



**ONE CHURCH
ONE VILLAGE**

Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Country of Haiti



Haiti is located west of the Dominican Republic on the island of Hispaniola. Years of political corruption, violence, and a debilitating annual hurricane season have turned Haiti into one of the poorest countries in the Caribbean. The 7.3 earthquake in 2010 killed more than 200,000 people and left a million displaced in Port-au-Prince. Even before the earthquake took the lives of so many, Haiti was estimated to have 380,000 orphaned children. Today, that number is even higher. Before the 2010 earthquake, 80 percent of Haitians were living in poverty. There's no doubt that number has increased. Many of these families live in homes pieced together with tarps, wood, and scraps of metal. They can't afford medical care or the cost of books, uniforms, and supplies for their children to go to school. Many of these communities do not even have proper running water, electricity, or sewer systems. Families struggle to make enough money to put food on the table, and children suffer from malnutrition.





We have currently around 70 children in our Village Partnership Program, and 10 children in our Hands on Haiti program. Our Hands on Haiti ministry deals with children who were most impacted by the earthquake and is a family-care ministry, which helps empower parents in the healing of their children. In order to recover, rebuild, and gain hope for the future, the children of Haiti need care that meets their physical, educational, social, and spiritual needs. Alongside caring partners like you, COTN seeks to provide this care for some of the most desperate children in Haiti, through both the Village Partnership Program and the Hands on Haiti program. Children of the Nations is helping to provide education, nutrition, health care, and spiritual guidance for children in the Bellevue area.

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with Haiti, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on country-specific projects:

[Click here to see all projects for Haiti.](#)

VENTURE

As you become more invested in Haiti, your church may decide to take a Venture trip and see firsthand how you can partner with this community. For more information, check out our Haiti Venture [calendar for this year!](#)

In addition, we keep a standby list of emergency response medical and construction teams. Please contact [our Venture department](#) for more information.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is still an important need in Haiti, as we seek to provide holistic care for the children. As we continue to help families become more stable and independent, we also provide school fees, food, and medical care to over 80 children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event, or individuals can sponsor at any time.

Hands on Haiti: Sponsor a child physically injured in the earthquakes who currently live with their families.

Village Partnership Program: Sponsor a child living with their parents or caregivers.





[Click here to see all the children who need sponsors in our Haiti Village Partnership Program.](#)

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DONATE RESOURCES

Wherever possible, COTN believes in purchasing needed supplies from local businesses in each country. However, we still have a need to ship supplies and equipment to supplement nutrition, clothing, and other materials for our children. Specifically, in Haiti, we are in need of

- **COTN Item of the Month**
Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for [Haiti](#).
- **Feeding Children Initiative**
You can help provide [food from local sources](#) to our children in Haiti, supporting the community around Haiti.
- **SmilePacks[®]**
[SmilePacks](#) help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in Haiti. We collect Bible, School, Hygiene, and Let's Eat SmilePacks.
- **Pack a Container**
Together with other local churches you can pack an entire shipping container of supplies for the children in Haiti.

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