Builders Without Borders of Texas, Inc.
Long-term plan for work in Haiti

Goals

- Provide homes, medical care, and opportunities for education for Haitian children
- Provide job skill training and jobs based on the resources of Haiti
- Provide opportunities for Americans to serve in Haiti

Overview

BWBT has been involved in Haiti since January of 2010. The needs in the country are great. BWBT plans to implement a long-term plan modeled after its successful projects in Mexico. These projects include laying groundwork for and coordinating volunteer teams from the United States, building schools, a medical clinic, organizing free medical care, sewing school, cabinetry shop, water plant, college dormitory, and a college sponsorship program. To learn more about these projects, go to www.builderswithoutbordersoftexas.org.

BWBT believes that working in relationship with someone who is consistently "on the ground" in Haiti is of vital importance to the success of this project.

American missionaries Danny & Leann Pye of Kenbe Fem Ministries have made a long-term commitment to 22 Haitian children. The Pyes are residents of Haiti and have lived in the Jacmel area for the past 10 years. They have adopted 22 children and are raising them as a family. This family-style model of adoption, rather than an institutional style orphanage, has proven to be very effective. Kenbe Fem's vision is to "change Haiti from the inside out". Currently, the Pye family is living in a leased home on a single lot. Their dream is to train and support up to 10 families modeled after their own. The first couple, who are Haitian, have been identified, trained and work in close relationship with the Pyes. Once they have a home, this family will adopt children and raise them with the support of Kenbe Fem. To learn more about Kenbe Fem, go to www.kenbefem.org.

BWBT has identified a suitable piece of property to carry out its vision for supporting Kenbe Fem as well as developing its own projects in Haiti. The five-acre property is in Raymond, which is a rural community a few minutes outside of Jacmel. Once the project is complete, it will consist of:

- up to ten homes suitable for parents and 20-25 children
- a house for volunteer teams
- a shop that will provide a place for food storage, tools, and a garage bay
- a 5,000 sq. ft. slab and block building (trade school and work space)

Plan

- Establish residency in Haiti to be able to own land in Haiti
- Purchase land (Five acres in Raymond have been visited and discussion has taken place with the owner as to cost.)
- Clear and prepare land for construction – Hire Haitian workers to clear brush and rock. In addition to providing needed jobs for Haitians, the workers will be able to sell much of the rock that they remove.
- Hire Haitian workers to install a fence around perimeter of the land. The fence will consist of 180 posts, 5-ft. chain link, 2-ft. rock, and metal gates at the entrance. This is common practice in Haiti to establish clear ownership of land, as well as to provide security.
- Hire workers to install a water well, pump, and 100-gallon pressure tank that will provide water to all buildings on the property.
- Pay the city of Jacmel to install poles, lines, and a transformer needed to supply electricity to the property. Purchase a 100K generator to provide electricity when the city electricity is turned off (typically eight hours per day).
- Build orphanage #1 – 3,000 sq. ft. home for parents and 20 Haitian children. Use 30% American volunteers and 70% hired Haitian workers. Volunteer teams will need to stay in hotels or rented team houses. Teams will be asked to cover the cost of their lodging.
- Build a shop with garage bay – 3,000 sq. ft. shop for food, supply, and tool storage. A garage bay for vehicles and maintenance. This area will also serve as the beginning of a trade school area for Haitians.
- Build a team house for volunteers – 2,000 sq. ft. dormitory for volunteers who will help with construction, provide medical clinics, and ministry. Use 30% American volunteers and 70% hired Haitian workers. Volunteer teams will need to stay in hotels or rented team houses. Teams will be asked to cover the cost of their lodging.
- Build orphanage #2 - 3,000 sq. ft. home for parents and 20 Haitian children. Use 40% American volunteers and 60% hired Haitian workers. Volunteers will pay a set amount (TBD) for lodging. This will help offset utility costs. Teams will be given the option to prepare their own meals or to pay Haitians to cook for them.
- Slab and trade school – 5,000 sq. ft. concrete slab for processing natural resources of Haiti (coffee beans, fish, shrimp). A block building that will be used as a trade school for Haitians to learn iron work, woodworking, sewing, and mechanics. Use 40% American volunteers and 60% hired Haitian workers.

Construction will be concrete and block. Materials will be purchased in Haiti. Haitians will be hired to do approximately 60% of the labor. This will speed up the construction time and will provide jobs for Haitians. Supplies needed to be sent in and out of Haiti will be transported by Agape Flights.

Cost

Land/Infrastructure		
purchase	5 acres in Raymond, Haiti	100,000
taxes and fees	taxes, surveys, transfer	9,000
clearing	remove bush and rock	2,000
fence	install chain link and rock fence with iron gate	10,000
water	drill well, install 100-gallon pressure tank and pump	6,000
electricity	poles, lines, transformer, 100K generator	22,000
Buildings/Development		
orphanage 1	3,000 sq. ft. home for missionary couple and 20 children	80,000
team house	2,000 sq. ft. building to house volunteers	40,000
orphanage 2	3,000 sq. ft. home for missionary couple and 20 children	80,000
shop	3,000 sq. ft. workshop with garage bay	35,000
processing slab/trade school	5,000 sq. ft. concrete slab w/ building	7,000
Total		**$391,000**

Additional Information

Thousands of people live in villages in the mountains of Haiti. Life is very difficult and almost primitive in these villages. There is no electricity or running water. Some of the villages have schools that are dependent upon tuition received from students to pay teachers.

I Can Impact, Inc., a 501(c)3, non-profit organization is working in these villages and is providing solar-generated power supply units to give light, electricity and communication to people in the villages. Each unit provides six LED lights, an electrical outlet, and a transistor radio.

Coffee beans grow abundantly in the wild in the mountains around Jacmel. However, this resource is rarely grown with intention and harvested. Land on the mountain can be purchased as inexpensively as $500-700 per five acres. ICI is purchasing land and working with families to plant and harvest the coffee trees. The coffee beans will be delivered from the mountain for drying and processing, and then shipped to the United States for packing and sales. Proceeds will go to the families operating the land and to pay teachers at the village schools. To learn more about I Can Impact, go to www.icanimpact.org.

One of the first uses for the processing slab at the BWBT property will be for Haitians to dry and process the coffee beans for shipment. One of the uses of the trade school will be to teach Haitians to build the solar-generated power units and create an assembly plant.

Reasonable access to a college education is available in Port-au-Prince Haiti and The Dominican Republic. The children raised in Kenbe Fem homes are receiving an education through high school. BWBT will establish a college sponsorship program for these children.