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Please note on your calendar:

**Our Haiti Outreach Mission 2014 annual meeting for
the Board and all other interested persons will be:**

Sunday

November 8

2:00 – 4:00 PM

**Corpus Christi Church
19800 Pembroke Ave
Detroit, MI 48219-2145**

**Rainbow Room (in the school) – parking lot off
Evergreen Rd.**

Office: 313.537.5770

Light refreshments will be served.

As an Ecumenical Humanitarian 501©(3) non-profit charitable organization our financial base is our church partners. To go forward we need new partners. We all know members of other churches. Ask them to join us. Can't answer questions? Ask them to call 248-385-7411.

We are organizing a Capital Campaign to repair and maintain buildings / water purification / educational technology.

Please consider Haiti Outreach Mission when choosing an end of the year donation!

Thanks to Steve Ernst, doing work to update the HOM web site.

This edition of the Haiti Outreach Mission Newsletter includes a wonderful letter from Pere Jeannot; Visit to Mirebalais reports; a letter from Golds; and a review of member church fundraising.

Thanks to Pere Jeannot, Golds Mithe Joseph, Tom Maza, Valerie McNeece, Krystine Monde, Len Sackett, and Steve Ernst for contributing photos and text to this HOM newsletter.

Bill McNeece, Editor

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

August 1, 2005 - August 1, 2015, are the ten years that I have worked at St. Pierre's Parish in Mirebalais.

In the beginning the challenges were huge: 12 churches and almost all of them were under a tent. I only had two partners for the whole parish - the Haiti Outreach Mission in Detroit, Michigan and Billings, Montana was partners with St. Pierre's Clinic in Mirebalais, and St. Mark's School and Church in Upland, California was partners with St. Andre's, Trianon.

We worked hard, we prayed, and we received abundant grace! Five more churches and schools were opened. And, today we can say that a lot of work has been accomplished - new church buildings, new school buildings, goat projects, water purification systems, and many plans, too, for future projects like agriculture, computer labs, solar power, and teacher training.

On Friday, July 10, after a big ordination service at Holy Trinity Cathedral, the bishop made a lot of changes in the Diocese of Haiti. I was concerned by these changes because I will not be working anymore at St. Pierre's Parish in Mirebalais.

And so, I want to take this opportunity to send this message of gratitude to you all. You all have supported my ministry in St. Pierre's Parish in Mirebalais and out in the schools and missions of the countryside. Thanks to you I had a blessed and fruitful ministry. Of course all of this, all of these projects are good.. but the important part is bigger. It is really about love, about spirituality. We laugh together, we cry together, we share hospitality, we pray together and sing together. We share life and we thank God for that.

Today my heart is full of sadness to say goodbye; but I am also full of joy for the work we realized together. When I look back I have the feeling of success even though we still have many things to do.

The new priest will be The Rev Pere Alphonse Jn. Philippe. Please continue to work with him for the benefit of our people.

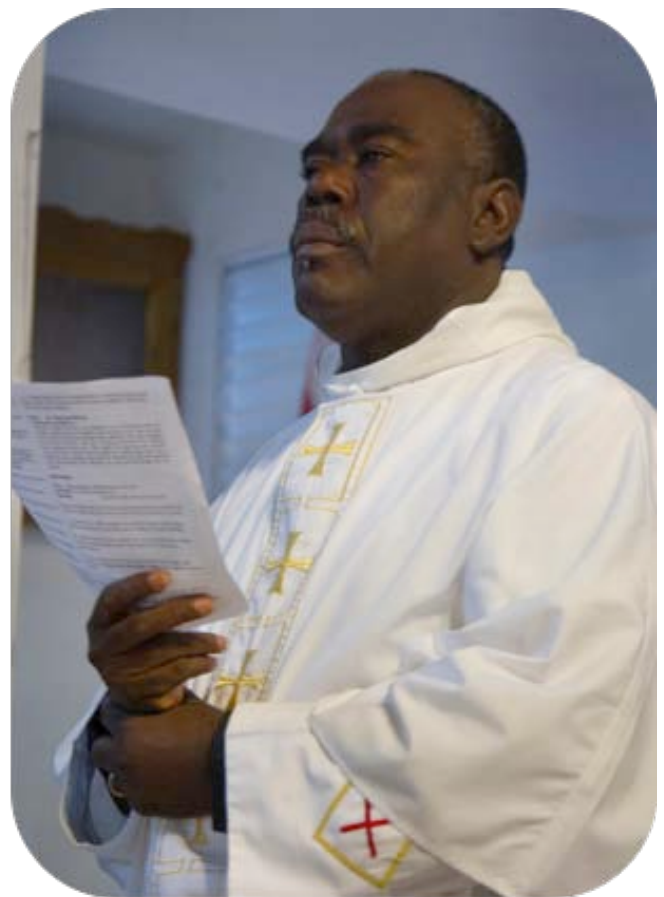
My new assignment in Port au Prince will be St. Martin de Tours on Delmas Road. My email address will be the same as always, jjeanjeannot@yahoo.fr

Once again, thank you all.

God bless you, your families, and the Partnership Program.
God bless Haiti. God bless America.

Kind regards, your friend always,

Pere Jeannot



Visit to Mirebalais, September 24 – 27, 2015



Pere Alphonse Jean Philippe

Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews, Valerie McNeece, Tom Maza, and Bill McNeece “went home” to Haiti (as Pere Lévêque Bien-Aimé, our Catholic priest partner suggested) for a brief visit. One of our goals was to meet the newly assigned rector of St. Pierre Episcopal Church, The Rev. Pere Alphonse Jean Philippe. We enjoyed meeting and talking with him as Dominique translated. Based on his words and actions we look forward to working with our new partner in Mirebalais.

Our medical/dental clinic continues to operate with the same staff and the full support of Pere Alphonse. Some interior improvements have been made. The large waiting room has been divided into two rooms so patients may have more privacy.

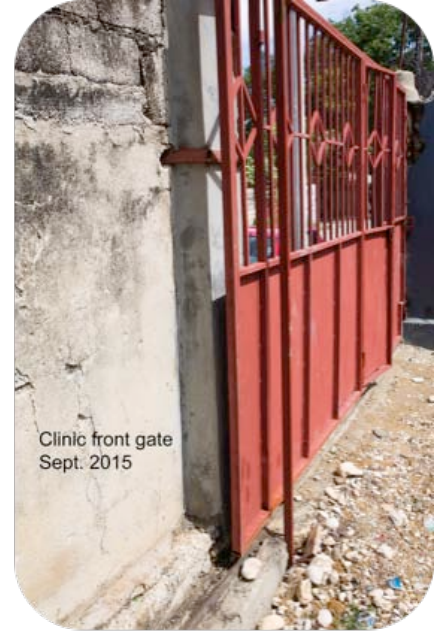


Clinic
Water damage repair
Sept. 2015

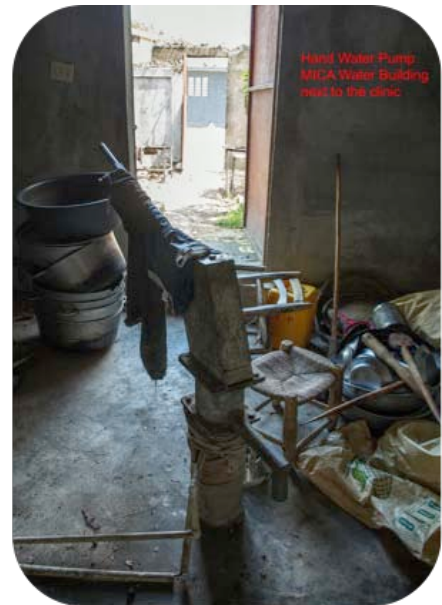
One of the examination rooms experienced water damage and was being repaired. The clinic generator is being maintained but Dr. Anthony’s dental compressor may need replacing.

The front gate has been improved. It is now on a rail and rollers. But the outside clinic walls continue to deteriorate. While we were there an intense overnight rain greatly expanded the hole in the back wall.

Our ongoing work to return running water to the clinic has been met with some new difficulties. A nearby well we hoped would supply water is sealed with concrete. So the only source of water in the clinic remains a cistern, bucket, and rope – when there is water in the cistern. And a great wind blew the water storage tank off the clinic roof.



Clinic front gate
Sept. 2015



Hand Water Pump
MIA Water Building
next to the clinic

Tom Maza Construction Report Mirebalais Visit September 24-27, 2015

On the Saturday (Sept. 26) we were in Mirebalais Fr. Leveque introduced us to Emile Rodrigue, who has managed water treatment systems in the Dominican Republic and will manage the water store at College Mgr. Remy Augustin (formerly the St. Blasé Orphanage). This is a great improvement for the system.

Due to the daily lack of electricity in Mirebalais there was no power to pump water into the finished water storage tanks on the roof of the water store. A large water line, the diameter of a fire hose, was installed so water could be pumped from a water truck into these tanks. During this time parts of the water system were broken and not repaired because they were not in use.

Electricity was on throughout Mirebalais during the September 2015 trip (because the President of Haiti was in Mirebalais) and repairs to the water system were begun. Emile cleaned out the raw water holding tanks (one contained some tadpoles) and arranged for a plumber to hook up the lines to those tanks and the tanks on the roof. He pointed out that some of the water filters needed to be replaced and he will replace them when the filters arrive.



Emile Rodrigue



Fr. Leveque, Dr. Dominique, and Tom inspecting water purification filters



Water Purification Building Facade Sept. 2015

Water purification and soda, cold water, beer store



Eve selling water



College Mgr. Remy Augustin, (former St. Blasé orphanage) continues to expand. It now includes our equivalent of middle school and the first few years of high school. We were very impressed by the students conduct.



Pere Leveque receiving a gift from Corpus Christi church – a set of the Stations of the Cross – hand made by Al Hogrebe.



The church and school at Desvarrieux, built by and supported by St. Bernard's in Billings, Montana is now a mission church to a new church to be built in Mirebalais, St. Catherine of Sienna. We visited with the pastor of the new church, Pere Elan Benjamin (wearing a black shirt), at his rented home/temporary church. Property for the permanent church needs to be found, purchased, and a building constructed.



Clinic St. Pierre / Dr. Cadet has just received a new ophthalmoscope set from a physician at St. Blasé in Sterling Heights, Michigan.



This is a small fruit – Quenepe – that Dominique loves and taught Tom, Valerie, and Bill to love also!



St. Pierre Church expansion

St. Pierre church expansion / construction.



Sunday evening Pere Alphonse hosted us, Pere Lévoêque, other priests, his translator Eudras (waving) and members of St. Pierre. Dinner was wonderful and the company more so.

While in Mirebalais we met other partners of Pere Lévêque who were visiting from Wisconsin. He suggested we "network" with them. They have hired Golds Mithe Joseph as they had met her when she was studying business and communication at a two-year technical college in Wisconsin on a scholarship. Golds has returned to Mirebalais. One of her projects is working with a group she started that includes over 75 women. They are seeking micro credit to start small businesses. Goldie had seen us in Mirebalais and recognized me as I had taken photos of her class at St Pierre school! She also has fond (?) memories of fluoride treatments! Please read her message to you.

How great it is to contribute to the better of others!

How will you feel when you meet someone who has contributed to your education somehow? Or how will you feel when you are talking to someone about her success and then realize that you were part of it.



Golds Mithe Joseph

My name is Golds Mithe Joseph; I am a Haitian that went to Saint Pierre School in Mirebalais from Kindergarten to Philo (last grade of high school). I graduated from high school in July 2010. I studied Business Management and Leadership in Wausau, Wisconsin August 2013 to May 2015.

It was a pleasure for me to meet Dominique, Thomas, Bill, and Valerie two weeks ago at the Saint Louis Rectory in Mirebalais. I was surprised when I found out that they are the ones that come to Saint Pierre and provide Dental Health, give away bracelet, toothpaste and toothbrush. Now, I can proudly say thanks to the HOM group for their help in Haiti and for my clean teeth as you can see in my picture (smiling). Your help means a lot to us, specially meant a lot to me when I went to Saint Pierre, for instance the computer program that you have there is really good and Saint Pierre was the only school that had it back then.

I did not really know how to express my joy when I was talking to Dominique, Thomas, Bill & Valerie. This little article is to thank you for all you have done and continue to do in Mirebalais, Haiti.

From my heart,

Golds Mithe

Haiti Outreach Mission Member Churches

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

Since 1998, Haiti Outreach Mission has had many individual donors that make our work possible. Our primary base of support continues to be our church partners with their annual contribution of "seed money" and additional fund raising events.



Corpus Christi Church



The Haiti Dinner Event

May 30, 2015



St. Clare of Assisi Church

Haiti Gala Fundraiser

October 3, 2015



St. Davids Church Mark Ridley's Comedy Club Fundraiser October 14, 2015

