Quixote Center

Promoting Justice, Seeking Peace

Fall 2026

GROS MORNE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

supporting families displaced by armed violence

"I am a displaced mother living in Gros Morne. I have a 9-month-old baby. I have no food, nor any money to buy food. I'm asking for help for food for myself and my baby. The situation is urgent."

-Message received 11/13/26

Because of gang activity in the area, our work in Gros Morne these days is emergency response. The ongoing displacement crisis continues to intensify. In October, armed gangs shot and killed at least 11 people and burned down homes and businesses in retaliation for a Gang Suppression Force (GSF) crackdown in the area, devastating communities and displacing more than 8,000 additional people. While the violence was unfolding, many community members fled their homes and took refuge in Lachandle Parish, Quixote Center's partner in the area.

The need has overwhelmed Lachandle Parish, and far exceeds the resources available. In response, Lachandle has created a new team dedicated specifically to working with displaced families and are responding as best they can. They're working to distribute emergency food kits, provide small business loans to women to rebuild their livelihoods, and organize a Christmas celebration for children affected by the violence.

Over the past year, with your generous support, Quixote Center and Lachandle Parish have helped with emergency assistance for food and housing, subsidizing school tuition and small business grants to help more than 350 families try to rebuild their lives. We supported Camp Caritas for more than 150 children to have a safe space and learning activities in the summer. In September, we sent additional funds to cover school tuition for 100 new children seeking help from the parish.

The emergency remains, the situation is dire. While we work to address the root causes of violence through advocacy to stop the flow of weapons and ammunition into Haiti, we also recognize the immediate needs of families struggling to survive.



Emergency fund distribution at Lachandle parish

As you prepare for the holidays, please consider giving to support displaced families in Gros Morne. Your gift will create an emergency fund to help families with basic needs like food and shelter, the creation of small businesses to improve livelihoods, and to send their children to school. The Emergency Fund allows our partners to decide how best to use available resources as the situation changes. We are hoping to raise $30,000. Please consider supporting this work.

To give, scan the QR code or use this link: **bit.ly/QCgivingtuesday**

SCAN HERE

You may also write "Gros Morne" in the memo line of your check.

groundwork: where we are

CacaoNica

Quixote Center continues to support the Autonomous Community Sanitation Project (ACES), providing ecological latrines and solar panels to cacao-producing families across 25 communities.

This project not only helps families in the CacaoNica cooperative meet the requirements for the Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Certification, but also transforms lives with home sanitation and electricity in remote areas of Nicaragua.

We visited our partners in Waslala November 16-20 and will report back.







Between Borders: La72

This fall, we launched a new livestock project with La72, a migrant shelter located in Tenosique, Mexico.

Funding for the project supplies cows, pigs, chickens, and turkeys raised and processed onsite, making the shelter more financially self-sustaining, with more access to fresh food, easing constant food insecurity.





Gros Morne

In September, we sent funds to Lachandle Parish to pay school tuition for 100 newly displaced children. Due to the ongoing displacement crisis in the area, we are raising Emergency Assistance funds to support the creation of small businesses for women, emergency food kits, and a holiday celebration for children. The highest priority is small businessloans that would help women rebuild thier livlihoods and support thier families.







Launch: Haiti

Focusing on intensive entrepreneurship training, mentoring, small-business grants, and peer support for 25 young adults, our new pilot program begins in January!

With our university partners, we are sorting through over 100 applications and putting the final touches on curriculum. We are excited to get started and aim to fund 3 - 10 new businesses in the South.

Between Borders: Mexico Solidarity Trip

Quixote Center is taking a delegation of 7 professionals working in immigration to Mexico from December 2-9 to see the impact of U.S. policies and the response from Mexico's government and civil society; stay tuned for updates soon!



Between Borders: Panama

Panama continues to receive migrants expelled from the United States, mostly Venezuelans, but also Colombians and Ecuadorians and other third-country nationals.

Quixote Center, through our partnership with RFM, continues to provide food, healthcare, psychosocial support, direct humanitarian assistance, and spiritual accompaniment to people in especially vulnerable situations.







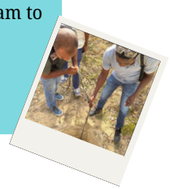


DCCH

Through our partnership with Développement Communautaire Chrétien Haitien (DCCH), farmers strengthen their skills in livestock management and climate preparedness while community-run microfinance groups provide financial support.

Over 200 families across 5 communities have enrolled in the project, with 454 people participating in the livestock management workshop alone. The livestock program increases holdings in livestock as a cash crop through providing pigs, goats and sheep to local farming families. The first offspring are then given back to the program to distribute to new families.

We are also working on water solutions to support farmers and the community.



Friends Agricultural Center

We are proud to support a new small business and social program by young Haitian entrepreneurs with a partial loan/partial grant. These young agronomists saw a need in the community and responded with a creative business plan:

A new fish farming business that will provide fish to local markets and restaurants, and aims to strengthen local food security, provide jobs, keep revenue in the local economy, and provide school supplies for 10 local children.



ADVOCACY

ARMAS Act Advocacy
stop the flow of weapons. stop the violence.

September 29-30, we hosted Advocacy Days for the ARMAS Act on Capitol Hill, including advocacy training, a congressional staff briefing and over 30 in-person/virtual meetings with Senate and House offices, and welcomed **82** advocates representing **16** states.

Quixote Center:

- Partnered with 24 international organizations
- Welcomed 87 congressional staffers to a briefing on 9/29
- Mobilized people who sent 561 letters to Congress for ARMAS Act between 9/29-10/5
- Mobilzed people who sent 400 letters to Congress for Stop Arming Cartels Act from 9/29-10/5

Thank you to everyone who helped make ARMAS Advocacy Days successful!

50th Anniversary Celebration







On September 19th, Quixote Center celebrated 50 years of promoting justice and seeking peace alongside more than 100 guests. We reflected on five decades of collective action and the people who have helped shape our mission.

We proudly honored Guerline Jozef as the inaugural recipient of the **Bill Callahan Human Rights Award**, recognizing her leadership in the Haitian Bridge Alliance.

The evening reminds us of the continued importance of standing together in pursuit of justice. Our community is strong and committed, and the work continues.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, whose generosity and presence helped bring this milestone celebration to life:

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