

## A People that We Must Not Forget!

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The poorest country on the Western Hemisphere lies some 90 minutes in flight from the tip of our most southern state [Florida]. It is a beautiful Caribbean island where Christopher Columbus landed during his first of four trans-Atlantic Ocean crossings. It was the place where the first revolution ended slavery and became an independent country on January 1, 1804.

Can you name that country? Well, only a few of us may still remember the tragic events that took place in January, 2010 – Haiti’s magnitude 7.0 earthquake. This was the country’s most severe earthquake



in over 200 years. The earthquake was reported to have left up to 316,000 people dead and 1.6 million homeless. Since then, the country has yet to recover from the 2010 earthquake due to both the severity of the damage Haiti endured in 2010, as well as a government that was ineffective well before the earthquake.

I’ve had the pleasure to visit Haiti before and after the earthquake. During my last visit in 2012 with a small group including my nephew, the challenges for a life of dignity and well-being remain hopeful. You won’t

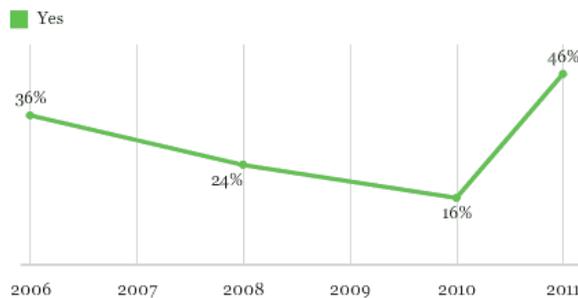
find individuals sitting around with nothing to do or holding ‘help’ sign on the streets – no, no, no...

People are moving! They are going somewhere; they are walking from one place to the next; they are conducting businesses throughout many street markets; they are purchasing commodities at supermarkets; and they are beginning to have some level of optimism in their government. In a 2012

Gallup poll, it showed an upswing in a year-to-year trend:

*Do you have confidence in the national government?*

Asked of Haitian adults



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Do they have economic challenges? Yes. Are living conditions bad there? Yes. Should we give up and turn our backs on them? No.

My first travel to Haiti was back in December 2004 where we stayed with a large group of orphans in a small township called St. Ard. From tiny tots wearing diapers to tweens eager to ask many questions, we felt blessed to be with them! These kids lived in a modest home and space was not premium. They had no television in the home so each night they entertained themselves by singing together. During the dark night filled with stars and without any musical instruments, their soft voices blended together in an impressionable harmony! It was so easy to fall asleep each night (smile)! Continue to next page



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## LifeWalk Mission International Upcoming Events



June, 2014 – Launch of 2015 LMI Mission Trips!

June 23, 2014 – F.E.E.D. Event  
Our second Friendly Eat & Education Dinner  
will focus on the country of Haiti

August 15, 2014 – Third Quarter Footprint Newsletter Released

August, 2014 – LMI Proposed Mission Expedition to Jamaica

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While traveling throughout the country side, we devoted our time there to:

- distribute bags of dry beans and uncooked rice to the community
- spend time at a men's prison facility and served food for them
- provide Christmas lunches to several elementary schools
- support a week-long church revival

When you look in the eyes of our Haitian brothers and sisters, they are just a people desiring to live without hardship. They are not beggars; the media world wants us to see images of desperate people clamoring for food or the constant in-fighting among themselves. Their lives have been subjected to decades of a corrupted government system. And having such corruption breeds distrust throughout the country.

This weekend, I'm excited to make my trek back to Haiti where I pray God will give me answers on how [LifeWalk Mission International](#) can serve its people. I also pray to rekindle some of the past relationships I made there – hopefully we will see some of the children of St. Ard that are now young adults! [LifeWalk Mission International](#) is currently planning several global mission trips in 2015. Haiti is on the prayer list to be considered as one of those places.



Your continued prayers and support of the ministry humbles me tremendously. The responses I received from you and others keep me going – I need that! Reaching the lost and teaching the found is labor intense yet pleasingly fulfilling. You help make the difference and I thank you. Please continue to help my friend!

## Ways you can contribute to LifeWalk Mission International

**Pray!** – The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. <sup>1</sup>Peter 3:12

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