

Charles House

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Charles were a proud and gracious elderly couple. You would have thought that they were living in a mansion the way they welcomed you with joy and enthusiasm to visit the deplorable circumstances that they called home. At the time Mr. Charles was suffering from a respiratory ailment which we came to understand was actually a heart problem that caused him to struggle to breathe. Nevertheless, as all Haitians who live in these remote mountain areas, he continued to walk with his walking stick up and down the mountain path leading to and from the village to his house. When we announced to him that he would be getting a new house, he raised his walking stick high in the air and danced for joy. Unfortunately Mr. Emile never lived to see his new house completed. At the dedication, two of his great grand children were lying on nice clean mats on the wonderfully clean cement floor with a new and sturdy roof over their heads, sleeping peacefully. I know he was looking down from heaven with a smile on his face. Thanks to the Fakiers and Cunninghams for all they did to make this project a reality.

Before



After



After Hurricane Matthew

