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Winter 2019 Newsletter



Greetings one and all....

Much to tell, and some of you may already know some of the news, but wanted to cover as many bases as possible.

First, and very sadly, we have cancelled our Work Mission 2020. Although the protests have calmed, and school is back in session, there is still unrest and more violence with the gangs in PAP. It is just too dangerous to make it through PAP and up the mountain (especially with a team full of "blancs"/ "whites").. In addition, our flight itinerary change complicated matters and with extended travel time, we would have lost valuable work time. So - the team together, with heavy hearts, in agreement decided to cancel. I have shared the news with Father and the interpreters and while they are all disappointed, they understand. Our next step is to put on our thinking caps to see if / what / when we can come up with a plan or another option to still help our friends in Trouin. We will discuss options at our next meeting on Monday, January 13th.

On a more positive note, the 50/50 drawing was held on Monday night, and our winner is Mary Sandahl, a 90 year old client of Marlene's! We came in with a strong finish to bring the total to \$2,000.00 - sharing a cool \$1,000 with Mary and adding the same to our coffers! Thanks to ALL for your efforts.

We have also received a letter from Cheri Bustos' office House of Representatives, thanking FOPH for our "unwavering service to the people of Haiti for 30 years!"... "Our world, and our community, is better because of your service."... A copy of this letter will be posted on our website (www.fophqc.org) in the near future.

This is a turbulent time for our friends in Haiti. I ask for your Haiti prayers to be just a little deeper these days, especially at this time of year.

May God bless each of you with a very peaceful holiday season.

Merry Christmas to all - Luann

FOPH's 30th Anniversary Celebration

It was an absolutely delightful evening that was shared with good friends, who for 30, years have worked hard to lovingly help and support our Friends in Haiti. Thank you to Cleon and Don VanderVennet for wondering - "What can we do?" then doing what they wondered and inviting us to be part of that wonderment.



Luann and Cleon



Sally and Perrine



Sandy and Barb



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FOPH C/O Jack Knepp - 110 19th Street #205,
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The World Lost a Good Haitian Women

The world lost a good Haitian woman this past week. Madame Estanvile died leaving a void in many of the lives who knew and loved Madame. Over numerous mission trips FOPH's Marlene Schattuck developed a strong bond with Madame. When ask "What did Madame teach you?" Marlene replied... "Faith & Strength. She believed and knew we would come back. She had a strong faith in God ...and accepted what was. Her unmatched physical strength at her age, which was undetermined, was undeniable Her joyous personality, and her belief in God helped her get through the day despite her aches and pains over the last couple of years. She accepted life as it was."



Madame also had a special place in Tim Kennedy's heart... Madame was fondly referred to as Tim's girlfriend.

Thank you to all who have gone on Mission Trips and developed true relationships with our friends in Trouin for we have many lessons to learn.

Sponsor a Child

Invest in the future of Haiti and consider Sponsoring a Child. For \$160 a year you can help to send a child to school. Every penny of your money goes to educating the child(ren) you sponsor. There are several students on the wait-list. The Mission Team is committed to meeting with nearly all the Children that are sponsored – some walking up to 5 miles to get their picture taken and to write a thank you note to their generous sponsors.

Please send us your email address

It would greatly reduce time and resources if we could deliver newsletters to your email inbox in living color!
Send email address to: jd Edmunds2@aol.com

Next meeting is Monday January 13, at 7:00pm Butterworth Center 8th Street & 11th Ave., Moline

CANS FOR CANS

Jean Edmunds is still collecting non-crushed aluminum cans. The money raised from recycling these cans is used for building latrines in Haiti. Please drop off at her home at 1739—11th Ave Moline or call (563) 349-1650