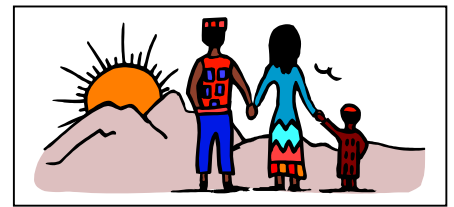


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## NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE EPISCOPATE DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE HAITI PROJECT

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing”. John 15:5

“Real prayer is union with God, a union as vital as that of the vine to the branch... We need that union to produce good fruit. The fruit is what we produce with our hands, whether it be food, clothing, money, or something else”.

*Mother Teresa from  
“No Greater Love”*

**Inside—Read about  
Bishop Miller’s Trip  
To Haiti, GOW, BTI,  
the Maternal/Child  
Project, Coffee, &  
The Trade School!**

## HAITI PROJECT STRIVES TO MEET THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

“What the MDG’s give us is an opportunity to do as Christ did...to meet tragedy and brokenness where it is and to bear the unique healing presence of the divine to it. The MDG’s present to us the same opportunity the blind man did for Christ. Just as he used mud and spit to make a miracle, we are to use what we have—the abundance that already exists on this planet...the superabundance and over privilege we in this country have to heal those who have not.”\*

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger through Bishop Miller’s appeal and the school lunch program. Provide economic opportunity through training at the trade school and the coffee project.
2. Achieve universal primary education for children at St. Marc’s School from preschool through grade 9 with a special mixed-age class for children who have never attended school before.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women by sending our first woman student from Jeannette to the two-year Business & Technical Institute, and by forming micro loan coops for women.
4. Reduce child mortality through clean water in the Gift of Water Program. One hundred new bucket purifiers will bring the number to 500 homes.
5. Improve maternal health with prenatal care, vitamins, immunizations, food supplementation, home delivery and infant kits.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases by testing, treatment and referral by nurses and health workers at St. Marc’s Clinic.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability with shade-grown coffee project.
8. Create a global partnership for development through all of the above. (Continued on page 2)



### MDG'S (continued from page 1)

Some say MDG's are replacing our primary call to spread the Gospel with a set of secular goals, but as the first priest at St. Marc's, Fr. Octave Lafontant, said "It's not enough to tell the people God loves you. You must show them God's love." Fr. Amiroid Lazard, the current priest-in-charge in Jeannette strives to do both under often difficult circumstances.

"If we throw ourselves into the job of getting face to face with those in greatest need and watch the healing power of Christ emerge, the Gospel will be spread and take root in ways more powerful than any tract can provide. And people will learn who Christ is, and so will we."\*

\* Excerpts from "The Power of What One Can Do" by the Rev. Mike Kinman, Executive Director, Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation

### TRADE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & MATERNAL/CHILD PROJECT BEGIN

Construction in Haiti often occurs in stages as money becomes available. Thus construction of the first floor of the new trade school building will begin soon at the request of Fr. Lazard and agreement by the Trade School Working Group. The current sewing trade school classes have been meeting for several years in empty classrooms after the younger children are finished with their classes. For security the sewing machines are kept at the rectory and must be carried up a hill for use by the class. Construction of the first floor will allow its use for sewing classes in the fall of 2008. The concrete roof will become the floor of the second story when funds are available. (See finished sewing crafts below left).

During a January trip, Stephen Smith, chair of the Trade School Working Group, met with Fr. Lazard and the project administrator, Rudolphe Eloi, to gather information in preparation for a grant proposal for funds to finish, equip and operate the school for 3 years. Many thanks to recent donors Gerald and Elaine Mainman, Ivan and Betty Springstead, and Amy Muchow and Aaron Omsrud.

The Maternal/Child Project funded by the Commission on Global Reconciliation was launched in November with delivery of vitamins, medications, delivery kits and infant kits. Educational sessions were held with the clinic staff and matrones (lay home delivery assistants). A return trip in January again delivered supplies and made adjustments in functioning of the program. The director of Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Foundation, Cindy Obenhaus, also visited St. Marc's Clinic during the January trip, and Jan Byrd and Steve Smith in turn visited their modern birthing center, Maison de Naissance near Les Cayes. Many thanks to Laura Norby and the midwives at Meriter Hospital in Madison for donated medical supplies and to all of you who prepared the beautiful infant kits. Three members of the Medical Working Group, Patty and John Brusky and Nancy Frana will again follow up on the project during their February trip. (Mother receiving infant kit below right).



## BISHOP MILLER STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP

Bishop Steven A. Miller traveled to Haiti in January with Haiti Project liaison, Canon David Pfaff, Haiti Project treasurer Christophe Nicaise, and Fr. Scott Leannah. They identified hunger as a major problem leading to slow learning progress at the school and Bishop Miller will request additional aid from our parishes to meet this need through a simple school lunch program. He has also committed discretionary funds to supply basic textbooks for every child in grades 1-3. The school will buy them in bulk at a discount and then sell them back to the parents at an attractive price. Once begun, the book sales would become self-sufficient, allowing the school to purchase books for the next year. On Sunday Bishop Miller concelebrated a joyous Eucharist at St. Marc's with Fr. Lazard. The group ended their trip by attending the opening of the Episcopal Church Convention in Port au Prince where Bishop Miller again concelebrated with Bishop Duracin of Haiti.



Bishop Miller & Fr. Lazard Outside  
St. Marc's Church in Jeannette



Winnowing and Cleaning Coffee in Jeannette

## COFFEE ARRIVES FROM JEANNETTE

Trippers in November included former coordinator Ginny Wolfe and first-timers Rev. Charles and Rev. Evelyn Payson, and Just Coffee Coop representative Mark the Spark Bystom. Duffels which carried in supplies returned with 150# of coffee beans. Mark was helpful in identifying problems with the coffee beans and offering affordable solutions to some. Group members also visited Fankoze, a micro loan office near Jeannette to learn about forming coops for coffee production and processing. Sales of the first roast netted enough profit to purchase a huller for the community. Currently hulls are removed by pounding in a huge mortar and pestle and results in many damaged beans. Our thanks to Grace parishioners who sold water at the Madison Farmers Market and donated the profits for the first coffee purchase.

## BTI SCHOLARSHIPS BENEFIT JEANNETTE STUDENTS

Thanks to scholarship donations by Stephen & Carol Smith, we now have four students, including our first woman, attending the new two-year Episcopal Business and Technology Institute in Les Cayes. Although Steve was instrumental in developing the ERD grant which built the school, he had never seen it until he and coordinator Jan Byrd visited this January. In developing the grant, Steve worked with Fr. Kenol Rock, who will visit this March and meet with the HP Steering Committee at a celebratory Eucharist and dinner at St. Mary's, Dousman.

## ZANMI ANSAM/FRIENDS TOGETHER

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Finally, if you'd like to help save us a few extra dollars, you may elect to receive our printed newsletter by email only, again by signing up on our homepage.

## STRAWBERRY FEST

It's not too early to put this on your June Calendars for **Sunday, June 22**, at St. Mary's, Dousman, Hwys 18 & 67. It's a great opportunity to meet people involved in the Haiti Project, see and purchase Haitian arts and crafts, have fun with the kids and enjoy a cookout and lots of strawberry treats!

## GIFT OF WATER GROWS BUT CISTERNS LEAK

Nancy and Mark Frana attended a GOW meeting in Indianapolis in the fall of 2007 where they learned about the new use of bleach tablets, some organizational changes and the ability to obtain additional two-bucket purifiers for pregnant women and mothers of very young children. During their February trip, they were able to negotiate purchase and placement of an additional 100 purifiers with families in Jeannette. A water engineer came to Jeannette during Bishop Miller's January trip to inspect the cisterns as we suspected many were leaking. His subsequent report confirmed this and recommended repairs costing \$4,800. Without water in the cisterns, people must walk 1-1/2 hours to obtain water. We understand Bishop Miller, Canon Pfaff and Fr. Scott did this walk with Fr. Lazard and learned first hand what this means!

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If you have ever wondered as a sponsor, if you make a difference to the life of a child in Haiti, you do in many ways. We have recently returned from a trip to Haiti on March 1 when we took photos of the children. I had a chance to take letters to some of the children from their sponsors. They are always delighted! We took stickers for their school notebooks with the names of their sponsors, so they “could pray for them in thanks”. Walking around to the homes, a child ran into his home and brought out a framed photo delivered by his sponsor 8 years ago. He held it with pride—a small thing done with great love, a personal connection between two people who may never meet in person but are a gift to each other. *By Nancy Frana*

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