

# **A Multi-faceted Christian Mission**

## **Water, Airstrip, Electricity, Ice Plant, Welding Shop, Construction Equipment, WISH Mall, Dental Clinic, Feeding Program, Youth Center, Library/Resource Center and more....**

### **WATER**

A capped spring, located 4 miles up the riverbed from the village, feeds the WISH waterline where it flows into a 40,000 gallon reservoir. The reservoir supplies enough water pressure to reach 15 public fountains throughout the village. Portions of the waterline are suspended on the cliffs of the ravine, vulnerable to rock slides. The fountain in each neighborhood is a bustle of activity day and night as villagers fill buckets or barrels to carry home. Constant maintenance of this water system is a major responsibility for our directors.



*Two public fountains in Anse-a-Galets*

### **AIRSTRIP**

WISH built the first airstrip to serve the island. Medical emergencies can now be evacuated by air to larger facilities on the mainland. The airstrip provides mission organizations with an alternate and faster route for work teams to serve the island, avoiding unpredictable seas and unstable conditions on the mainland.



*MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) plane landing*

## ELECTRICITY

WISH has three generators,( 60KW, 80KW, and 100KW ) providing electricity for the ice plant, hospital, WISH Mall, welding shop, dental clinic, police station, churches, schools, library, youth center, and the WISH mission center. Generators run at various times based on demand and fuel efficiency. Approximately 450 gallons of diesel fuel are required each week to sustain this operation. Fuel must be purchased on the mainland in large barrels, loaded into a boat and unloaded again at the island wharf. A fuel station has opened on the island which avoids that sea crossing when the station has fuel available.



*Generator*

*Generator shed*

## ICE PLANT

WISH built the first ice plant on LaGonave. Previously, islanders and shopkeepers transported 100 pound blocks of ice several miles up the mainland coast and across the sea, arriving with a much smaller block of ice. The ice plant also produces purified water for purchase at a very reasonable cost.



*Selling ice blocks*

*Harvesting ice blocks*

## **WELDING SHOP**

Local welders are able to support their extended families on the money they earn at the WISH Welding Shop. WISH provides the electricity and welding machines. A small fee is charged for the allotted time. Vehicle repairs, security gates, beds, tables, chairs, shelves, and charcoal burners are just a few of the items produced in the shop.



*Fabricating a window*



*Many projects underway*

## **CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT**

WISH is the only mission with John Deere tractors, dump trailer, flatbed trailer and a backhoe. WISH is the go-to organization when heavy equipment is called for. Our trucks, ATV's and power boat are vital to the transportation needs on the island and crossing to the mainland.



*Many uses for the backhoe*

## WISH MALL

Surrounding the ice plant is a “strip mall” of shops. The WISH Mall has about 15 shops that are 10’ X 10’ concrete block rooms with electricity and a secure door. Local entrepreneurs can start a business that would not be possible without electricity and a building. Some of the businesses include a barber shop, beauty shop, computer school, cyber café, shoemaker, tailor, gift shop, freeze-pop shop, and battery charging station. These businesses provide income to support extended families.



Tailor “Kal” stands in front of his shop beneath the new lighted sign he installed. Inside, Kal measures Jack for a shirt.

*Shops closed for the day*

## DENTAL CLINIC

The full-service dental clinic hosts volunteer dental teams and is only open when a team is scheduled. The clinic is equipped with a modern x-ray unit, curing lights, autoclave, three dental units, and a very adequate supply of instruments. Teams are responsible for bringing their own supply of disposable items, anesthetic, and filling materials. Patients walk from distant mountain villages when word passes that the WISH clinic is open. A small fee is charged but services are available to anyone, regardless of ability to pay.



*A volunteer dentist extracts a tooth*



*Children from the orphanage*

## **FEEDING PROGRAM**

WISH provides the rice, beans, and cooking oil to feed children of the saline (salt flats by the sea) who are the poorest of the poor. Pastor Foglas, the Haitian man who supervises the distribution of the food, also feeds the children who attend his saline school. Food is also provided for the inhabitants of the Poor House. These are elderly or handicapped individuals who do not have family to provide for them.



*Rice and beans are really appreciated*



*Kids get a meal at school*

## **YOUTH CENTER**

The WISH Youth Center provides a secure location for Vacation Bible Schools, a basketball court, and English classes. We are searching for a qualified Youth Director to join the mission and expand the opportunities in youth ministry.



*Jump rope at the youth center*



*The big kids organize the game*

### **LIBRARY / RESOURCE CENTER**

WISH has a 60' X 40' building under construction. This modern facility will provide all types of books in French and Creole. Computers will be available for research and educational software. The facility will also serve as a meeting center.



*A team pours the second floor*



*Metal stairs to the second floor*

### **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Moringa trees grow very rapidly. The leaves are dried and pounded into a fine powder which is used as a nutritional supplement, providing a superb source of protein. Trees are distributed to families, also encouraging reforestation.



*Moringa trees*



*Using mortar and pestle to make the powder*



## **WORK TEAMS**

The mission hosts numerous work teams with a variety of talents to support these projects and serve Christ through this ministry. The teams enjoy comfortable accommodations in the dormitory rooms and guest houses on the compound. Purified water, meals, and laundry are provided for teams.



*Laying block for the walls of a house*



*Installing a generator*

## **INTERNET ACCESS**

A satellite internet connection provides communication for consultations, ordering supplies, coordinating work teams, emergency communications, and schooling for missionary children.



*Dentist consulting with specialist via internet*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WISH assists the Wesleyan Hospital, saline school, orphanage, and local government with specific projects. Pastor Seminars have included local pastors from all area churches.



*Surgery at the Wesleyan Hospital*



*See a need and meet it--casket construction*



*Church built on the Saline*



*Kids playing at the orphanage*

## EMPLOYMENT

WISH employs 34 Haitians, 23 are full-time and 11 hold part-time positions. The employees receive health benefits for their families. Many are supporting extended family members through their employment with WISH.



*Some of the men with new t-shirts*



*Two of the cooks*