

Please Help



The Rev. Bill Squire, President of CMMH, prays with a young, handicapped child recently left at the door of St. Vincent's.

Each month CMMH wires \$8,500 to St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children with a year-end bonus of \$8,500 for a total of \$110,500 per year. This regular cash flow constitutes about 60% of the school's entire budget. And that total is far short of what is needed for a school of this size and nature.

Teacher's salaries, which have not been raised in years, average about \$20 per month per teacher. This is a serious issue for the new director, Father Sadoni Leon. The money helps to pay for food, salaries, maintenance and supplies, medical care, fuel for the generator, transportation, electricity, water, telephone, internet, and much more.

CMMH also sends money to the Hopital Ste. Croix, the Children's Medical Mission of Haiti, and the Maison de Naissance as designated by donors.

Your generous support of St. Vincent's and the other medical missions of Haiti has been greatly appreciated. The need remains great.

The Children's Medical Mission of Haiti is a 501c3 organization. Tax-deductible gifts, allowed to the fullest extent of the law, may be sent to:

The Children's Medical Mission of Haiti
925 Hertzler Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Please call Ken Quigley at (717) 796-1852 for more information.

The Governing Board, Dean, Faculty, and Graduating Students of the Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l'Université Episcopale d'Haïti (FSIL- School of Nursing) Invites you to join them for the Baccalaureate and Graduation of the first graduating class January 9 and 10, 2009

Bishop Duracin Appoints Governing Board of Trustees for Hopital Ste. Croix

The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti appointed a 12-member Board of Trustees to oversee the administration of Hopital Ste. Croix in Leogane in early November. It is composed of six Haitians and six Americans.

The Bishop and all board members have agreed unanimously to bylaws which establish the authority of the Bishop to appoint the members of the board. The board, in turn, accepts the responsibility and authority to select the hospital director and monitor ongoing hospital programs. Officers have been elected by the board which includes both Haitians and Americans.

There is ongoing discussion with the PCUSA, MBF, and International Health Ministries concerning candidates for the post of hospital director and acquisition of adequate funding for hospital programs.

The Board of Trustees covet your prayers and encouragement for this mission to reestablish comprehensive healthcare for the people of Leogane.

Nursing School to Graduate First Class

The School of Nursing associated with the Episcopal University of Haiti has rapidly become one of the finest schools of nursing in Haiti. It is located in Leogane on a campus just east of the Hopital Ste. Croix and next to the Gates Filiarisis Guest House.

Anyone interested in attending this historic first graduation ceremony is welcome to attend. See invitation below. For more information please contact Marcia Lane at 734-353-9565 or mlane@haitinursing.org.



Students at the nursing school use the computer lab extensively.



The Children's Medical Mission of Haiti

□ St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children, Port-au-Prince □ Holy Cross Hospital, Leogane □ The Haiti Connection

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Who We Are

The Children's Medical Mission of Haiti is a 501(c) 3 organization committed to providing support for the delivery of medical and educational services to the people of Haiti through St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children, Port-au-Prince, and Hopital Ste. Croix, Leogane. It also serves as an umbrella organization for related missions in Haiti and facilitates and organizes the Haiti Connection Conferences.

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St. Vincent's Student Dreams of Studying in US and Helping Handicapped Children

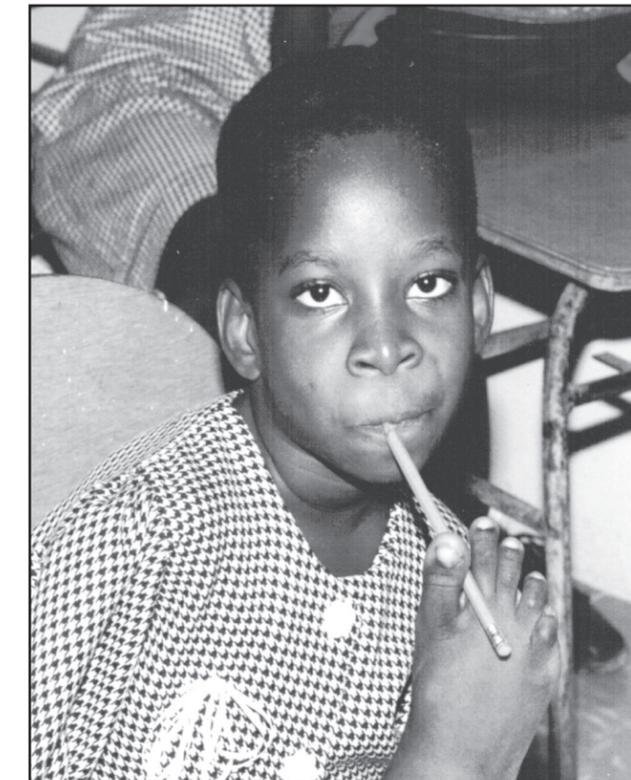
Seventeen years ago, Dieumene Cloristin's mother abandoned her at the gates of St. Vincent's Center for the Handicapped in Port-au-Prince. Now, Dieumene is a vital member of the center's community. She is in the eighth grade and placed first in her state exams last year. She wants to attend college in the United States to become a psychologist. She wants to help handicapped children for which she has an abiding empathy because Dieumene was born with no arms.

"People think I cannot eat because I have no hands. They say I cannot eat with my feet. I always say to them, if you believe in God, anything is possible," she says.

Dieumene's goals are lofty. She wants to become a psychologist so she can explain to handicapped people, "when you are well educated you are not handicapped." After earning her degree, she wants to make enough money to return to Haiti to "open schools and hospitals to help those who cannot go to school." "I'd like to help those in need, even those who are mentally challenged, to help them lead full lives," she says.

Dieumene captures her thoughts and dreams in a journal in which she writes a beautiful script with her right foot. She wants to write a book, detailing her childhood at St. Vincent's and her dreams of helping handicapped children.

Dieumene is an independent young woman, but she cannot realize her dream of helping others without support from people like you. Although, we are facing uncertain economic times, we are vastly better off than all of the children at St. Vincent's. This Christmas, please remember Dieumene and the other children at St. Vincent's with a generous gift.



Dieumene Cloristin, also called Nadesh, pictured in class several years ago, dreams of becoming a psychologist and helping handicapped children in Haiti. Born without arms, Nadesh understands that if you believe in God anything is possible.

CMMH Board Elects New Officers, Welcomes New Members

At its April meeting, the CMMH board elected officers and two new board members. Elected officers are the Rev. Canon Bill Squire, president, and Ken Quigley, secretary/treasurer.

New members to the board are the Rev. Roger Bowen, Alice Clayton and the Rev. Larry Estey.

Roger Bowen retired to Staunton, VA in the Shenandoah Valley last summer to be closer to aging family. He has served as headmaster at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin, TX, headmaster at York School in Monterey, CA., Upper School Director at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA and chaplain at St. Alban's School, the National Cathedral School for Boys. Roger and his wife Kennon were Peace Corps volunteers for two years in the Kingdom of Tonga, South Pacific and then served as Peace Corps staff there for two more years. Roger has a 25-year relationship with Episcopal schools in Haiti and now works to encourage partnerships between those schools and Episcopal schools in the states.

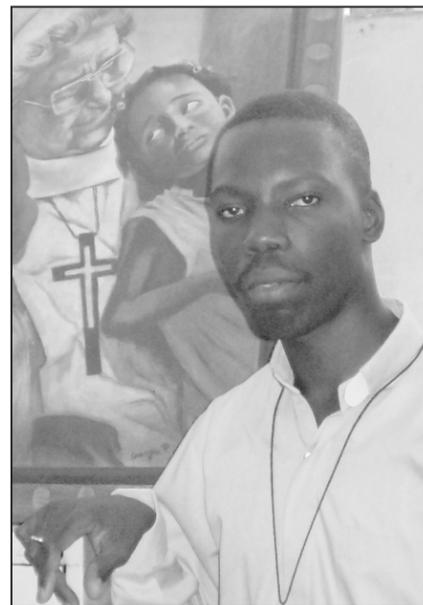
Alice Clayton lives in Lawrence, Kansas, moving there from East Tennessee two years ago. In Tennessee, Alice served as the Executive for Communications for the Diocese of East Tennessee for 9 years. In 1990 she was appointed the first lay canon to the ordinary in East Tennessee by the Rt. Rev. Charles vonRosenberg. She retired in 2005. Alice's love of Haiti and its people began in 1993 when she covered the consecration of Bishop Jean Zache Duracin for her diocesan newspaper. Alice's involvement in

Haiti continued when her good friends, Bill and Margaret Squire, moved to Haiti to serve as missionaries of the Episcopal Church. Alice traveled to Haiti several times over a three-year period in her role as communications executive. Her proudest moment, however, was the trip she made to help build a restroom at College St. Pierre with a crew from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Larry Estey is an Episcopal priest who retired in 2006 after serving parishes in Massachusetts, Maryland, New York and Maine, where he has lived for eight years. A New Jersey native with deep New England roots, he is a graduate of Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

His interest in Haiti began in 1988 when he became rector of St. John's Church in Troy, NY, which had just begun a partnership with St. Esprit, Lascahobas, and first traveled to Haiti with a group from St. John's. Happily, that partnership continues to this day. After he moved to Maine, the Diocese of Maine became a Companion Diocese with the Diocese of Haiti, and he traveled to the Haiti Connection Conference in 2003, once more visiting Lascahobas while taking a pre-conference tour. Later that year he accompanied Bishop Chilton Knudsen on her first visit to Haiti, when Bishop Duracin invited her to take part in the ordination of a number of priests and deacons including the Rev. Fernande Pierre Louis, Haiti's first woman priest. He is active in his community, serving on boards of a nursing home, a healthy living project, and a theater.

Bishop Duracin Appoints New Director for St. Vincent's



The Rev. Sadoni Leon, pictured with a painting of Sister Joan, the founder of St. Vincent's.

The Rt. Rev. Zache Duracin recently named the Rev. Sadoni Leon as director of St. Vincent's Center for the Handicapped.

Pere Sadoni brings five years of administrative experience to his new position. In addition to his responsibilities at St. Vincent's, he also serves as administrator of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince.

While studying administrative sciences studies at the University of the Episcopal Church in Haiti, Pere Sadoni was admitted into the Seminary of the Episcopal Church of Haiti. He completed his studies in management two years before he was ordained as a deacon. He was ordained priest in February 2007.

Pere Sadoni's first assignment was priest-in-charge of St. Paul Parish, Torbeck. Shortly after, he was appointed priest-in-charge of the Maison

De Naissance, a project sponsored by the Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Foundation. He served in this capacity for more than a year before being appointed administrator of the Cathedral and director of St. Vincent's.

As a youth, Sadoni was active in many youth associations and worked for seven years at St. Vincent's with the Rev. Frantz Casseus and Madame Nicole Magloire.

"My experiences with them and the knowledge gained at the University of Management Sciences allow me to be more effective in my job as Director of St. Vincent's and administrator of the Holy Trinity Cathedral. I am very happy to return to St. Vincent's, and I will work hard at St. Vincent's. I cannot do this alone, but with our partners we will change the lives of the disabled children at St. Vincent's. Glory to God!" said Pere Sadoni.

Haiti Connection 2008 Draws Record Attendance Helps to Build New and On-Going Relationships

More than 185 people gathered at the Montana Hotel in Petion-Ville, Haiti for the opening night dinner of the 10th Anniversary Haiti Connection Conference, Wednesday, November 12.

C'est Ensemble (Together, We Can) was the theme of the three-day conference (November 12, 13, 14) which brought together people from 23 states in the United States and more than 40 participants from Haiti. It was the largest in attendance of all of the Haiti Connection Conferences which have been sponsored by the Children's Medical Mission of Haiti.

The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, welcomed the guests to Haiti and thanked them for their interest and support of Haiti.

The dinner opened with music from the Universal String Sextet from the Holy Trinity Music School followed by an inspiring address by Ophelia Dahl, President of Partners in Health.

Earlier in the week pre-conference trips took small groups of participants on one and two-day trips to small towns and villages to the north of Port-au-Prince, visiting mission projects, and to various diocesan institutions in the heart of Port-au-Prince.

Full-day sessions on Thursday and Friday featured key-note speakers on Education, Development and Health Care followed by small focus group sessions on a variety of related topics.

Partner parishes and schools (U.S. and Haiti) met during and after the conference and dozens of relationships were formed as participants shared their common interests and

passion for ministry in Haiti. Various boards, such as those associated with the Hopital Ste. Croix, Leogane; The Bishop Tharp Institute, Les Cayes; and the Children's Medical Mission of Haiti timed their meetings to coincide with the Haiti Connection Conference.

On Thursday evening participants were invited to a reception at local art gallery attended by the Haitian Minister of Tourism.

The meeting concluded on Friday afternoon with Eucharist; however, a number stayed through Sunday to attend the service at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port-au-Prince, to hear the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Katherine Jefforts Schori, who was visiting Haiti and preaching.



The Haiti Connection 2008 drew more than 180 people to Port-au-Prince for a three-day conference in early November to share ideas for mission and build partnerships in the areas of education, development and health care. Numerous focus sessions and informal meetings helped to strengthen networks and relationships