

St. Augustine of Jacmel, Haiti - Building Fund

Dear Parishioners, friends of St. Vladimir Church, and of our Haiti Mission,

Our own Metropolitan Hilarion has blessed our Haiti Mission Administrative Office in Miami, to seek financial assistance for the construction of a much needed Russian Orthodox Church in Jacmel, on the southern shore of Haiti.

As you may know our Church in Miami was built in 1947 by the donations and hard work of many of our Orthodox faithful who ran away or escaped from the former Soviet Union.

At that time the U.S. unemployment rate was 3.9 %, now, in 2010, it is near 10%.

Please now compare the conditions in Haiti and we hope you will understand that in order to build a Russian Orthodox Church in Jacmel, our faithful there will need financial help from the Orthodox faithful living in the more wealthy countries.

Please understand; our priests in Haiti specifically wish for a RUSSIAN style church, considering that to be a most important missionary tool !

Some basic statistics about life in Haiti after the earthquake are good to keep in mind:

- illiteracy 44%
- abject poverty 60%
- unemployment 75%
- income 60%+ live on less than \$1. per day
- water insecure
- electricity insecure

If you can help, please send a donation by check to:

St. Augustine of Jacmel Building Fund
101 NW 46th Ave.,
Miami, Florida 33126

Otherwise you may send a wire transfer to;

Bank of America
St. Augustine of Jacmel Building Fund
Swift Code: BOFAUS3N
Routing #: 02 6009593
Acct. #: 8980-4429-1964

We also want to take a moment to thank very much, all those parishes and individuals who have already become HOFR sponsors for our needy Orthodox families and Readers in Haiti, MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL! (see: haitiorthodoxfamilyrelief.com).

A Russian Church our priests in Haiti would like (see costaricaorthodox.org) may cost 100 thousand dollars or so. May God help!

In Christ,
Fr. Daniel McKenzie

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