



## Middleham & St. Peter's Supports the Haiti School Nurse Project

Working in partnership with La Resurrection Episcopal Parish in Gros Morne, Haiti, this project will provide a nurse for the school which serves 800 students from grades k-12, and will soon expand to 1,000 students.



Why Haiti? Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Over 80% of their population lives in poverty. Together with extreme poverty, health conditions are poor and the 2010 earthquake made health care even more of a challenge. Access to clean water and sanitation systems is very limited. Cholera is a major problem in Gros Morne.

According to the Medicine for Peace organization, health statistics for Haiti are sobering:

- ❖ Less than 60% of children are vaccinated.
- ❖ 15% of children never reach the age of five.
- ❖ Preventable diseases (malnutrition, diarrhea and pneumonia) are the major causes of child death.
- ❖ Haitian women have the highest maternal mortality rate in the Americas.
- ❖ 6000 Haitian children will die of AIDS this year

Providing a nurse for the school will directly and positively impact the health of the 800 students at the school and their families. Children rarely have access to health professionals. The availability of the nurse will be a major improvement in health care and should make a significant difference in students' ability to learn.

This project started with the simple act of the school parents asking if they might have a school nurse and through it better health for their children. Middleham and St. Peter's Parish simply wants to respond to their request.



Middleham and St. Peter's is undertaking this project with the support of St. Martin's in-the-field Parish in Severna Park, MD. They have supported the development and expansion of La Resurrection School for over 25 years. They are helping to expand this K-12 school to 1,000 students, as La Resurrection School continues to open its doors to earthquake refugees..

The Haiti School Nurse Project has four objectives:

1. Bring immediate health care and health knowledge to the students at La Resurrection School
2. Establish a strong working relationship with the local hospital and other local health resources

3. Extend health knowledge and access to community health resources to the students' families, especially mothers.
4. Create a partnership between our two communities - La Resurrection Parish and the Gros Morne Community partnering with Middleham and St. Peter's Parish and the Calvert County Community.

This project is a multi-year commitment by Middleham and St. Peter's Parish. The intent is to seek parish, community and grant support to obtain the funds needed for the nurse's salary, and the equipment and supplies for the project. You can help in a very direct way. A gift of \$20 can help support the salary of the nurse for a day. A gift of \$100 will help support the nurse for a week. A gift of any size is welcome. We would welcome you as part of the committee as well.

Make your checks payable to Middleham and St. Peter's Parish with the notation indicating Haiti School Nurse Project.

Send your check to:

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For more information, contact members of the Haiti School Nurse Committee by calling the church at 410-326-4948 or contacting Hugh Davies at 410-326-0370 or [daviesh@comcast.net](mailto:daviesh@comcast.net).