



# Harvest Time

## *Learning How to Say Goodbye With Love*

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### *Get Me Out of Here by Rose Feerick*

"Get me out of here." That was the name of my inner traveling companion on my trip to Haiti last spring. Every morning I would wake and there she would be inside my head saying "Get me out of here." Louder each day.

Years of sacred play and practicing inner compassion have trained me not to reject or repress the parts of me that are not comfortable - so daily I welcomed her and looked for God's grace.

As I reflect now on the gifts that I received from years of relationship with Haiti through Harvest Time, I find myself thinking about she who companioned me on my last trip to Haiti.

"Get me out of here" is the part of me that hurts when people I care about suffer under the weight and violence of poverty. She is the part of me that aches after I listen to what Harvest Time's decision feels like to our partners. She is the part of me that cannot put an emotional wall around my mother's heart when young children are staring at me through the car window. She is the part of me that stands in the medical clinic with a beautiful child pulling at my legs, calling in the compassion and protective strength of the divine mother. She is the part of me that is furious in the hotel lobby listening to Christians from the US talk about trying to convert people to Jesus by preaching hell in Cite Soleil, as if they did not already know what hell felt like - as if we did. She is the part of me that winces when I hear the blind spots of all of us who from the US who come to "help" and forget to notice what we receive. She is the part of me that is pained by the injustice implied in the fact that I have some place to go when my friends do not.

"Get me out of here," she cried every day as I kept my eyes open. Having her there by my side I could not deny my desire to run away, shut down or go numb.

But the fact that she was there meant I was not.

"Get me out of here," I cried, my way of feeling what hurts - my howl that opened the channel inside so that the Spirit could work within and without - my way of clearing my sight so that my spirit could recognize grace...

In a knock at the door and there was Guy with anointing oil after a particularly hard night. In a delightful man in white who unexpectedly joined us for breakfast. In a circle of friends from the US, Cite Soleil, and the Haitian elite, reflecting on resurrection and laying hands on each other. In an extravagant meal and foot massage at a house in the woods. In a cell

### **Mission Statement**

*Harvest Time invites people of wealth to come together in circles to work with money as a doorway into spiritual transformation at the personal, communal, and systemic levels.*

*Harvest Time is rooted in the Christian tradition and welcomes all who feel called to sit in our circles as we walk and grow together along the path of Spirit in the service of love, joy and justice..*



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## *Get Me Out of Here (continued)*

phone that dialed Portland one night when I needed a friend. In children's voices singing "How Great Thou Art" in Kreyol. In a child leading me in praying for a new school. In the part of me that kept walking even though it was hard. In the clarity that emerged step by step as we walked together. In money from heaven that was given when our vision was clear.

In learning how to say goodbye with love.

## *Honorable Transition*

*by Nancy Thurston,  
Harvest Time Board Chair*

It was good that the decision about the future connection of the Harvest Haiti Partnership Program was in the hands of a circle made up of people whose love and money has long poured into relationships and work in Haiti. I had opinions, but no heart connection. It was a small but powerful group of people who gathered in Texas to explore the options, play and pray their way into discernment of the next steps for Harvest Time and Haiti.

Their discernment was accepted by the Harvest Time Board and a decision was made to transition the Haiti Partnership Program, which did not fit the mission of Harvest Time, out of Harvest Time so our energy and resources can support the work that this ministry has been called to do. We also hoped to connect our partners in Haiti with organizations in the US that could better encourage and support their work than we could.

That sounded simple. The discernment was clear. Action was needed. Every day donors, foundations, and organizations decide to stop funding something, and the money stops flowing that direction anymore.

But an abrupt cut-off after a long relationship didn't feel to the Harvest Time Board as an honorable transition. We wanted to follow the Spirit's guidance and discern a plan to support our Haiti partners during the transition out of Harvest Time.

Trouble was we had lived through some painful transitions in our short history.



Good thing we were bold enough to proceed anyway. Our first step was to get the support we needed to go back to look at our history of transitions, and find a way to reconciliation. We knew that we didn't have the skills needed to do this so we set up a consultation with our friends and partners at Be Present, Inc. As we dove into the process, I realized how my transition into a 6 month sabbatical two years before was part of the difficult transition. My discernment was correct, but my way of speaking about it and arranging for it had a hard impact on Harvest Time. The process we were in with Be Present was big enough to hold the truth to emerge without sinking into regret or shame. We came out the other side with a full Haiti Transition team ready for the vision.

Trouble was money was tight at this moment in history, and we had no idea how we could fund an honorable transition in the economic downturn of 2009.

We decided to proceed to develop our "high dream" vision for the Haiti Transition process, despite the reality of limited funds. We wanted to get our best thinking and best heart knowing onto paper, trusting that the way forward would be clearer with a full plan.

Resistance was high. Where were the people to do this? Where was the money going to come from? They were loving, concerned voices. They spoke the best of conventional wisdom.

## *Honorable Transition (continued)*

It seemed crazy, but the Transition Plan continued to be developed.

As my own funds decreased, I wondered how I had the right to encourage Harvest Time to keep moving towards the full vision. If I couldn't contribute financially in the same way I had for years, who was I to keep developing a plan that was so expensive?

But I felt clear. Proceed. Trust that we would know what to do for the next step.

A woman's love for Haiti, for Harvest Time, and for Harvest Time's original director Don McClanen birthed a miracle. In her death, she released some of her estate to Harvest Time. I doubt she ever expected that God would use her gift in such a radical way to honor the long term relationships between those of us in the Harvest Time network and our partners in Haiti.

In one sense, nothing changed with her generous gift. We had the transition plan. We had the people with a heart for Haiti and Harvest Time on a transition team. All we had to do is step in with the Spirit to do the work of honorable transition that was laid on our hearts to do.

In another sense, the impossible became possible.

I learned a lot about faith, about obedience to the one thing we are called to do next no matter what it looks like, about honorable transitions as a donor and as an organization who receives financial gifts. It has been a wild ride to walk with God through all of this. Terrifying at times. But I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

I am in deep gratitude.

## *Receiving the Gift of Responsibility by Rose Feerick*

*I am aware that there are "directors" of all kinds in the Harvest Time network. Some of us are directors of churches, organizations, or companies. Some of our family finances. In this piece, I offer my learning's as "director" of Harvest Time for those who experience similar challenges, resistances, and invitations.*

**W**hen Bryan left Harvest Time in 2007, I knew that I would need to turn some of my attention to the Haiti Partnership Program. But it took me a while to understand how much. For a while, I believed I could let John worry about Haiti and focus on the pressing tasks on my desk.

Early on in that transition period, John tried to get the Board of Directors and staff to recognize the problems in our Haiti Partnership Program that needed to be addressed. But I was focused on orienting our new board of directors so we could move forward together. I was busy adjusting to the increase in my workload and to Harvest Time's need for me to step into a new level of leadership. I was intensely listening for what



the Spirit was doing in the midst of a transition that was very difficult for me. I did not hear John – not yet.

With the support of Be Present, Inc. and an incredible board that dedicated enormous amounts of time and energy to help Harvest Time through the transition period that followed Bryan's departure, we were able to emerge from a period of challenge with a much

## *Receiving the Gift of Responsibility (continued)*

clearer sense of mission and much more focused as a ministry.

About a year and a half ago, as the flow of financial gifts specifically designated for Haiti began to ebb, I started to understand that if we were going to continue our Haiti Partnership program, we would need to focus on that dimension of Harvest Time's work.

And so we began. A year and a half ago, we invited the Harvest Time network to join us in a retreat circle to reflect on our personal and organizational relationships with people and organizations in Haiti.

I received many gifts at that retreat, but one of the most powerful for me personally was one participant, Jack's, continued use of the terms "CEO" and "stewardship" as they pertained to my role, personally, and Harvest Time's care of its mission. Several times during that retreat I felt as if I could feel his spirit staring into mine trying to get me to wake up and understand the responsibility that now sat on my desk.



*Haiti Circle retreat participants near San Antonio, Texas*

This was a difficult learning for me for several reasons. I had not sought the position of "director" at Harvest Time. I wanted instead to write, to lead retreats, and to be in conversation with people in our network. It took me a long time to get through my resistance to being director to fully accept the invitation that life had laid upon my desk.

In addition, I had spent my early days at Harvest Time focused on trying to listen for what I most deeply desired. Trained in my culture of wealth, I had come to internalize the expectations that my family and culture had for me. It was an important part of my process of learning how to discern call to prioritize the question, "What do I want?" Not in a childish way, but in the way that is essential for finding the voice of God within. I had thus come to practice saying "No, this is not mine to do." And for me – for a while – that was emotional and spiritual health.

But these past two years, the Holy Spirit has been teaching me something new about discerning call – releasing me from the blind spots that keep me from seeing how my choices impact others, specifically the others that the Holy Spirit has brought into my life and that I have been connected to in the Holy Dance.

I have come to see that what I really want is to honor the relationships that the Holy Spirit has called me into and that I have been privileged to be a part of. I have come to recognize that when things get hard or take me beyond my comfort zone, I experience a temptation to leave or shut down. I have learned to reach out to friends for help during those times - so I can stay with my deepest call and vision. I have come to see that even in cases where I really am called out of something I need to take care in how I leave – because people and organizations are impacted by my choices. I have learned that I have a responsibility to be a part of the process that makes it possible for me - or Harvest Time – to leave in a way that minimizes the impact of my choices on people and organizations I love and that have blessed my life.

It took me a while to understand the care that needed to be taken so that Harvest Time could transition honorably out of its financial relationships in Haiti. It took me a while to understand that as director of this organization I needed to be actively involved in that process. It took me a while to recognize the incredible opportunity to learn about a new dimension of money and partnership that was given when Harvest Time discerned that the time had come to bring closure to our financial commitments in Haiti. It took me a while to recognize responsibility as gift.

## *Receiving the Gift of Responsibility (continued)*

But I did finally get it. For the past six months in particular, I have joined John, Judy, Greg, and Bryan as well as our friends in Haiti, Pauline, Julio, Coulu, Arold, Douwe, Ambrose, Guy, Moreno, Fremy, and Abelard in putting our diverse gifts together so that we could find out how one organization's leaving can become the seed of new

## *Staying the Course Through the Challenges of Transition by Judy*

It was "call", I believe. Not mine, but God's. Even so, it has not been easy. There have been difficult parts. But it has been worth it! I am referring to my involvement in Haiti through Harvest Time.

Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that I would be "called" to work with folks in Haiti, in the worst poverty I had ever witnessed. Never would I have thought that I would have gone year after year, creating relationships and witnessing the progress of a small school, Cite Soleil Community School, and a group of men and women, the BYA. Never would I have imagined needing to go to Haiti in April with Rose to deliver the news that Harvest Time needed to bring closure to its commitments in Haiti and begin a process of transitioning its partnerships to other organizations.

I have been a part of Harvest Time since its inception. That has involved being a member of the Beloved Community, a major donor to Haiti, a part of the Haiti Circle of Discernment and finally, an active member of the Haiti Transition Team. The involvement in the last of these began at a Board Meeting in February where I became a "Board Buddy" and has continued through the in-depth process of attempting to do this transition with honor, compassion and integrity. Never would I have thought that I would be so involved and put in as much time and energy as I have. There is just something about my heart connection with those in Haiti which has drawn and sustained my effort.

My heart connection with people in Haiti was severely tested at the end of the trip in April. Throughout the trip, I had remained upbeat and very hopeful about the abilities of those in Haiti to work with the Transition Team to reorganize their work with lots of support from Harvest Time, MCC and Haiti Partners. But on the last day, I had a meeting with Guy during which I felt he made a series of financial requests of me. I felt as though he wanted me to personally make up the short-fall that was being created by the choices of the organizations he was partnered with because I had been a major donor and his friend. I was overwhelmed and angry. My heart began to shut down to Guy and others there whom I loved and felt close to. I wanted to run, to never return to Haiti and to get off the Transition Team.

I learned later, through support from Harvest Time and Be Present, that what happened in me that last day was that I hit a wall of "too much" which made me want to leave rather than hang in there to work through issues. I wanted to take the easier road out of the process, rather than taking the more difficult one **through my own part of this transition.**



*Guy Morelus, Judy, and Moreno Morelus in Haiti*

## *Staying the Course Through the Challenges of Transition (continued)*

It was through some excruciating self examination and coaching with Rose and others that I was able to take the next steps of communicating my pain and feelings of betrayal to Guy in a way that also offered him the space to express his feelings and how it was for him that day. I consistently reached out to others on the team and beyond to help me wind my way through this difficult process. I am happy to report that this process has brought more clarity, healing and strength to my relationship with Guy. Just as Harvest Time is doing the hard work of transitioning as an organization, so did I as an individual.

Today, I continue to work with the Transition Team. I am energized by the partnership that is forming around the school with Haiti Partners, and look forward to being a part of the International Advisory Board that will hopefully support a tiny school in the middle of the poorest slum in the Western Hemisphere in becoming a shining star where children are given an amazing chance at a better life.

Transition, done well, can be difficult yet I feel it is so crucial for a life, individual or corporate, that is marked by integrity and growing freedom.

*Shortly after Harvest Time made its decision, Judy offered to share her story of connection with Cite Soleil Community School on a DVD. She hoped that her journey might inspire someone with financial resources to recognize how money can become an instrument of Christ's love and/or to become connected to the school.*

*We were able to capture much of Judy and Guy's story on film. Our hope is that their story might touch some in this network and perhaps even be used as a conversation starter with friends and church groups who are beginning to explore the relationship between money and faith. We have several extra copies of the DVD and would be happy to share one or more with you.*

*Judy and Guy's story has continued to unfold since the filming of the story. In recent months, Judy and Guy have been practicing taking the risk to speak about the hard stuff and to listen to each other. At Harvest Time, we believe that this practice is an essential part of developing a way of being in partnership that is based on authenticity and Christian solidarity. We salute the hard work that Judy and Guy are continuing to do to develop the kind of partnership that will make a new future possible for all of us—especially for the children of the Cite Soleil Community School.*

*While Harvest Time is discontinuing its financial relationship with the school, Judy is not. She is continuing as a member of the school's International Advisory Board and as a donor. If you would like to hear more about her journey or the school, please be in touch with Rose and she will connect you with Judy.*



## *Moving Forward from Worry to Hope by John Engle*

*Drafted while in Haiti October 1, 2009*

**I**'m worried. While I believe firmly that it's the right decision for Harvest Time to transition out of Haiti, I'm worried about the potential impact on lives. And while we have invested significant time and energy in carefully thinking and dialoguing with our partners in Haiti, there is still a lot of risk.

Will members of BYA (Boston Youth Association) successfully create income-generating activities that can sustain them and their families? Will the people who were receiving food aid be able to find it elsewhere? Will Haiti Partners and Madison Christian Community, the organizations assuming fundraising responsibility for

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Cite Soleil Community School (previously called St. Thomas School) and SPARE, be able to raise necessary funds? These and other questions drop like lead weights into my spirit as I am trying to sleep.

Have you ever noticed how the glass that appears half full during the day can appear half empty or even emptier during the dark stillness in the middle of the night?

Today, at Cite Soleil Community School, I held a little girl named Magdaline. She's the future of Haiti. This school is the future of Haiti. Often the education system in Haiti has been where the future stumbles, and kids can't attend, don't learn to read, or have their spirits crushed. But if we create partnerships of (a) good Haitian teachers, (b) a good organization with a lot of experience in Haiti managing the program, and (c) people with a generous vision for making a difference--well, then things can be different.

I dream of a Haiti where all the children go to thriving schools that help them to develop their God-given potential, where business opportunities abound and meaningful employment is common, and where the threat of political violence and instability are things of the past.

During the summer, my colleagues and I launched a new ministry called Haiti Partners. It's an outgrowth of the Circles of Change program that Harvest Time has been supporting and is committed to helping Haitians change Haiti, specifically by focusing on education for students, teachers, leaders and disciples. I'm thrilled that Cite Soleil Community School is among our partners. What a gift to be doing work that is participates in making my dream of a Haiti where all children go to thriving schools a reality.

Guy Morelus (see photo on next page), Coordinator of Cite Soleil Community School and Founder and Coordinator of SPARE, recently reminded me of what we have achieved and what is possible as we move forward:

"Harvest Time and Haiti Partners have put a tremendous amount of effort in creating an accord and in forming the International Advisory Council. An institution that has engagement from wise and committed partners is more likely to succeed in the long run. This accord is a great accomplishment and will help to ensure that our school can continually provide children in Cite Soleil who otherwise would not go to school with a good education and a much better possibility for realizing their God-given potential."

**We are indeed moving forward.** Several hours have passed since I got up from that restless state and opened my laptop. The light of dawn is here, roosters are crowing, Port au Prince is waking up. Deliciously potent Haitian coffee is pumping through my veins. I also just read an extremely encouraging report about Bill Clinton's day here yesterday with more than 150 foreign investors. Hurray! It is time for me to shower and head out to Cite Soleil with Luke to film students as they commence the day with the daily ritual of flag raising and singing the national anthem. The glass that appeared increasingly empty several hours ago is filling up.

This experience – of sleepless, restless nights and finding the cup "filling up" as daylight comes – has not been foreign to me during my nearly 20 years working in Haiti. For me, this tension is evidence of the profound meaning that this country and her people have helped me to discover. The journey is full of challenge and sor-



## *Moving Forward from Worry to Hope (continued)*

row, love and joy.

When discouragement tempts me, I think of Michlet, or Wenzy, or Coulou or any number of other Haitian friends who REGULARLY and courageously face hardships that are as harsh as anything I've ever had to deal with. The inspiration that I draw from these and other friends in Haiti galvanizes my commitment and sense of call.

With thanksgiving and hope in my heart, a prayer on my lips and faith in a God of grace, love and miracles, I step into this day. **I am exceedingly**

**grateful for the many generous people who have partnered with Harvest Time over the years to change lives in Haiti.** I humbly invite your continued prayers and support; let's make this transition a wonderful – and hopeful – success.



*Guy Morelus and teachers outside the Cite Soleil Community School in Haiti*

*John is the co-director of Haiti Partners (learn more at [www.HaitiPartners.org](http://www.HaitiPartners.org)). He will be in Haiti with his wife Merline and their two small children from December 16 through January 5th and again from mid April to late June 2010. If you would like to visit, please contact him at [John@haitipartners.org](mailto:John@haitipartners.org). It would be a great opportunity to meet the children and teachers pictured in the photos, to meet students in SPARE program and to experience Haiti with local hosts.*

## *In Christ, with the Greatest of Hope by Bryan Sirchio*



**A**s of January 1, 2010, S.P.A.R.E. (Sponsorship Program Aiding Relationships and Education) will become a joint program of Crosswind Music, my music ministry, and Haiti Partners MCC. "MCC" stands for Madison Christian Community, which is my home church in Madison, WI. It is an ecumenical partnership between Community of Hope United Church of Christ (of which I am a member) and Advent ELCA Lutheran Church.

Haiti Partners MCC refers to the small group (about 10) of MCC members who have given a great deal of time, energy, and leadership to the S.P.A.R.E. program for the past 8 years, fully funding the sponsorship of 12 students in the S.P.A.R.E. program. In addition to raising funds for S.P.A.R.E. sponsorships, Haiti Partners MCC also funds an adult literacy program in a mountain village just outside of Port au Prince, and contributes to a reforestation project in this same village. Haiti Partners MCC also will be helping to support the Community School of Cite Soleil along with Harvest Time and Haiti Partners. We also co-sponsor group trips to Haiti twice a year. Our next trip will be from February 11-18, 2010. If you would like to know more about this trip, or about other aspects of Haiti Partners MCC's work, please visit my web site at [www.BryanSirchio.com](http://www.BryanSirchio.com) and select the "Bryan and Haiti" tab on the left side of the home page. In the very near future, Haiti Partners MCC will have its own web site, [www.HaitiPartnersMCC.net](http://www.HaitiPartnersMCC.net).

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Harvest Time has been paying the salaries of S.P.A.R.E.'s staff, as well as other budget items for this ministry. This support will end January 1, 2010. I have decided to do my best to raise this monthly income (in the area of \$3,000 monthly) through my music ministry. MCC will provide the non-profit channel through which donations will be fully tax deductible. I will need LOTS of help!! If you would like to know how you can work with me to support this beautiful work, please contact me immediately. I would absolutely love to hear from you and explore how you might be able to play an important role in this ongoing ministry! I am trusting that if this ministry is truly of God, then God will make a way for it to continue. Please keep me, S.P.A.R.E., all the Haitians who are a part of this work, and Haiti Partners MCC in your prayers.

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## *Transition That Leads to New Life by Rose Feerick*

*The full transition plan is available on the Harvest Time website [www.HarvestTime.cc](http://www.HarvestTime.cc)*

After months of exploring and listening, we discerned that the following steps would bring closure to Harvest Time's financial partnerships in Haiti and fully support our partners in Haiti in continuing to unfold their work and visions:

- Transition Cite Soleil Community School to Haiti Partners
- Transition S.P.A.R.E. to Crosswind Music and Haiti Partners MCC
- Bring closure to BYA and support income generating activities for individual BYA members

We also committed to doing what we can to support these transitions so that when Harvest Time fully releases these partnerships, the individuals and organizations involved will be prepared to move forward without Harvest Time and, hopefully, to thrive.

### **Where we are in bringing this vision into reality.**

Over the summer, we received two incredible, awe-inspiring gifts that allowed Harvest Time to make tremendous progress in carrying out these steps. These two gifts allowed Harvest Time to provide a year of funding for the school, distribute funds for the closure of BYA and provide severance pay to people who have been receiving small monthly stipends for street cleaning and helping with food distribution. They also allowed Harvest Time to provide \$10,000 to BYA to transition its programs in Cite Soleil, to make grants to individual members of BYA staff to create income generating activities and to provide companionship from Haiti Partners and Circles of Change to maximize their opportunity for success in doing so. We also committed six months of salaries and administrative expenses for S.P.A.R.E. (Sponsorship Program Aiding Relationships and Education) and were able to create four promotional DVD's to highlight the work of S.P.A.R.E. and the school.

“WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF HARVEST TIME. YOU’VE ENABLED US TO HELP SO MANY PEOPLE IN CITE SOLEIL OVER THE YEARS. FOR THIS WE SAY THANK YOU! AND WHILE IT SADDENS US THAT BYA’S CURRENT ACTIVITIES HAVE COME TO AN END, WE WANT TO THANK HARVEST TIME FOR THE CARE THAT’S BEEN TAKEN TO UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT US IN THIS TRANSITION. THIS SHOWS HARVEST TIME’S COMMITMENT TO HONORING THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF PEOPLE.”

JULIO PATRICK, BYA MEMBER AND PARTICIPANT IN HAITI PARTNERS 3-YEAR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

## *Transition That Leads to New Life (continued)*

### **What is still needed?**

As we write, the work of transition continues. While we are well on our way to embodying this vision, the moment we are in with our partners in Haiti continues to be one of both vulnerability and opportunity. Much of what is needed now is support – in Haiti as well as the US – to move through the uncertainties and challenges of transition in order to emerge with clear vision and strong leadership. Specifically, we recognize a need to join our partners in Haiti in developing and strengthening their leadership. We are thrilled that John, Fremy and Abelard of Haiti Partners and Circles of Change, who are gifted in training grassroots leaders in Haiti, are now working with Harvest Time’s partners in Haiti. We are also thrilled that Bryan Sirchio has stepped in to work with the leadership of S.P.A.R.E. and the school. In addition, we recognize a need for Harvest Time staff to continue to be involved in conversation with our US partners in order to bring closure and glean learnings from this process. As we do so, we will continue to share what we are learning with others in our network and beyond.

On the next page is a chart outlining the financial needs associated with bringing all aspects of this transition to completion. The amount we have already raised and distributed is \$218,250. The total amount we are still trying to raise is \$130,378

## *Invitation To Partner With Us*



**O**ur hope is that some reading this newsletter will “catch this vision” for honorable transition and be inspired to help us make the above forms of companionship support possible. If you would like to partner with us, there are several ways to do so. Financial gifts of ALL sizes are greatly appreciated as are donations of frequent flyer miles. In addition, if you are open to introducing others in your life – perhaps a church or school group – to Cite Soleil Community School and S.P.A.R.E., we welcome your efforts and will soon have two DVD’s that can be used to do so. If you have questions or would like to be in conversation about any of this, please do not hesitate to call Rose.

Remaining Haiti Transition Budget	Already Raised	To Be Raised
<b>Cite Soleil Community School</b> —These funds will ensure the education for 200 children through March of 2011 while Haiti Partners recruits new funding partners for Cite Soleil Community School’s Operations and works with the school leadership to develop a model school.	\$87,250	\$42,500
<b>Haiti Coordinator, John Engle’s</b> salary and expenses through June 2010. John is supporting former members of BYA in moving through the challenges of the transition period and working with partners in the US and Haiti on an International Advisory Council to support Cite Soleil Community School.	\$9,200	\$28,400
<b>Circles of Change</b> trains thousands of Haitians in a participatory model of leadership. Fremy Cesar and Abelard Xavier are providing key, on the ground support to leadership at the Cite Soleil Community School and former BYA members during this time of transition.	\$9,162	\$20,000
<b>Partnership Meetings</b> between John, Fremy, Abelard, leadership of the school, S.P.A.R.E. and members of BYA.	\$1,000	\$2,000
<b>Harvest Time Staff</b> are providing logistical, emotional, spiritual, fundraising and administrative support to partners in the US and Haiti to bring closure to this financial relationship.	\$14,420	\$24,078
<b>Office, administrative and stipend costs</b>	\$2,125	\$7,400
<b>Travel to Haiti</b>	\$0	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$123,157</b>	<b>\$130,378</b>

### *Transition Gathering?*

Being in transition in this way has been an incredible process. We have learned and are continuing to learn a lot about how to bring closure to programs with honor and respect. If there is interest, Harvest Time is open to hosting a gathering where we can reflect on what it means to be in transitions honorably. We are aware that many of us may find ourselves in positions of discerning that we are “called out” of a program or commitment. And we are aware that many of us long to know how to transition out of financial commitments in ways that can lead to new life. Please let Rose know if you are interested in such a gathering.





## *A Celebration of Harvest Time's History of Partnership in Haiti*

During the past ten years, \$2,346,153 was dedicated to Harvest Time's Haiti Partnership Program. We want to pause in recognition, honor and celebration of the many people who have been a part of that history and who were inspired to offer financial resources to friends and partners in Haiti.

These gifts sent thousands of children to school, helped train more than a thousand community leaders and teachers in participatory methods, provided food to families, made emergency medical care possible, and helped to clean the sewage canals running through Cite Soleil. These gifts also supported several remarkable human beings who grew up in Cite Soleil who have become grassroots leaders dedicated to responding to needs in their community.

**Thank you!**

