



## VILLAGE OF HOPE

### A brief history...

In May of 1993 a small group of Lutheran Pastors from South Florida went on a 'pilgrimage' to Haiti under the sponsorship of Food for the Poor (FFTP). In 1995 another small group of pastors and lay people returned to Haiti to witness the tremendous needs of the Haitian people. Their consensus was, "We can't just sit here and do nothing. We have to give our people an opportunity to be involved in serving Haiti's poor in Jesus' name." One of the pastors offered this suggestion: "Whatever we do, let's call it "The Lazarus Project" based on Jesus' parable of the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus, who lay daily at his doorstep, begging to be fed with the crumbs from the rich man's table. (Luke 16:19-31) This was the birth of the Lazarus Project, a special opportunity for churches and individuals to be directly involved in serving Haiti's poor.

After visiting several ministries, all desperately in need of assistance, the group decided to recommend that the Lazarus Project focus on a ministry called the Village of Hope in the Ganthier region 15 miles east of Port au Prince. Since 1995 the Lazarus

Project has expanded its ministry by supporting other ministries which currently included the Little Children of Jesus Home for Disabled Children and opening a Health Center. The Health Center opened in 2012 and is serving the students, staff and families in the Ganthier Community.



Now, after many years of productive ministry as a project under Food for The Poor, the Lazarus Project, which has grown and enriched many thousands of lives, has become an independent 501c(3) with the new name: **Village of Hope Lazarus Project**. After a lot of prayerful consideration and consultation. We still have a viable relationship with FFP for logistical support. The focus of Village of Hope Lazarus Project ministry in Haiti continues to expand and provide additional resources and services including mobile medical teams that treat surrounding communities.

Village of Hope Lazarus Project is supported by many churches and individuals in the United States and Canada. For more information go to the website [www.villageofhopehaiti.org](http://www.villageofhopehaiti.org) or contact Ray Schaible at [ray.schaible@poplc.org](mailto:ray.schaible@poplc.org) .