

# HAITI OUTREACH MISSION



An Ecumenical Humanitarian  
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Please note that our combined annual meeting for the Board and all other interested persons will be:

Sunday  
November 18  
2 - 4 pm

St. David's Church  
16200 W 12 Mile Rd  
Southfield, MI 48076  
(248) 557-5430

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We look forward to seeing you!  
(And via telephone from Montana)!

The HOM Executive Committee

MARK RIDLEY'S  
COMEDY CASTLE

# Haiti Outreach Fundraiser November 7, 2012



**WHERE** **COMEDY CASTLE**  
269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak

**WHEN** Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

**WHAT** A fundraising evening sponsored by St. David's in Southfield to help support the St. Pierre Medical Clinic in Mirebalais and a Haitian medical student. The clinic is open to all, children are free and adults pay 25¢.

This fun filled evening includes:

- Silent Auction**
- 50/50 Drawing**
- Dinner**
- 90 minutes of Comedy!**

**COST** **\$30** a ticket – Cash Bar

### TICKETS or INFORMATION:

**Len Sackett**  
(248) 547-5134

**Janet Ernst**  
(248) 544-2796

**Barb Veselenak**  
(248) 583-9788

**Church Office**  
(248) 557-5430

### YOUTUBE VIDEO ABOUT EVENT:

SEE A SHORT FUNDRAISER VIDEO:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fBGfDJeAoY>

The St. Pierre medical clinic is funded by the ecumenical Haiti Outreach Mission organization. St. David's is a supporting member of Haiti Outreach Mission.

Bring your family and friends for an evening of laughter and fellowship at the Comedy Castle. If you are unable to attend, any contributions toward this event is greatly appreciated.

### HAITI OUTREACH MISSION INFORMATION:

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Our partners in Mirebalais, Haiti - the rector of St. Pierre Episcopal Church, Fr. Jean Joseph Jeannot and the pastor of St. Louis Catholic Church, Fr. Lévêque Bien-Aimé – visited with us October 11 – 22.







St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church held their 9<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising event for Haiti on October 6, 2012: Moon Over Mirebalais. It was wonderful!





*John Messina (St. Blasé) and John Morgan (St. Blasé) traveled to Haiti in August with the goal of wiring St. Pierre school and installing toilets in the priest's homes/rectories. Materials needed had been sent from Monarch shipping in Florida to the city of St. Marc in Haiti. Below is John Messina's slightly edited report. – ed.*

### **August Mission Construction Trip to Mirebalais**

**Tuesday, August 28** – We arrived in Port-au-Prince at 12:30 PM. One piece of luggage did not arrive with us. We waited for the next flight to arrive in hopes of finding the missing bag. No luck. Filled out forms with AA & arrived in Mirebalais at 4 PM.

**Wednesday, August 29** – Father Jeannot picked us up with his driver at 9:45 AM to go to St. Marc – a 2 hour ride. We met his friend at the shipping dock/customs office. We were told they could not release supplies to Fr. Jeannot because his name was not on paperwork. In order to pick up the supplies, I would need to go to PAP to apply for import license since I was not Haitian citizen. The process would take 3 to 4 months. We explained that my name & Fr. Jeannot were given to Monarch Shipping in Florida but only my name was put on paperwork.

We spoke with a rep in St. Marc from Monarch via phone. He told me to call Monarch in Florida to change the name on the paperwork. I called my wife to try to get that completed. According to Monarch the only way change could be made, I would have to go to Florida show photo ID & make the change.

We returned to Mirebalais at 3:45 PM. John & I walked to the orphanage to get UV system info for Tom Maza. The water system at orphanage was not working. We checked things out & found the power strip that 3 components were plugged into was the problem. We plugged the pump, UV system & reverse osmosis units directly into outlets & everything worked.

**Thursday, August 30** – at 9:30 AM we left for St. Marc to meet with a representative from Monarch. We spend over an hour with him & he had someone reprint papers from Monarch that only had Fr. Jeannot's name on them, plus a cover letter to custom office. Fr. Jeannot put some money on the desk. He also gave the women in the office at Monarch money for processing paperwork. We walked to shipping dock/customs office to meet with Fr. Jeannot's friend who took my ID & left. We waited 45 more minutes, were then taken to an Assistant Director's office. He read the papers, talked with Fr. Jeannot in Creole & took us to Director's office. We were told that papers just sent were useless because they were addressed to customs office in PAP & since this was St. Marc, papers were useless. Fr. Jeannot & Director spoke back & forth & finally he stood up, shook our hands & we left. Fr. Jeannot said we could get the supplies tomorrow. Then Fr. Jeannot said we had to get to PAP to get his family from the airport – he could put us on a bus for Mirebalais or we could ride to airport. At approximately 2:45 we left St. Marc for PAP.

We arrived at the airport at 4:20 PM, picked up Jeannot's family & 8 bags, plus we found John Morgan's lost bag as well.

John & I rode the truck back to Mirebalais in the back of the truck sitting on top of the 9 bags. Got back at approximately 7:15 PM. We asked Fr. Jeannot to go back early Friday to get the supplies – we asked to leave at 7:30 AM. He said OK, but he would not be able to go because he had a conference, but his driver would take us.

**Friday, August 31** – The driver picked us up at 9:15 to go to St. Marc. When we arrived, the driver & I went to customs office to meet Fr. Jeannot's friend who took my ID & gave it & our paperwork to a second man, to whom the driver gave some money. We were asked to wait in an outer area on benches – we waited 45 minutes. The driver received a call & we went back to Fr. Jeannot's truck where John & the man Fr. Leveque sent with us had waited.

The driver then showed me his phone with text message in Haitian - last line was \$600 American. I told him "No" – I wanted to get back my ID & I wanted to see the Director. The driver left to get my ID and returned in about one hour with the second man who had our paperwork & my ID. The driver then backed the truck up to the warehouse & we were told we would get the supplies. The driver told me he had to pay the man with papers 600 dollars Haitian (which is about \$85-90).

The only items missing were 2 rolls of #14 wire & and hammer. We returned to Mirebalais at 3:30 PM. We started work at St. Pierre, mounting electrical disconnect box to the church & ran power to unit. We worked until 7:30 PM. We removed old toilet from second floor – completed pre-installation of the toilet.

**Saturday, September 1** – We finished hookup to disconnect box – installed PVC conduit down the hall on first floor of the school. We installed 3 lights & boxes in hall. Returned to St. Louis at 4:30 PM.

We completed toilet installation - had to do it twice – realized the toilet we were installing had wrong parts. Someone had purchased the toilet & returned it to Home Depot, after removing parts, putting in old incorrect parts in their place. We had to take parts from other toilets to complete toilet install.

**Sunday, September 2** – We went to Mass at 5:30 & then I went to St. Pierre for service. I wanted to represent HOM at St. Pierre as well at St. Louis.

Fr. Jeannot asked if we had time to install more lights in a room they use for social gatherings in the evening. So we did install 2 more lights – one outside & one inside the room. We did not have fittings to use conduit so we just ran wire to electric boxes we installed in the ceiling & adding light fixtures. He was happy with that. We also grounded entire electrical system with grounding rods, which we brought. We feel the system is much safer & what we installed is according to USA standards. Also wire is color-coded as well.

**Monday, September 3** – Fr. Jeannot took us to the airport. Left Mirebalais at 10:10, arrived at airport at 12:15 – our flight left for the USA at 1:30 PM.



*John Messina insisted on returning to Haiti (11/29 -12/6) to finish the job. John Little (St. Clare) and Chris Gotke (St. Blasé) are going with him. Please keep them in your prayers- ed.*

## Habitat for Humanity Partnership

Haiti Outreach Mission has designated funds to the 2012 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project in Haiti. This donation will enable HOM send three volunteers to help with on-site home building work, which will take place on November 24 through December 1, 2012.

Art Mulkey (St. Bernard's), Len Sackett (St. David's) and Bill Dunphy will represent HOM. A \$5000 donation to the project will be made for each participant. (Total \$15,000).

Habitat for Humanity has acknowledged HOM's Santo house build project donation of \$15,000 to construct one home in Leogane, the 2012 earthquake epicenter. HOM's two contributions totaling \$30,000, plus roundtrip airfare to Atlanta for Carter build participants will complete our distribution of money collected in response to the earthquake.

Please keep those participating in the Habitat for Humanity build in your prayers.

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### Haiti Outreach Mission Member Churches

All Saints	Lansing, Michigan
Corpus Christi	Detroit, Michigan
Our Lady of Victory	Northville, Michigan
St. Bernard's	Billings, Montana
St. Blasé	Sterling Heights, Michigan
St. Clare of Assisi	Ann Arbor, Michigan
St. David's	Southfield, Michigan