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Case Study Rosemanie

The lady in the picture is Rosemanie. She is the leader of the women's ministry in the Trinity Church in Ouanaminthe, Haiti.

She is the lady who organises all of the ladies in the church to cook the food for the annual Mission International Big Meal that takes place in the church. She and her team work through the night to prepare the food for the 700 people in the church.

In 2014, she decided that she would like to open her own restaurant in the town, to make the most of her ability to cook and the regular passing trade that flows right past the front of her house. Unfortunately, as is often the case in Haiti, she simply did not have the money

to complete the restaurant to a standard high enough to entice people to come and eat there.

However, through Mission International's partnership with the Trinity church, and through the generous giving of our supporters we have been able to give Rosemanie a grant of £1,000 to enable her to complete the set up of the restaurant and to open her doors to paying customers. The income she receives from this venture will enable her to send her children to school and university and, in time, to pay

back the loan to the church. The money will then be used to support other members of the church community to fulfil their own business potential in the town in the years ahead.

Please pray for Rosemanie as she works hard to make a success of this business opportunity and as she seeks to serve her local church community for many years to come.



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Case Study The Triplets

One of the great joys of working in Haiti with Mission International has been to meet three little boys who are identical triplets. Their names are Mickinson, Mackinson and Nicolson (pictured) and they are nearly 4 years old.

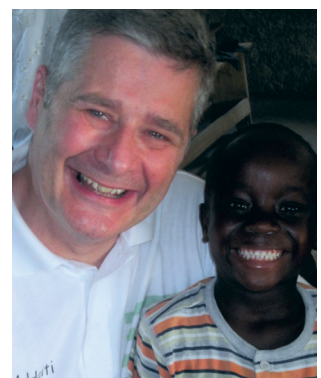
Together with their mother they live in a tiny one room brick built house with a tarpaulin sheet for a roof. When it rains, as it often does in the tropical climate of Haiti, they have little or no shelter from the elements. However, for all the difficulties they and their family face in life, their infectious smiles bring a huge amount of joy to the team every time we visit Ouanaminthe.

The family already faithfully attends Trinity church in the town and through the work of the church and with the assis-

tance of Mission International's work in Ouanaminthe, we have already been able to pay for them to go to a local nursery school. A nursery that has started them on the path of education and provided their mother with the freedom to work some of the time.

We hope that with the successful completion of the new school that these three young boys will be able to go on and obtain an education that will enable them to lift their whole family out of the cycle of poverty in years to come.

We would ask you to pray for these three young boys and their mother. Life continues to be hard for them in Haiti. We would ask you to share the story and the plight of these three young boys and their mother with your friends and colleagues. Finally, if you are able, we would ask that you consider supporting financially the building of the school through Mission International in Ouanaminthe



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Case Study Haiti

The country of Haiti has had a troubled history ever since it formally became a Republic and a nation in it's own right in 1804.

It's early history was damaged by the refusal of other nations to trade with it and in the 20th century suffered at the hands of a succession of corrupt and repressive dictators. It is a political instability which continues right up to today.

A combination of it's difficult history, political instability and devastating natural disasters

have all contributed to Haiti being recognised as the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

On the 12 January 2010 a devastating earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale hit the country just outside the capital Port au Prince. Whilst official estimates of the death toll vary

but it is generally accepted that around 200,000 people lost their lives as a result of the earthquake and that a further 1 million people were left homeless. For a country that was already poor, it was a cruel and devastating blow and one from which the people are still struggling to recover from.



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Who is Mission International?

Mission International began in 2006 and became a registered charity in 2007. It is a Scottish charity (SCIO) based in Dundee.

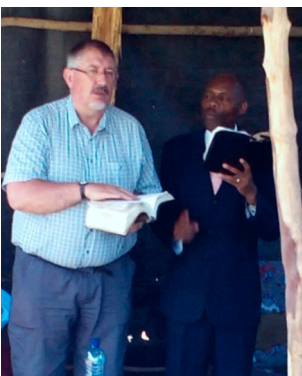
It was started by CEO Hugh Henderson who has spent over 25 years working with various mission partners across the world.

Mission International is a Christian charity seeking to bring both the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as practical help and assistance to poor people throughout the world. The charity works with local church partners in several east African countries including Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya but also works in Ghana, Malawi, Peru, India and Pakistan. The Mission International Haiti project is our first project in the Caribbean.

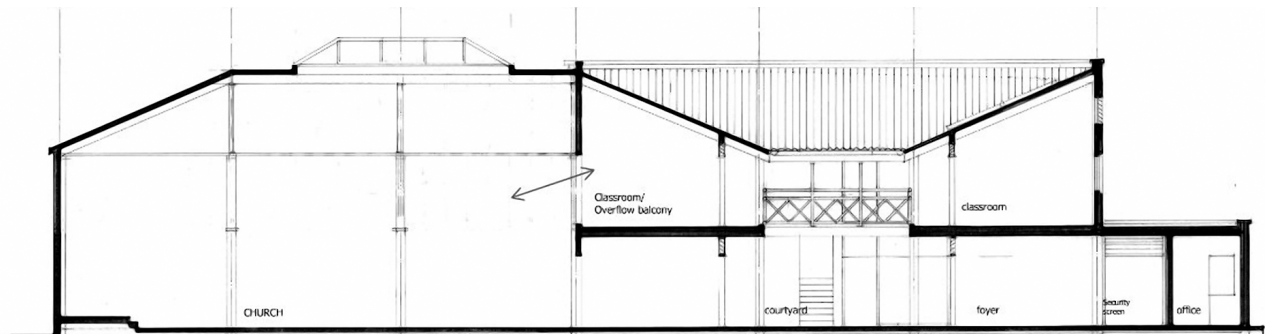
Mission International aims to work alongside local church communities to enable them and empower them to achieve their own goals for their community. This will take a variety of forms including provision of training, assistance with building projects (as in Haiti) and child sponsorship. Rather than impose solutions on local people, we want to listen to local people and help them achieve their own God given potential to improve their own practical situation.

We also believe that we are called to be ambassadors for the poor in this country. That involves bringing the plight of different people groups to as wide an audience as possible in the UK. Many of the people that we work with have no voice in their own country or beyond. Our role as ambassadors for the poor makes sure that their voice is heard.

We covet your faithful prayers for the work of Mission International and if you can join us as ambassadors for the poor throughout Scotland and become a voice for those whose voice is rarely heard we will be most grateful.



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Multipurpose building

During a Mission International visit to Ouanaminthe in June 2013, it became clear that the leaders of the church had a heart to develop a school and community centre in the heart of the town.

In addition it was clear that current church building was not large enough to cater for all of the 700 members of the congregation on a Sunday morning.

After discussion with a local land owner it became clear that there was a plot of land for sale some 200 metres away and so began the plan to create a multipurpose building right in the heart of the town. A building that would house classrooms for upwards of 200 children, a sanctuary that would be large enough to seat the congregation in comfort on a Sunday morning and a facility that could be used through the week as a centre for the community.

It was and is an ambitious project with an estimated cost of £100,000 to complete. The site already had an unfinished building but the site was heavily overgrown and was being used more as a dumping ground than as anything useful for the community.

Mission International has been able to raise sufficient funds to be able to pay the deposit on the land and in late 2014 a team from Mission International including CEO Hugh Henderson and architect Crawford MacKenzie visited the town of Ouanaminthe to look at creating plans for the new building on that site.

It is an exciting project that will make a huge difference to the people of Ouanaminthe. It will provide education for children who badly need it, a place for adults to learn and develop new skills in safety and a sanctuary for this growing church congregation to worship on a Sunday.

We hope that this new building will be operational by the start of 2017 and with your help supporting the work in prayer, raising the profile of the work in Ouanaminthe and if possible contributing financially, we are confident we can reach that target.

