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THE ROAD OUT OF POVERTY IS A LONG ONE– figuratively and literally.

In the rural area of Haut de St. Marc, Haiti, Rayjon has been working to reduce poverty, build community capacity and improve quality of life for over 31 years.

- The Pinson community school in the mountains is educating 250+ Haitian kids each year (the only access to education in the area) and is now offering secondary grade levels
- Adult literacy classes are bringing knowledge and self-confidence to 100+ students (90% women) and boosting their capacity to earn a living and advocate for their rights
- A microcredit program is providing access to small business loans and resources to start small businesses. In 2017, 25 beneficiaries (mostly women) received small loans (repayment rate 100%).
- Since 1999, over 38,000 vaccinations were administered and quality health care made available to thousands in a region without prior access. In 2017, the Lagarenne and Gilbert clinics became independent of Rayjon support and is now community owned and operated.



In the process, hundreds of thousands of miles have been logged on the Rayjon Share Care Haiti vehicles. The trucks have brought life-saving medicines to the clinic, transported staff, volunteers & patients, hauled construction material to building sites and journeyed countless times to the capital to pick up supplies.

THESE ARE NO ORDINARY ROADS.



Community volunteers work on the road

The back roads of Haiti are riddled with deep ruts and potholes. They are often washed out due to heavy rainfall or landslides. Sometimes there is no "road" at all, but only rocky ground and a prayer to reach the destination! In 2017, as construction of new classrooms began at the Pinson school, parents in the community worked for months to help improve the road for the vehicles to bring supplies. With just their pickaxes and dedication they have



The road to Pinson

carved out miles of somewhat more even ground... but a huge stretch of the road remains treacherous. With a failing vehicle ready to give out at any moment, our driver has risked his safety countless times to bring supplies to their destination.

Sadly, the vehicle has not lived to see another year of service ☹ and was destroyed beyond repair in November 2017. We currently do not have safe, reliable transportation.

WE NEED TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE TO CONTINUE DELIVERING CRUCIAL SERVICES TO BENEFICIARIES.

Our Goal: \$30,000 (\$5,100 raised to date)

Will you help us reach our goal?

A reliable vehicle, capable of managing the difficult Haiti backroads, can be purchased in-country for roughly \$30,000 CAD.

Without it, RSCH programs will be affected and work urgently needed to repair water

and electrical systems at the Pinson community

school have come to a standstill. Beneficiaries are making the difficult trek by foot, and carrying supplies on the backs of donkeys... but it is not enough. Please help us fund a new truck!



Destroyed truck, October 2017