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# iHaiti Share

*...from dependency to leadership, by the grace of God*

**June 10, 2017**

**ELEANOR WORKMAN**, founder of the [Christian Haitian Outreach](#), entered into the joy of the Lord on [May 29, 2017](#) at the age of 97. Eleanor was like a spiritual mom to me and I would not be in Haiti except for her. I bless God for the spiritual strength and love she gave me; I am grateful to her for introducing me to the beautiful people of Haiti; and I cherish the memories of the time I spent with her.

[My tribute to "Mom" in song](#)

**COMING SOON: HAITI SHARE'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 29, 2017**

Ten years ago, nine young Haitians volunteered to help me teach a one-week vacation Bible school. At the end of the week, they shared with me their hopes for their own futures and for the future of Haiti. Out of this conversation, a shared vision was born – a vision for an organization that would help young Haitians attain spiritual, intellectual and emotional maturity, that would help them become self-supporting, and that would help them relieve the suffering of their fellow Haitians. I called home, Gary gave his support, and the nine young volunteers became the first Haiti Share team. That was Friday, June 29, 2007, the day Haiti Share was born. See [Haiti Share timeline](#).

Gary, my daughters and I have been hoping to attend the anniversary celebration, which will be held at the Haiti Share training center in Carrefour, Haiti. Gary is currently taking radiation treatments for his Stage 4 prostate cancer, however, so we do not know yet if he will be feeling well enough for us to go to Haiti.

When I was in Haiti in February, the team, not knowing if we would be able to come in June, presented me with a plaque “to the Harmsen family” in honor of our tenth anniversary.



Thank you for your love, your financial support and your prayers.

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