



ZANMI Friends ANSANM Together

The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee's Haiti Project Newsletter : Fall, 2009

COMMUNITY LEADERS IDENTIFY NEEDS

Haitian Arts & Crafts:



St. Mary's Dousman Arts & Crafts Fair: Friday, Saturday, December 4, 5

St. Andrew's Madison Haitian Art & Coffee Sale: Sunday, December 6th 11:30 - 1:00

YES: **Singing Rooster** Haitian Coffee will be available at all sales!

There will likely be more craft sales – check on our website for updated information.



On a May trip to Jeannette, Treasurer Christophe Nicaise and Coordinator Jan Byrd were delighted to meet with community leaders known as the Wise Persons Council. Two are employees of St. Marc's School, Genet Eloi and Duliome Dulsise. Two are coffee farmers Julien Dumano and Fritz Dumano, and the fifth is also a farmer, Gino Joseph. Their biggest concern was a reliable water supply. All the cisterns had been leaking but many thanks to an anonymous donor, all but one has now been repaired. Almost all homes have the two-bucket water purifiers from the Gift of Water Program, which has now unfortunately closed its doors. We are looking for other options for supplying chlorine and filters as well as replacing purifiers.

Their second suggestion was to hire another nurse who would reside in the community to assist people at night and on weekends, especially mothers in labor. They cited a recent case of a mother and infant who died from probable preeclampsia in the middle of the night. In the past we have had two nurses but more recently had a resident physician. Due to cost and the relative nearness (30 minutes) of a hospital, having a second nurse is more useful to the community. Our current nurse has many community health duties and government-required meetings and does not live in Jeannette, leaving the clinic frequently without a nurse. Trinity Wauwautosa's Outreach Committee has pledged funding for hiring the much-needed second nurse. Mesi Anpil!

The council would also like to use the new trade school/center building for improving agricultural practices in the area, including coffee growing. They are anxious to hire a local agronomist to help them but as yet our budget does not cover this.

We were able to have plans drawn up for simple coffee-drying racks to be built locally and also a sturdy table to permanently mount the coffee huller we purchased last year. The huller results in less breakage of the beans than the mortar and pestle method they had been using. Racks replace drying on the ground or roof and are much easier to cover and move if it rains. Wet beans promote spoilage and this has hindered coffee quality in Jeannette.

Any parishes or individuals interested in pledging support for an agronomist would be welcome. This is a way to "teach them to fish".



A loved-one in your life will receive annual photos, report cards, and occasional notes from your school child.



This Christmas, Send a Haitian child to school in a loved-one's Name

All kids dream of going to school. The Haiti Project partners with St. Marc's in Jeannette to make going to school a reality for over 700 children.

Child Sponsorship is a great way to experience the joys of helping a child in need and making a lasting difference in his or her life by sending a child to school. Sending a Haitian child to school costs \$200 annually, and you have the opportunity to sponsor a child for years.

Some sponsors begin when a child is young and the child may not graduate until his or her early 20's. While we hope you are able to continue your support until graduation, we recognize circumstances change, and you may discontinue your sponsorship at any time.

Your loved one will **receive an introductory letter explaining your gift.**

Send a Haitian Child to School in a loved-one's name by visiting our website: www.haitiproject.org

Director General Joins Steering Committee & Working Groups

Two long-term Haiti Project members treated Rudophe Eloi and his wife Mirea to a visit to the US, her first.

Eloi (Elwa) as he is known was a great help in advising the groups on policies and the needs of St. Marc', Jeannette.

While in the US he also had a complete eye exam and obtained much needed glasses. Group members and the Rudolphes viewed pictures from Jeannette of Eloi's 20th anniversary celebration.

The celebration was a surprise put on by November, 2008 trip members along with staff at St. Marc's.



COUNCIL OF WISE PERSONS IN JEANNETTE with DIRECTOR GENERAL ELOI (center in white shirt)

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GPS MAPPING PROJECT

The Haiti Project has been in Jeannette for almost 25 years, and we have a sense the community has grown since education, water and healthcare services have become available. Now we need basic data on demographics, education, health and economics to better understand the needs of the community and obtain funding. The medical working group has prepared a simple survey that the January trip group will employ along with GPS mapping.

Electricity & Internet Planned for St. Marc's School Campus

The Commission on Global Reconciliation awarded a grant to upgrade electricity for the teacher's dorm and school, including the trade school as well as purchase supplies and equipment for the trade school. Plans are to place solar panels on a concrete roof. Since the teacher's dorm metal roof has been leaking for five years and is now in a desperate state, one plan would be to replace it with a concrete one at a cost of \$20,000. An alternate plan would be to replace it with a less expensive metal roof and use the kindergarten roof for solar panels.

The upgrade will include a generator and internet access for better communication between our partners and us. Mission trips in January and February will supply muscle power and electrical know-how.

CRAYONS FOR LITTLE FINGERS & GEOLOGY KITS FOR BIGGER ONES

Teachers and students in Haiti often have very little in the way of supplies or materials to illustrate their lessons. Thanks to all who collected large crayons for the preschool and help prepare geology kits. Last year's microscope project was a big hit with teachers and students alike.

crayons needed for
Haiti Project!

The Haiti Project is requesting 8-pack boxes of large crayons for young children. They need at least 100 boxes. With back-to-school bargains, now is a great time to donate!
Thank you!

NEWS FROM EAU CLAIRE PARTNERS

Despite lack of a bishop in 2009, support from the Diocese of Eau Claire remains dedicated and steadfast according to John Meacham, sponsorship coordinator for their diocese.

42 individuals or churches sponsor fifty-two children and \$1800 was raised in an advent appeal for the food program. They were also responsible for the microscopes mentioned above. They will be introducing Singing Rooster coffee at their fall convention and have set a goal of 75 sponsorships for 2010. What an inspiration and help Eau Claire has been to the Haiti Project!

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