

SERVING THE POOR IN HAITI



Dear Family & Friends,

I hope the summer is treating you well. Since graduating from Westmont College, God has continued to bless me in wonderful, yet unexpected ways. I have been blessed to work with Be Green Packaging this last year and a half, learning much about sustainability and project management. I found a wonderful group of women to surround myself with and was also able to put a significant dent in my student loans. God's blessings have been tremendous and continual. Most recently, he has blessed me with an opportunity to serve the poor in Haiti.

IMPACT (International Missions Project and Cross-Cultural Training) has invited me to partner with them for 9 months to pioneer a new long-term missions program. The program consists of several departments including a medical unit, a ministry team, teaching programs, administrative assistance and **economic and business development**, the latter of which will be my focus.

We will be supporting and partnering with **New Vision Haiti**, an existing non-profit organization in Montrouis. New Vision has been in Haiti for 2 years and manages an orphanage, a refugee camp, a feeding program and a medical clinic. My role will be to support Kerry Reeves, founder of New Vision, in any way that I can.

Two years ago, New Vision began a micro-lending program with 13 fishermen in an attempt to help them improve their fishing businesses and their hopes for a better future. Today, Kerry is ready to expand the program to include a group of women. Part of my responsibility will be to travel to surrounding villages supporting this group of women in their small business ventures and encouraging them in their pursuit of a better life.

While I believe this 9-month journey will be rewarding in many ways, I cannot begin to imagine the ways that God will challenge me, break me and reveal weaknesses in me. For this reason I humbly ask for your partnership in prayer - prayers for both myself and the team I will be going with.

In addition to my request for prayers, I would also like to ask you to consider partnering with me in my fundraising efforts. In order to participate in this opportunity, I am responsible for raising \$4,560. This cost includes transportation, food, housing, insurance, immunizations and a donation to New Vision. Please take time to prayerfully consider your donation and know that I appreciate anything you can offer.

Please return the enclosed offering form to indicate your prayerful and/or financial support. To provide a financial contribution, please follow the instructions to the right. Your response by August 15th would be greatly appreciated. Any responses before that date will also be extremely beneficial, as it will allow our team to secure flights on/before August 1st.

As the summer continues on, I will be preparing for our departure on August 29th. I will be studying Haiti's culture, learning Creole and attempting to mentally and emotionally prepare for this wonderful journey. If you have any advice, questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email. Please also visit my website for more information, to read my blog and to eventually see photos:

<http://shalakiewert.weebly.com>.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in partnering with me. This is a tremendous opportunity and I would not be able to go on this journey without the love and support of those around me.

Sincerely,



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Financial Support

Go to <http://shalakiewert.weebly.com>
and click **Donate** to give a
donation online.

You can also track my
fundraising progress here.



If you'd like to give a donation via
check please make checks payable to
"IMPACT-Presbytery of Santa
Barbara" with my name on the memo
line. Please send checks to
6067 Shirrell Way
Goleta, CA 93117.

As IMPACT, we believe we are **called to GO** – to GO to those who are **broken** and stand with them, to GO to those who are **forgotten** and hear their story, to GO to those who are **persecuted** and bring courage.



Name _____

Email _____

I will pray with the IMPACT teams as they prepare for, during and as they come home from their journeys.

I would like to support the IMPACT projects financially and have included a tax-deductible donation of _____ and is designated for _____

***Make check payable to: IMPACT-PRESBYTERY OF SANTA BARBARA: 6067 Shirrell Way, Goleta, CA 93117**

I will give online in the amount of _____.

***visit IMPACT's online giving at https://impact_sbp.myetap.org/impact2011/ and click on the country name and then the participant's name or go to "find a team participant" and search by name.**

The enclosed donation is not designated and should be used to support any missionary still needing funding.

I would like my name to show up as "Anonymous" on the participant's trip web page.