

## HAITI UPDATE

March 18, 2018

The Haiti mission team presented an update to the congregation on Sunday, March 18, 2018. GoJourney Church in Florida has taken over funding the meal ministry for the elderly in Milot and we are turning our focus to financial assistance to build a mission house there. Ultimately this building will house up to 30 people who travel to Milot for various mission projects. There are already community connections for visiting medical missionaries and other groups. The mission house is the vision of our local partners. It will employ local labor for construction and ongoing operation, and income generated will fund the meal ministry and other needs. We believe the house will serve for generations for the community of Milot and for Avondalers.

We shared photos of the architectural concept and a video of construction progress so far. Haitian culture is to build whatever is practical as funds become available rather than waiting for an entire project to be funded, so the first floor exterior and interior walls are in place. Final preparation and pouring of the ceiling slab is estimated to cost about \$20,000 and the Avondale mission team has taken on funding this vital line item. Once the ceiling slab is poured, the first floor can be completed to begin housing visitors. Our Milot friends will complete the second floor as funds continue to come in.

Mission has approximately half the funds already in hand and plans to raise the remainder through the Lenten offerings, one other special offering in the coming months, and one or two additional fundraisers (probably off-campus). All individual donations are welcome too.

Mission is creating a confidential travel scholarship fund to assist any Avondaler who wants to travel to Haiti so that there are no financial barriers.

We believe that our partnership with our Milot friends offers life transformation and is God leading us. We appreciate so much the support of the congregation in this ministry thus far and invite you to join us as the journey continues.

For more information about our Haiti ministry, visit Avondale's website. Read about the history of our ministry in Milot, Haiti, and stay tuned for updates on the mission house:

<http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/f2fspirit>

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