 2 battery powered 6" fans for the nights (we cannot guarantee A/C or electricity ☺)

\*Any required medications for the duration of the trip to include items for colds, headaches, sores, aches and pains, etc... We will pray first, but preparation is wisdom.