

# HELPING A HAITIAN ORPHANAGE

## THE CHALLENGE

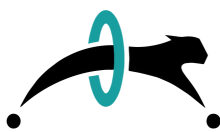
After a 7.0 magnitude earthquake occurred in Haiti, *Rendez-vous: Haiti* helped build a new facility—the Village Notre Dame de Lourdes—in Santo, a suburb of Port Au Prince. This facility, which was home to 96 orphaned children, as well as a school, was in need of a vehicle to use for daily transportation, emergency medical situations, and hauling goods.

Without a reliable vehicle, the facility had to rely on friends for transportation, and the car that was available would often break down.

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## THE SOLUTION

ICAT partnered with *Rendez-vous: Haiti* to provide transportation to this facility. Once a vehicle was donated, the process to move the vehicle to the orphanage required obtaining a donation letter and then having it notarized by the U.S. Embassy of Haiti. Once this was done, ICAT cleared the donation through U.S. Customs for export, shipping the truck to Port Au Prince, and clearing import customs there. ICAT and *Rendez-vous: Haiti* teamed up with the Archbishop of Port Au Prince to use his tax-exempt number to avoid a hefty sales tax.



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## THE RESULTS

Once the donation of a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado truck was secured, there was an enormous amount of paperwork and red tape that had to be dealt with before the truck could be imported to the facility without exorbitant import taxes, as this truck was a gift.

Not all logistics partners would have walked this organization through the proper steps to avoid unnecessary costs. **ICAT thinks differently:** when we take on a job, all of our expertise and focus goes into getting the job done right for the client.