

LET'S LEARN ABOUT ...

DID YOU KNOW?

- 11.1 million people live in Haiti.
- Haiti's name means "mountainous country."
- 52% of people in Haiti don't have clean water.



TIME TO PRAY!

WHY SHOULD WE PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?

Prayer is important because God tells us to pray. But God doesn't just invite us to pray for what we want, he tells us to pray for other people too. **1 Timothy 2:1,3-4 says, "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them... This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."** This verse says that we are to pray for everyone. That includes the people you know, but also people all around the world. It tells us that praying for others is good, and makes God happy.

HOW TO PRAY FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY:

The first step in praying for other people is to ask. We need to ask others what they hope to see God do in their lives. These hopes are often called prayer requests. The next step is to listen. We must listen to others in order to pray for them. The third step is to pray. Check out the prayer requests that the people of Haiti are hoping to receive from God. You can pray your own prayer and use the list as a place to start, or there is a prayer written out below. **Let's go talk to God!**

LEARN A NEW WORD!

At Bright Hope, we talk a lot about **sanitation**. Why? Because sanitation is important in the communities where we live and where we work. Sanitation includes things like clean water and disposing of garbage and human waste. It helps make communities healthy places to live.

In Haiti, Bright Hope holds many WASH training programs. WASH is an acronym that stands for: water, sanitation, and hygiene. Proper sanitation and hygiene are important for staying healthy.

Dear God,

We pray today for the people of Haiti. You love them so much, and you have a plan for them just like you have a plan for us. We ask that you would provide clean water for the people of Haiti, and we thank you for giving clean water to us. We pray that you would give Bright Hope a chance to love the people of Haiti through providing sanitation. We ask that you would make them healthy and strong. We ask that you would provide for them, and show them that you are a good father. In Jesus's name we pray, **Amen.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God will work through the churches in Haiti to bring more people to Jesus!
- Pray that people will stay healthy and be ready to learn.
- Pray that Bright Hope will be able to provide clean water systems for the future and have the words to tell how important it is to have healthy habits.
- Pray that God will provide families with their needs like food and shelter.

HANDS ON ACTIVITY: MAKE YOUR OWN WATER FILTER!

This activity demonstrates the importance of clean water and how much we should value our clean water systems. Not everyone can easily get clean water, and clean water can get dirty much easier than it can be made clean.

LET'S GET STARTED

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 2 empty water bottles
- Dirt/soil
- Scissors
- Gauze
- Rubber bands
- Things that you think could help filter the water:

Examples: cotton balls, sand, rocks, rice, beans, pasta, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make your dirty water

- a. Fill one of the water bottles halfway with water.
- b. Scoop some dirt into the water.
- c. Put the lid back on and shake!

2. Begin your filter

- a. Cut the empty water bottle in half.
- b. Remove the cap from the bottle full of dirty water. Then place the gauze over where the cap would be and secure it with a rubber band.
- c. Take the top half of the water bottle that you cut in half, and place it upside down inside the other half.
- d. Finally, place all the items you think could be used to filter the water (like your cotton balls, sand, rocks, etc.) in the top half of the upside-down water bottle. For best results, try using several items. Now you are ready to test your filter!

3. Test your filter

- a. Pour the dirty water into the top half of the water bottle (your filter).
- b. The bottom half of the water will show your results!

4. Feel free to try this process several times to see if you can get your water cleaner and cleaner!

Your water was probably still pretty dirty even after a few tries with the filters. Would you drink water that looked like that? Probably not! We made our water dirty by adding dirt. People often have to drink dirty water full of things worse than dirt—things like bacteria and germs and other unknown contaminants. Drinking dirty water can make a person sick, but what choice do they have if there is no other water? Clean water is essential for good health; sadly, it is not available to everyone. Many people in Haiti live without access to clean water. Please pray for those in Haiti without clean water and for our friends at Bright Hope, who help make clean water available in areas where they need it most. Pray that God provides clean water and that people give thanks to Him when they get this good gift.

HANDS ON ACTIVITY: WHO'S THE BEST SCRUBBER?

Keeping things clean can be a real challenge! How about making a FUN challenge out of it?

LET'S GET STARTED

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Scrubbers (Pick several)
 - Scrub brush
 - Rag
 - Steel wool (with permission)
 - Dish soap
 - Sponge
 - Flat scraper
- Dirty Dishes

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Collect your scrubbing materials.
- 2. Try to clean each dish using a different material (scrubber), and see which scrubber works best!

(Optional Challenge)

3. If you have a brother or sister, or maybe a cousin or friend, challenge each other to a "scrub-off" and see who can get their dishes clean the fastest.

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

Depending on which scrubbing tool you were using and how dirty your dishes were, you might have had to work really hard to get your dishes clean. Can you imagine if you only had the scrubbers that didn't work very well? What if you couldn't get the dishes all the way clean? What if your mom and dad couldn't help you clean the dishes? What if you didn't have any of the scrubbers? In Haiti, not everyone can wash dishes in the sink, or even wash dishes in clean water. This activity is a reminder that it can take a lot of work to make things clean, but we clean the dishes so that we stay healthy and keep our food clean too! Remember to pray for the people of Haiti and their struggles to make things clean. Pray that God would provide for them, and make their bodies healthy and strong.

