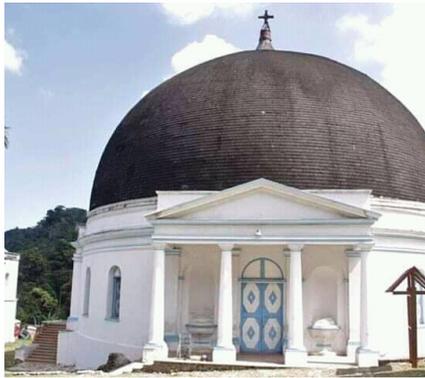




# HER Bulletin



Newsletter for HER Community



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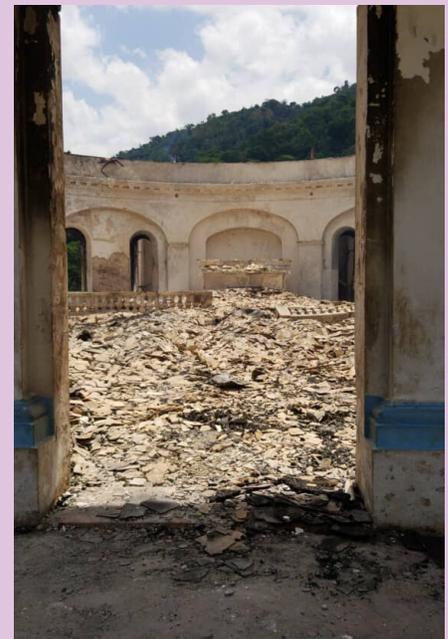


## *Fire Strikes in Milot*

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in Milot, Haiti was burned down a fire that took place during the early hours of Monday, April 13, 2020. The people of the community hopelessly watched as flames engulfed the 220-year-old historical landmark and place of worship. Little could be done to combat the flames. The entire dome of the UNESCO World Heritage site has crumbled, leaving behind charred and skeletal stone walls.

The church stood near the Sans Souci palace and the Citadelle Laferrière, other monumental sites of Haiti. Many worry that as these monumental sites deteriorate, they may be lost forever. Haiti often seems beset by corruption and political rivalry. The hope is that even in this dire moment, the church's reconstruction might serve as a point of unity.

The church is not only in need of being reconstructed but also needs help to purchase liturgical vestments and objects and supplies for repairing and cleaning. It is Father Alain Prophete's hope that once the pandemic is over, the church may start to progress towards its usual operations.



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# HER's Covid-19 Response



Covid-19 has slowly been making its way into Haiti, one of the last countries to get hit. Although leaders have been trying to prevent the spread of the virus, poor infrastructures and a weak healthcare system leave the country wide open for devastation. Thousands of Haitians have been laid off from work in the Dominican Republic, which has been hit hard by Covid-19, are now returning home. Many of them carriers of the deadly coronavirus and the number of cases multiplying daily.

HER for Humanity is aware that most Haitians lack access to clean water, soap, and many live in tightly packed slums where self-isolation is physically impossible. We quickly devised a plan for health promotion and disease prevention. We partnered with Aquasystems Haiti and strategically placed hand washing throughout Milot. Resources were sent to Milot and locals sewed masks which were distributed throughout the community. Leaders recorded and played public health messages about the importance of social distancing and other important public health messages.



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# *Kid's Corner*



School closure has been very difficult for children and families. The kids normally gather in a safe place to learn, eat, and play. Now during these difficult times, learning has come to a screeching halt. Households lack the basic infrastructures for learning to continue at home like proper lighting/electricity, internet connection, and other basic needs.

It is not certain that all the children have access to food. Through our partnership with Food for the Poor, the food from the school lunch program was packaged and distributed to the family of the students. The families were very grateful for this essential support Food for the Poor.

We continue to pray for the health and well-being of our students and their families. Our communication with the community is frequent so we can understand changes as they occur. Although we are all practicing social distancing at this time, we maintain human connection to support the concerns in Milot.



# *Make a Difference*



**If you would like to get involved, there are several ways.**

## **Donate**

Visit [www.herforhumanity.org](http://www.herforhumanity.org) and make a donation that supports any of our initiatives.

## **Volunteer**

Do you have a special talent or skill that can help our cause? Are you a writer, photographer, editor, social media influencer? We need your help to make difference.

## **Share**

Help us spread the word by liking and sharing our information.

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