



In order to live the ideals of Preaching, Compassion, and Common Life that define our Dominican Identity, we, members of the **Movement of Young Dominicans of Haiti** organize a mission every year at the end of Lent or during the holy week .

This mission is prepared by a committee of three or four members of the Movement who have volunteered under the supervision of the committee. The place is usually proposed by the attendant. This is a remote area, almost isolated, with a chapel or parish, where people live in poverty. The Commission contacted the priest who lives in the region to express our desire to achieve the mission in the community and ask them housing opportunities. A fee that will be used to pay for transportation is asked to young people wishing to participate in the mission. Then, a grant application is sent to friends of the group, individuals, leaders of religious communities (Dominican Sisters, the Dominican brothers etc.). The sum or food and other items collected will be used to restore youth and preparing food kits that will be available to some families.

Once on the premises of the mission, the young are greeted by the priest. They participate in religious activities: Thursday Celebrating Saint, the Crucis exercises and veneration of the cross. On Saturday morning, they organized a mobile clinic in which young physician who are members of the group auscultate patients, while other young people are organized to welcome people, to training on hygiene and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, complete records, prepare medicines and explain to beneficiaries how to take them. In the afternoon, the Dominican youth Movement members visit some patients who could not make the trip for a time of prayer and sharing. Food kits prepared during the day on Friday are either given directly to some people, or given to the priest who welcome us to be distributed to the needy. And Sunday after Mass, young people return to their families.

This year, fifteen young people and our guide took part in the mission, which took place on Holy Thursday June 24, 2016 to Easter Sunday June 27, 2016 in a named **Grand Boulage locality** . It is

situated between the West Department and the Central Department. It includes the Parish Our Lady of Sorrows, where the parish priest father Tristan welcomed with joy the Dominican missionaries. About 250 residents of the area took part in the mobile clinic. This apostolic activity is one of the highlights of the life of Haitian young Dominicans. All those involved testify to the exceptional spiritual experience. They look forward to the next opportunity.