



HAITI - 2018 & BEYOND

North/Central Haiti

Our mission in Haiti is often dependent on natural disasters that may have affected the lives of the people there. This year is no different. While hurricane Irma did not deliver a direct blow to the island, hurricane force winds in the north destroyed many of the crops.

One of the areas we focus our medical mission each year is Deyemon, an isolated village in the high mountains in north-central Haiti, has been a location for our medical mission trips each year. This is the birth village of Wilguens, who many of you met when he visited this past year. The crops grown by the people of the village were mostly destroyed by the winds, so during our medical mission there, we will also be distributing food supplies. Another area of focus is in Bonnette, a small town near Port-au-Prince. We base our operations at an encampment there and deliver health care to members of the local church and their friends. From there we travel to Mirebalais, a community and church about 60 miles north, to hold clinics or to the surrounding children's homes to visit and offer medical assistance.

A thriving Church of Christ is located at Bonnette with a Christian school for over 300 children ranging from pre-kindergarten to the 5th grade. We are beginning support for the teaching effort of that school this year.

So, while our Haiti mission activities vary each year, God continues to lead us to intervene in the suffering of his people with the support of the Christians at Bentonville.

THE CITY OF CHILDREN

Orphan home

Ensenada, Mexico

One of our longest supported mission works is the City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico. In 1999 we sent our first group of teens and adults to work at the home and do a VBS program. That first group of 12 continued to grow in number over the years to reach over 50.

Our efforts at the home eventually led to our working outside the orphanage with churches being planted in Baja. This introduction to mission work in Baja led Bentonville to partner with another congregation to start our work in Colonia 89.

Although we currently are not sending teams to work at the home, we continue to financially support the home and its ongoing work to minister to the abandoned and orphaned children of Baja. The main objective of the City of Children home has always been to teach those who have been orphaned and abandoned the word of God. Daily Bible classes are taught by staff members as well as teaching done by dorm parents in their respective dorms.

The goal is to help young adults to be grounded in the word of God by the time they depart the home, and then provide a network of churches in Baja where they can attend.

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