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In reflecting on these young Sustain Haiti Latter-day Saints, I see them as a superb example of our attempts to more fully practice the new fourth-fold mission of the Church. A few months ago, the Brethren began to mention in their talks and insert into the new Church handbooks an added fourth mission as to the purposes of the Church. In essence, it is a call for us to care for the “poor and needy.” This call to action has been exemplified in the life-long service of President Thomas S. Monson as he has visited the widows, the sick, and the destitute. Our commitment to struggling Haitians is our attempt to more fully practice what we preach as Mormons.

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