

**The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: The Time It Takes
November 21, 2012**



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I would greatly appreciate you taking a moment as you gather around the table to share your love for THP with your friends and family. If appropriate, please encourage them to give thanks by supporting OUR mission.

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