

Haiti - Homes

Our CURE Clinic mission trip was to serve the rural areas of Haiti. I did not take intentional photos of the urban areas with more developed facilities. There is a wide range of home qualities in Haiti, so this selection is biased by our mission intent. The people there were doing the best that they could with the resources available to them.



post-quake city housing development



walking to Belladere hospital



home near first clinic



home near first clinic



homes near first clinic



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As resources permit, these hand-built wooden homes are being replaced by concrete block and reinforced pillar structures. Many concrete homes had rebar and pipes above the roof, ready for second floor additions.



homes near second clinic



home beside wall of second clinic school



attempted photo of concrete home



Mirebalais city street, school uniforms



children and homes at Nordette



new stone-wall home at Nordette

After our first clinic day at Nordette some of us returned early to the parked van, nearly a half kilometer away.

Heather, Christine, and Andrea went beyond to visit a nearby home and family.



local hospitality with fresh coconut water held by Heather (left)

Andrea (right) was excellent in using her Creole language ability with this family. We found that the home is also a local store for various things. They revisited the home after our second day at Nordette. Then the family helped push the van out of the mud so that we could leave after a rain storm.



my aerial photo of the northwest corner of Cité Soleil, 22 April

This is a satellite image from late 2010, ten months after the earthquake, of the Cité Soleil region of the capital. The small blue and white squares near the green tree symbol (central square) and Cité Soleil notation are residential tents for earthquake survivors. The yellow line in the lower left is 200 meters long, giving a scale. I took a photo of the upper left corner of this scene when we were approaching the airport on our first day. A week later we did a walking tour in the upper right part of this scene, with enlarged route detail shown on the next page. Numerous photos were taken on our walk through this area.



satellite view, 17 March 2017, of Cite Soleil northeast corner

This recent satellite view, 1.5 months before our visit, has been marked with a yellow line of the approximate path of our tour there. The dark streets at the cyan “f” locations are flooded.

During intense tropical rains, like happened the evening after our afternoon visit, storm water drainage washes through the channels (dark water at top of scene, and dark and green near the f’s), bringing trash from the streets of the capital city. The trash builds up in the channels, though some makes it out to the sea. The clogged terrain causes flooding of the streets and homes in this part of the district. The water by then also has raw sewage contamination, an obvious health hazard.

The central square no longer houses tents of earthquake survivors.



The central square now vacant

metal workers making charcoal burners

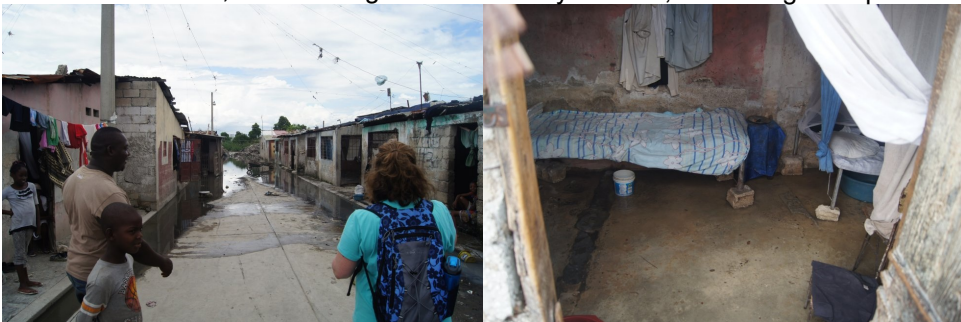
city trash in drainage channel



Team at wet street, rear drainage trash

laundry method, then hung on ropes

homes



gray sewage water to trash mound

wet floor below beds in this home

We visited a church in this area and spoke with its pastor. Then we went back to the Korean ministry that provides health care for this area.

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