

WELCOME TO BELLEVUE GUESTHOUSE (Merline and John's home)

Thank you for your interest in Haiti Partners and in staying at Bellevue Guesthouse!

This guesthouse/home was built to welcome guests traveling to visit Haiti to meet her people, understand her challenges, and work to pursue her opportunities. It is in a beautiful and secure setting in the mountains just 3-miles south of Port au Prince.

A Respite

Tucked away in the trees and with an elevation of 2,400 feet, temperatures are usually 10-15 degrees cooler than Port au Prince. The peaceful setting, spectacular view, and delicious Haitian and international meals help to create a respite from normally long hot days in the field. In addition to having this friendly space to help you process and reflect on your day's activities, the 24-hour a-day wireless Internet makes it possible for your friends, family and networks at home to share in your experience with you. Bring your laptop!

And while the setting and home is beautiful (view photos <http://gallery.me.com/englejohn#100372>) there are rustic aspects like no running water. Guests usually share a room and there are also tents beside the home.

Locals Benefit

We are grateful that this house provides opportunity for local Haitians to receive employment and to learn the hospitality trade. We are also thankful that such a wonderful house was built at very modest cost, again employing local Haitian builders, craftsmen and unskilled labor at better-than-market wages.

A Sustainable Approach

This is the Engle family home, so it is fully used when guests are not staying here. It also serves as the office hub for Haiti Partners. Learn about our work at www.haitipartners.org. It is also important to note that unlike many guesthouses, Bellevue Guesthouse operates on a business model free of subsidies from general contributions. Thus, contributions to Haiti Partners fund our strategic programs 'to help Haitians change Haiti' and are not used to subsidize costs for those visiting Haiti.

Emphasis on Long-Term Relationships

We are hoping that the opportunity to be involved in meaningful and important work, combined with the beautiful setting of Bellevue Guesthouse and gracious Haitian hospitality, will keep you coming back. Haiti needs people committed for the long term. It's our hope that you will want to engage friends and family as well so that you can remain involved together with the life of Haiti and her people as we strive, alongside Haitians, to create a new Haiti.

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