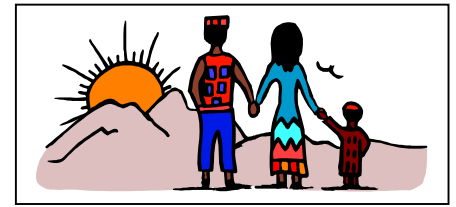


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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Jean-Mary Cipre finished secondary school (high school), went to trade school and studied accounting and mechanics. He works as traffic driver and a mechanic

Duliome Dulsix works as a teacher at St Marc's school teaching 5th grade. He is an active leader at St. Marc's Church and a lay reader

Norly Germain finished with secondary school (high school), went to university, studied and graduated in Industrial Engineering. He also studied computer accounting and psychology. He is working at Multi Assembly S.A. at Park Industrial (Port-au-Prince) as Supplies Manager. It is a big manufacturer that produces garments for companies in US like J. C. Penny, Kmart, Arizona, Fashion, Jerzees, Hanes...). Also he is a founder and member of the Maly Foundation of Haiti. The Foundation helps provide education to underprivileged children in Haiti.

Jean-Marc Govain finished with secondary school (high school) and went to University. He works as the Principal of St. Marc's School. Jean-Marc is an active leader at St. Marc's Church and a lay reader He is helping support and raise some of his nieces and nephews whose parents died. (continued on page 2)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HAITI NATIONAL NEWS?

The political crisis continues in Haiti but elections did take place on February 7 with a good turnout and a minimum of violence. Runoff elections will not be necessary since Rene Preval won a majority in the first round. Haiti project trips have been cancelled since June of 2005 because of continued kidnappings and violence. This limits in-person communication and prevents delivery of many duffel bags of supplies. In addition, Haiti was hit by three hurricanes in 2005, resulting in many crops being washed away. Fortunately, we now have good communication with Jeannette via e-mail and cell phone thanks to a new tower in nearby Mirogane financed by the diocese of Maine. Work at the school, our Haitian partners carry on clinic and church and a shipment of supplies sent in December has arrived safely.

HAITI PROJECT WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS-p. 3

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Board Members: Ann Brophy, John & Patti Brusky, Barb & Ted Chesney, David Couper, Carl & Mary Alice Eschweiler, Nancy Frana, Denis Higgs, Christophe & Molly Nicaise, Sparky Watts, Susan Webster, John Ashman (Appleton), The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller

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FIRST GRADS FIND JOBS, HELP OTHERS!

By Barb Chesney

(**First Graduates**, continued from page 1)

Arold Heran finished with secondary school (high school), went to university, and will graduate this June, 2006 in Agronomy. He works part time at St. Marc's School where he teaches agronomy and ecology. Also he is a founding member of Maly Foundation of Haiti.

Julande Dumano moved to France. We don't have any news from her.

Monique Leger works as a preschool teacher at St Marc's school. She is the mother of twin sons Wood and Woody. Her parents are Marie Carmene and Mories Leger who have been friends to the Haiti Project for years as part of the presbytere staff in Jeannette.

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Ways YOU Can Help

- ✓ Pray for peace and stability in Haiti
- ✓ Gather supplies for another shipment—medicines at least 6 months from expiration date, children's multivitamins, first-aid and surgical supplies, gardening tools, wheelbarrows with solid tires, work gloves, hygiene items (no clothes please)
- ✓ Collect funds or donate to purchase supplies and pay for shipments
- ✓ Sponsor a child
- ✓ Donate to the Gift of Water

Lord,
Thank you that You have given us the name Christian.
Now give us strength to carry it.

Prayer from "God Is No Stranger"
Baptist Haiti Mission

HAITI PROJECT WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND TREASURER-IN-TRAINING

We met Molly and Christophe Nicaise from St. Andrew's parish, Madison, at the spring Jazz It Up benefit. They enthusiastically volunteered to help with the project and Christophe volunteered to become the new treasurer. As if this weren't enough, he is also a native French-speaker and Molly is probably better than most of us. Molly runs a website business and has redesigned our website and our new brochure. They are also working on a new database they hope to make accessible to all board members. Read about their contributions in other articles in this newsletter. We welcome them to the Haiti Project Board and consider them and their special skills a wonderful blessing.

NEW SPONSORS--BACKBONE OF THE HAITI PROJECT

Nancy Frana

The sponsorship program is the backbone of the Haiti Project. It is evidence of our ministry, partnership and commitment. To the children in Haiti it is a hope for their future. To the people in Jeannette, it is proof that God's love comes from far away places and people. They may not be able to thank you, but WE want to say THANK YOU to all of you who join us in this ministry. Your support, love, and prayers reach farther than you could ever imagine.

Thank you to the Diocese of Eau Claire. They join the sponsorship program, which JoAnn Martin volunteers her time to manage. They have 21 sponsors of 30 children!

A special thank you to Norma Nowak and the staff at St. Luke's Hospital Preadmission Test Center. The group has sponsored 6 children as part of their Holiday gift giving, and gave an additional donation for children's vitamins.

PARISH VISITS INCREASE CONTACTS

Jan Byrd, Coordinator

Exchanging current information on the progress of the Haiti Project and hearing stories from many of you who have been faithful supporters, disillusioned supporters or completely new to the project has been a personal benefit and blessing to me. I thank you all for your hospitality and look forward to more visits in the near future. Each parish has its own format but most often I have met with the adult forum before or after a service as well as sharing the Eucharist with most of you. I've also attended some fundraisers with Haitian arts and crafts and even gave the sermon on one occasion! I am also willing to talk with youth groups or Sunday school classes. In short, I'm available to do whatever I can to help you help the Haiti Project.

We have a wonderful new power point presentation of the history of the project. If you haven't seen it, please contact me to set up a visit with your parish. One of my goals is to have personal contacts at each parish to post the newsletter and otherwise publicize Haiti Project news and events. Ultimately I hope many more will be inspired to sponsor a child at St. Marc's School or otherwise become more involved in this mission work.

Other new sponsors:

Jim & Beth Slocum, Mike & Norma Nowak, St. Peter's Church, Northlake, Joe & Shirley Madrigano, Janet Blaziewski, Tim & Jean Merkt, Katie Manning, Jeanne Hanauer, Dave Hanauer, Wendy Warren, Noblet Family, Gerianne Kelly, Carol & John McConnell, Keith Williams, Bob & Pam Elliot, Dave & Cookie Huxley, Carol Peterson, Ed Fleming, Nancy Fleming Family, Drew Rittel, Laura Scott, Rev. Mary Mail, Grabowski Family, Charles Trainer, Rev. George Kimball, Kathy & Randy will, Fred & Shirley Reames, Tim Von Rueden, Dr. & Mrs. Filmanowicz, Beth Yount, Kate Glenn who always wanted to be a missionary, 4 new Haitian "grand-children".



GIFT OF WATER

Nancy Frana

To the people who live in Jeannette and rely on rain as their only source of water collection, water is a precious gift! It is a resource that is not wasted. Rainwater that collects into their “community cistern” systems, however, does not remain pure.

Families are aware that they should boil their drinking water to kill germs and parasites, but the little charcoal they may have, is more importantly needed to cook food. Contaminated water causes much misery to young and old alike. Diarrheal diseases cause malnutrition and at times death. Sadly, this has been accepted as a way of life in Haiti.

In 2002, the Haiti Project received a generous donation from St Timothy’s Church in Milwaukee that was to be used to find a way to bring pure water to the families in Jeannette. And now in the year 2006, over 400 families are benefiting from a water purification system they use in their homes! The simple system, of two buckets with filters, was designed by an engineer in Florida to be used in Haiti and other developing countries. It is a program called “Gift of Water”.

In our community in Jeannette, 2 young men have been trained by the program, and now have full time jobs as water technicians. They are responsible for constant monitoring of the systems and verifying water purity in the homes. The families in Jeannette have been very happy and

report improved health using the water purifiers. Both the school and clinic have purifiers in use.

There is presently a long list of families who would also like purifiers. At this time the future and growth of this program is being evaluated, as it will never become “self-funding”. We need to be responsible in managing growth through on going fund raising efforts. We are also looking into the possibilities of ways to ensure a water supply that is available all year round.

Access to water and purifying water remains a challenge in Jeannette. The Haiti Project has recognized the importance of this challenge and the long-term benefits to the health of this community and we continue to work with the people in Jeannette to help make a difference.

HUNGER APPEAL

After several hurricanes devastated crops in Haiti this year, a special appeal was made to parishes in the Milwaukee Diocese. You opened your hearts and checkbooks and over \$4,000 was sent to Pere Amiold Lazard at St. Marc’s Parish, Jeannette, Haiti to help relieve hunger. Haiti Project policy is generally to give assistance that fosters self-sufficiency rather than direct food aid. In this instance however, some funds were needed for immediate relief but Pere Amiold wisely used some to bolster the agricultural program with the help of a senior agronomy student from Jeannette. We hope to be able to use his expertise after his graduation.

HAITI PROJECT 20TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS

Colorful 8x11 calendars with pictures from the 2005 trips are still available for purchase. Each month contains a Haitian proverb and Bible verse relating to the picture with room for writing on the date portion. The cost is \$10 per calendar and proceeds benefit the project. Call or e-mail the coordinator for your copy.



ROOF COMPLETED ON SECONDARY SCHOOL!

Completion of the roof will allow the addition of solar panels to supply additional power to the school with greater security for the solar panels themselves. This project also supplied much needed employment for Haitian workers and was completed without the presence of any American volunteers. Many thanks to those who gave special donations to make this happen.

Volunteers Needed

Show your support by getting more involved in the Haiti Project as a volunteer. Could you...

- 1) Help collect and pack supplies for shipment.
- 2) Set up the newsletter for printing.
- 3) Help with mailings.
- 4) Help with the 20th anniversary celebration and art sale—food, publicity, clean up.
- 5) Be a contact person at your parish to make sure the newsletter, brochures and information about events are publicized.

Contact any board member or the coordinator Jan Byrd at 608-212-7971 or res1cadh@verizon.net.

QUESTIONS SPONSORS ASK

The question most frequently asked by sponsors is how to have a more personal relationship with their Haitian child. Letters are a great way to tell your child someone cares, and to encourage and support them as they grow. Letters can be in English and should be short. They will be translated and given to your child. Please put them in an envelope with only the child's full name and sponsorship number. Do not include your address, phone number or e-mail address as this can result in unwanted requests for money or other support. Please do not send money as not all children are sponsored so some would be left out. Also, in the past there have been problems with some children being robbed on the way home from school. It is a good idea to send a picture of yourself or your family. See our website for more details on letter writing. Enclose your letter in another envelope and mail to: Fr. Amirolde Lazard

c/o Lynx Air
PO Box 407139
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 3340-7139

HAITI'S HOPE NOTECARDS

"Hope is the passion for what is possible."

Lacking even the most basic necessities of life, the children of Haiti are born into unimaginable poverty. Without clean water, good and medicines, many suffer needlessly. Knowing no other world, they find happiness in simplicity, family and faith. In their innocence, is Haiti's beauty and hope.

Box of 12 cards and envelopes \$10

Six different photos (2 each)

Blank Inside

All proceeds for healthcare and the Gift of Water project in Jeannette, Haiti.

To order contact the coordinator Jan Byrd. Shipping \$3.00 for the first set, \$.50 for each additional set.