



Friends Sharing

*Reaching out in Love to help
the people of Haiti*



Fall 2020



Luann Polissaint

The President's Corner

Bonjou tout moun! Greetings all!

With the world spinning so fast these days and the only thing constant is change, I find myself struggling to keep pace. So many issues and challenges I know need my attention, energy and help, but where to start? What to do?

My experience has taught me that there is strength in numbers, and I can lean on others for support. When we all come together and work toward our common goal, we can achieve and make a difference in our world.

Fortunately, support has many forms, shapes and sizes and the true value of the support is not the amount, but the intention.

Financial support – obvious in its material impact is perhaps is the most basic.

Spiritual support – Prayer can move mountains and hearts. Driven by the Holy Spirit is powerful and transient.

Emotional support – encompasses the deepest feelings of the soul; gratitude, sympathy, compassion and understanding to name a few.

Physical support – physical donations show the love of the donor for the recipient – a great gift indeed.

Each of us supports what we can as we as can. And EVERY form of support is appreciated. From a kind word of encouragement, to a prayer for a special intention, to the hand made dresses, to all the volunteers' work and profits of a fundraiser - ALL are appreciated. The added bonus when we all come together and support each other in a cause or goal is that we will find the calm, peace and joy a shared experience creates.

Again I say to each of you, Mesi Ampil! Thank you very much for your individual support that together makes a difference in the lives of the people of Trouin, Haiti.

God bless you!

Luann

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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 your cans at her home at 1739 - 11th Ave Moline or call (563) 349-1650.

Reflections & Updates from our Treasurer, Jack Knepp

FOPH has been busy! First, the sustaining membership drive is going very well. Many members made donations. Some committed to a new level of donating and some committed to continuing their current level of donating. All are extremely appreciated. We received approximately \$6,800.

Secondly, we donated \$2,000.00 to the Raising Haiti Foundation. These funds were used to purchase hand washing stations and masks and to provide education regarding Covid-19 to the Trouin area.

Thirdly, in conjunction with the Nativity Church in Burke, Virginia and Food for the Poor our \$2,000 donation was matched in order to provide \$4,000 worth of food to St. Anne's Parish in Trouin. The food has been received. Fr. Charles is in charge of distribution and said the Trouin community is very happy.

Fourth, we are in the initial stages of researching ways we can significantly increase our impact to our brothers and sisters in the Trouin community. We will keep you posted regarding these developments.

FOPH is committed to spending your donations as wisely as possible.



Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14th at 7:00 PM in the Butterworth Center's Education Center, 701 - 12th Ave Moline. Masks are mandatory!

QUILT RAFFLE



This beautiful handmade quilt is approximately 64x64 with scalloped edges. It is bordered with black and has several blocks of colors. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$12. Tickets can be purchased from any of our Friends of the People of Haiti members. If you would like to help us sell some of these tickets please contact Shelley Ditzman (309) 714 - 0681 or email to slditzm@gmail.com.

The drawing will be at our **CURBSIDE CHILI FOR HAITI EVENT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT CULMAN'S HALL MOLINE. SAVE THE DATE!** It takes only one chance to win! Funds go directly to Haiti for our mission trips and many projects.

COMPUTERS

Are you upgrading your computer? Do you have a used laptop that you could donate to FOPH so that our students would have the opportunity to learn computer skills? *School children in Haiti are tested on their knowledge of computers, but our students in Trouin do not have access to computers.* We would love to bring some laptops down to Haiti on our next mission trip to & start a computer class at St. Anne's. If you or someone you know, perhaps a friend or a business, can make a donation of a laptop, please contact Mary Knepp at (309) 738-0002 or mknepp21@gmail.com. Thank you for all you do to help these children with their education.



CURBSIDE CHILI FOR HAITI

Friday, Oct. 9th 5:30PM – 8:00PM

CULEMANS HALL, 1400-16th AVE MOLINE

HELP US HELP THEM

Our friends in Haiti are in desperate need.



Come by and pick up some yummy chili and warm your heart knowing you are helping our friends in Haiti who are counting on you.

Your meal includes your choice of either mild or spicy chili (quart size container), crackers, spoons and 4 cookies for a suggested donation of \$10.00. Payment of cash/check or credit card upon pick up.

You can place a [pre-order by October 1st](#) and we'll have it all ready for you.

_____ CHILI – MILD _____ CHILI – SPICY

Please email luann.polissaint@gmail.com with your order. Indicate quantity & spicy or mild.

Payment of cash/check or credit card upon pick up. If you wish to pre-pay by credit card you may make your donation on our website www.fophqc.org and indicate what it is for. Please show your receipt as proof of payment when picking up your chili.

Mesi Ampil! Thank you for your support!



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FOPH SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAM

Invest in the future of Haiti and consider Sponsoring a Child. For only \$160 a year (\$40 per quarter) you can help to send a child to school. Every penny of your money goes directly to educating the child you sponsor.

Your money pays for their tuition, school uniform and school supplies. Haiti is a poor country. Many children do not get the opportunity to go to school unless someone sponsors them. Because even in the public schools there is a fee and the children must wear a uniforms. We sponsor 81 children and have several students on our wait-list. For more information or to sign up to be a sponsor please contact Mary Knepp at mknepp21@gmail.com or phone (309) 738-0002.



OUR MISSION

Friends of the People of Haiti is a non-profit Christian group established in 1989 in order to broaden our vision of church by building a relationship of prayer and friendship with the people of St. Anne's Parish in Trouin, Haiti. Our focus is to foster awareness of the plight of the Haitian people as well as to share our resources by providing regular financial support to the parish. St. Anne's Parish in Trouin, Haiti was established in 1924 and has one parish church and ten outlying chapels, a primary school and a secondary school.