

## '2000 BOOTS ON THE GROUND' HAITI UPDATE



Link Sisters..... I am pleased to share with you our progress in Haiti since the inception of our WA program, '2000 Boots On The Ground'. Your financial contributions, mission trip participation, and donation of medical supplies, school supplies, and clothing, have provided the foundation for our international work and commitment to our Haitian brothers and sisters.

Our first trip to Haiti in 2017 served as an exploratory mission to determine the infrastructure and collaborative partnerships we would develop to support our ongoing work. Our February 2018 trip to Haiti will be announced in the coming weeks with our new strategic partnerships. Please be on the look out for an eblast from Link Kenadie Richardson, WA Chair/International Trends & Services announcing the 2018 Mission Trip including itinerary, costs, and payment information.

As we move forward with our commitment in Haiti we've identified four focal areas for our service work and several high performing non-profit organizations to work with us in accomplishing our goals.



### WATER WELLS

**Our Partner**  
**LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL, Inc.**

**Our Goal:** We will provide funding for Living Water Int'l to install 25 water wells throughout Haiti, in Port au Prince and Cap Haitien communities.

*Click here to learn more about Living Water International* <https://water.cc/>

Members will receive updates including photos, geographical, and topography info for each well placement. As part of our water well sustainability goal, each community will receive participatory, community-based water solution training focused on well maintenance and repair.

*Click here to view videos*  
<https://vimeo.com/63216004>  
<https://vimeo.com/24640273>



### URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**Our Partner**  
**FOKOL, Inc.**

**Our Goal:** Provide support services for urban development in the Martissant Community/Port au Prince. Michèle Duviolier Pierre-Louis is the Executive Director of FOKOL and also served as the 13<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Haiti from 2008-2009.

*Click here to learn more about FOKOL*  
<http://www.friendsoffokal.org/>



### MEDICAL SERVICES

**Our Partner**  
**MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LINK SISTERS**

**Our Goal:** Provide medical services in local hospitals and community medical facilities during annual WA mission trips. 2017 medical service was provided at Centre de Sante de SIF Clinic (Service International Foundation). 2018 medical service provided at Hospital de la Communaute Haitienne

*Click here to learn more about Hospital de la Communaute Haitienne:*  
<http://haiti1stop.com/blog/Hospitals/hopital-de-la-communaute-haitienne-hch/>



### MICRO FINANCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Our Partner**  
**FONKOZE, Inc.**

**Our Goal:** Provide financial and development support services to empower Haitians, primarily women, lift their families out of poverty.

*Click here to learn more about FONKOZE*  
<http://www.fonkoze.org/index.html>

*"...one of the most effective organizations in Haiti"*

**Nicholas Kristof, New York Times**

All of our collaborative partners have local Haiti offices as well as US established offices. Our ITS team felt the dual presence of offices in Haiti and the US was important to help ensure the sustainability of our collaborative partner relationships. We take our fiduciary responsibility for your financial contributions seriously and want to assure you we have taken every precaution to ensure our investment in Haiti is impactful and long lasting. To date, we have raised \$21,213 towards our 2020 goal of \$50K and we thank you for your generosity and selfless giving to support this program.

The four focal areas for this program include water well installation, medical services, urban development, and micro finance entrepreneurship. Please read the information to get an overview of our goals/deliverables in each of the four areas and the partners we've selected to help us achieve these goals. As we all know, it takes teamwork to make the vision and the dream work. We are blessed to have an amazing ITS team working to ensure our Haiti Program '2000 Boots On The Ground' is impactful and transformational. Kudos to these Link sisters who work continuously to serve the Western Area and the people of Haiti. We are grateful for their selfless service.



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My sisters, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and the people of Haiti. The impact of the work we are doing in this country is beyond measure. I am honored to be on this journey with you and look forward to serving with you on our next mission trip.

**Sisterly,  
 Link Roxann**

*"You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings. For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land."  
 Deuteronomy 15:10-11*