

## HAPI Haitian Artisans for Peace International

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### Earthquake Response

Paul Prevost, HAPI Director of Human Resources & Community Development, shares this update on the food distribution through [Mizak 'Peace Pals'](#):

"We have nearly 300 children who are each receiving 6 lbs of rice, canned milk, ½ liter of oil and boxes of spaghetti to carry home to their families. This is a big help for them. Each family can cook about 3 MEALS PER WEEK. We have more and more children asking to participate but right now we are limited according to our resources. If you can connect us with more food assistance, for maybe 500, that would be great! In addition, we make activities for the children 3 times per week, to help them psychologically. We purchased a few instruments, like guitar. HAPI's musical artisans, 'UJECE', are leading them in a music program."

UJECE is featured on 'CDBaby.' Click [here](#) to listen to their album 'Lape, Lamou, Lajwa.' (Peace, love, joy)



### I am grateful for.....

HAPI artisans have been expressing gratitude in spite of their horrific experiences. They are grateful to be alive. They are grateful to God for giving them strength. They are grateful for the gift of hope.

Dear Judi,

Notice the pink interior to this earthquake-destroyed home in Mizak Haiti. (photo courtesy of Lee Rainboth)



In Haiti, the color pink represents 'love.' Haitian Artisans for Peace International (HAPI) wishes to thank all of you for the outpouring of love towards their community.

In the midst of Haiti's tragedy, many wonderful things are happening for HAPI. Getting further organized with this newsletter format for our communication is one of those. Please feel free to forward to friends. We value your privacy and your support.

### Back to business

While relief continues, WE NEED TO GET ARTISANS BACK TO WORK!! When you buy a HAPI product you are making it possible for

- mothers to feed their children
- families to rebuild demolished homes
- HAPI to continue providing sustainable income for over 30 families
- HAPI to continue providing relational, medical and educational community development!



Purchases can be made online at the HAPI Store: [www.HaitianArtisans.com](http://www.HaitianArtisans.com)

Online prices are **retail** for purchase by individuals. **Encourage your church or group to purchase a 'wholesale bundle' of HAPI products.** Contact Debbie Smith, [HAPIproducts@gmail.com](mailto:HAPIproducts@gmail.com) for assistance in wholesale pricing, ordering and payment.

WE HAVE STOCK AVAILABLE! Currently, orders are pulled from inventoried stock. We are sold out of some designs, due to the disruption of production. Please let us know if substitutions are NOT acceptable. If not, the product may be backordered. We will reopen artisan production in late February. Shipment will be reliant upon teams and we cannot provide a guaranteed date of delivery at this time.

We can follow their example by keeping a **Gratitude Journal!**



HAPI artisans have created a hand bound journal out of recycled cement bags. On the very paper that symbolizes their

rebuilding, you can write down ways you too are grateful. Approximate size is 4"x7" with 60 pages with a small embroidery stitched by a HAPI artisan on the cover. **Special promotional price:** \$10.00 [via email requests](#) at this time.

Production of Gratitude Journals will begin March 2010. Delivery date tbd. Order NOW and help our artisans get back to work! Full-sized journals are in the [HAPI Online Store](#).

## Stepping up to Shalom

Visioning into the future

HAPI is excited and honored to be approved as a [Community of Shalom, Drew University](#).



Peace is one of the things the people of Haiti pray for. Click to read more about our [Shalom Zone](#) or the lives of the [HAPI Artisans](#).

## Moving forward

Thank you Judi for joining us on this journey of peace. Your support, encouragement and help to the people of Haiti and in the states has meant so much. Your prayers for all as we continue in disaster response, business and further community development is treasured. May you feel the HAPI love this Valentine's Day!

Peace,  
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