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Fall 2004

ST. MARCS BLESSED WITH NEW PRIEST

Exciting news of a positive note comes our way from Haiti! A new Priest has been assigned to St. Marcs in Jeannette. Pere Amiold Lazard replaces Pere Pierre Auguste who served St. Marcs for nearly five years. Pere Lazard lived there as an intern in 1996 and is excited to return to this ministry. And we are very excited to have him return! Pere Auguste has moved on to be an assistant to Pere Bruno, and will serve several parishes with him. The Haiti project thanks him for his years of service.

Though communication with our new priest has been a bit of a challenge, we are greatly encouraged by our initial contact with him. Some of his first words to us in his initial E-mail were uplifting: "Be assured of my leadership in Jeannette and my sincerity in our relationship". We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with our new clergy leader.

Pere Amiold is single will be resident in Jeannette.. He states that his English is not good (though most likely better than our Creole). He is a good choice, as he knows the parish, though there will be a lot to learn as there is with any new position. Look for personal words from him to Haiti Project partners in the next newsletter,

Pere Amiold has enthusiastically communicated the early success of the Gift of Water Program, This is a project promoted by the board under the guidance of board member Nancy Frana to purify collected water. Clean water has been identified as the single most important health consideration in third world communities. The Gift of Water was the program selected because it has a good track record of being simple, economical, and effective. The training, distribution and follow-up are done by Haitians for Haitians, thus supporting another great need: (continued on page 2)



HAITI PROJECT SEEKING PART-TIME CO-ORDINATOR

**To assist the Board of Directors with overall management of the Project*

**Primary focus is to work with the day to day operations of the Project in the US e.g.:fund raising, grant applications, newsletter publication, presentations and sponsorship promotion*

**Position is part-time (average 15-20 hours/wk)*

INTERESTED?

Call or E-mail :
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JOBS. The households identified as part of the community education process received their containers at the end of September. DOM HP hopes to be able to continue funding this project and expand the number of people served for years to come, thereby further improving health and quality of life.

Pere Amiroid also hopes to continue progress toward getting the Sewing Trade school going in October, although more supplies and a better location are still needed. We are hoping to get a grant application written for this. (See page one for Haiti Project coordinator position ad.)

Additional priorities Pere Lazard sees for Jeannette include: repair the medical clinic, which suffered a fire some months ago; ensuring timely payment of salaries to all staff; finding ways to help replace roofs on the rectory, school buildings and many homes destroyed by hurricane Jeanne,

The mountain village of Jeannette fared much better than many other areas in Haiti. Elsewhere there was much loss of life, destruction of homes and total loss of worldly possessions. This, plus the likelihood of widespread disease and death from causes related to the lack of clean water and extremely poor sanitary conditions has created yet another crisis in our beloved and beleaguered Haiti.

Wheels for St. Marcs

God is working in wonderous ways! We have received a phone call from Jim Turner, a member of St. Gregory's Church, in Boca Raton, FL. They have sent a NEW, 4 door, diesel, pick-up truck to Haiti. This is thanks to Pere Pierre Auguste (former priest serving St. Marcs in Jeannette) and Food for the Poor. It was shipped from Panama, arrived in Port au Prince in June and is due to come out of customs soon, duty free. St. Gregory's is the parish that is partnering with Bon Dos, a mission of St. Marc's. Jim has been to a lot of 3rd world countries but not Haiti. He and his wife have a son in Waukesha and plan to come visit this fall.

NEW PARTNER FOR DOM HP

The diocese of Eau Claire has expressed interest in joining with the Diocese of Milwaukee in it's Haiti Mission Partnership. Here is an article which appeared in their diocesan newspaper. We are glad for the opportunity to share resources!

A New Mission

by Erika Gullerud of Christ Church Chippewa Falls

The Diocese of Eau Claire launched its mission partnership with the Diocese of Haiti and the Diocese of Milwaukee on July 24 with a festive evening comprised of food, folk art, and fellowship. The evening began with a delicious buffet of authentic Haitian food, including a variety of meat dishes, rice pilaf, and slices of sweet ripe melons, papayas, mangos and pineapple. After eating, all were encouraged to peruse the displays of Haitian folk art for sale, including metal work, woodcarvings, and colorful paintings. There were also comprehensive displays and pictures of the school and the church and mission work done throughout the years.

The highlight of the evening for me, however, was the moving speech given by Patrick Croy (Our Saviour's, Lugerville) detailing his experience in Haiti last January? He spoke of the dramatic impact the Haiti Partnership has had in the lives of the people "on the mountaintop" in Jeanette. The town has a strong Episcopal church, a medical clinic, plans for adult vocational training classes, and a wonderful school which many children walk several miles to attend; in short, hope for the future.

The evening ended with a short video detailing mission work in Haiti. Although the Diocese of Milwaukee has focused on Jeanette, the Episcopal Church has been active in other Haitian cities, which like Jeanette stand in stark contrast to the crippling poverty, widespread violence, and general hopelessness throughout most of Haiti.

The evening was a success. Of the roughly 55 attendees several pledged to sponsor children. Quite a bit of artwork was sold. I understand that \$2,300 was raised. And I came away with a feeling of encouragement. The people of Jeanette have come far in 17 years and we can keep the momentum going. There are many ways in which people in the Diocese of Eau Claire can respond to this call to mission. And we can begin by praying for the people of Haiti, for those at St. Marc's Church and School and the people of the community of Jeanette.

INTRODUCING "INNOCENCE"

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Haiti board members Patti Brusky and Nancy Frana, we now have attractive new Haiti Project Brochures and note cards available! Look for the new, full color brochures in your church racks soon. Be sure to share them with friends and fellow parishioners who express interest in sponsoring a child. We need your help to spread the word!

The "Haiti's Hope" note cards come attractively packaged, with 12 cards/package for only \$10.00. The first set, called "Innocence", contains 2 each of 6 different color photos of beautiful Haitian children. Proceeds go to health care and water projects in Haiti. They would make wonderful gifts. To order, use the form on the back of this newsletter.

GIVE THANKS ON NOVEMBER 14th

The Haiti Project would not exist were it not for the many partners who annually commit to a supportive and loving relationship with a child in Haiti. We want to honor and thank our partners, who support these children financially and in prayer, by sharing a meal and fellowship this fall.

All Partners are invited to join us on November 14th at St. Andrew's Church in Madison, 1833 Regent Street. The evening will begin at 5:00 P.M. with Evening Prayer followed with a dinner at 5:30. You don't need to bring food, contributions, supplies or anything but yourselves. If you have not received an invitation in the mail and are interested in attending, RSVP Mary Alice Eschweiler, 262-367-6564 or email sheppatch@aol.com so we may know how many to plan for. We are grateful to the members of St. Andrew's for their assistance in providing the facility and much of the food for this event.

A VERY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Two of our board members attended a "twinning" conference in September and learned, among other things, that there is a way to bring internet capabilities to remote areas in Haiti via satellite. This is an exciting prospect for the students and teachers in Jeannette as it has the potential to open up learning and business opportunities, as well as improve our direct communication with the priest and lay leaders there. If there is an individual, church or company interested in underwriting all or part of this project, the start up cost is estimated at \$700.00, with an ongoing monthly fee of ~ \$60.00. For more information, please contact Patti Brusky @pabrusky@aol.com.

TRAVEL TO HAITI

Hopefully the civil unrest and chaos in Haiti in the aftermath of changes in governance and the recent natural disasters will settle down enough for our mission trip plans to proceed. The cost of trip includes airfare and approximately ~ \$600.00. Here is the hoped-for schedule:

November 7-13, 2004 Surgical trip - Hopital Ste Croix

February 10-22, 2005 Medical trip

January 14-24, 2005 Tentative Date - Contact Mary Alice Eschweiler if interested 262-367-6564

May, 2005 - University youth trip. Contact Karla Weber -student at St Francis House, Madison.

karlaweber@wisc.edu

June, 2005 Fr.Scott Leanah (Priest @ St Mary's Dousman) Youth Group 262-965-3924

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Trinity Church Wauwatosa Silent Auction - To benefit outreach, including Haiti Project .November 6th 6:30 -9:30 - 1717 Church St., Wausatosa ALL ARE WELCOME! 414-453-4540

Haiti Project Partnership dinner – November 14th Madison - (see related article)

Jazzfest Concert and Fine Haitian Art Sale – Tentative date Feb 5, 2005 – Madison

COMING SOON!!!

For updated information, check the Haiti Project website *currently under construction*, at www.haitiproject.org,

HAITI PROJECT NOTECARD ORDER FORM

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ADDRESS _____ **E-MAIL** _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

QUANTITY _____ **SETS AT \$10.00/SET** _____
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TOTAL _____

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