

Haitian Orthodox Mission

Haiti Orthodox Family Relief Program

May 8, 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen!

I am reaching out to you, with the blessing of Metropolitan Hilarion, the First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, with a plea and invitation to join us in providing material relief and spiritual support to the Orthodox people of Haiti.

The Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church in Haiti has been in existence for nearly twenty years and is currently comprised of seven parishes throughout the country. You are likely aware that our brothers and sisters in Haiti were desperately poor even before the massive earthquake of January 12th of this year. Now many families live “under the stars” and even the most basic necessities of food, water and shelter are not secure.

The Saint Vladimir Church of Miami, Florida (which is the administrative headquarters of the Mission), and the Fund for Assistance of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (www.fundforassistance.org), have together initiated the Haiti Orthodox Family Relief program. This program brings direct aid to at least a few of Haiti’s Orthodox families in greatest need, especially those without shelter and/or with infants and small children.

Once again, we invite you, either individually or as a parish, to take part in the Haiti Orthodox Family Relief program. Additional information about the program is enclosed. If you have questions, or require any additional information, please call me directly at (305) 448-7087 or email project@haitiorthodoxfamilyrelief.com.

In Christ,

Fr. Daniel McKenzie, Administrator
Haiti Orthodox Family Relief Program