

HAITI OUTREACH MISSION



An Ecumenical Humanitarian Lay Mission

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Our **Annual Meeting** will be held
Sunday November 8, 2020 as a
ZOOM meeting

All interested persons are welcome to attend.
If you have not received an e-mail about the meeting please
request the link via mcnee@umich.edu

Dear Haiti Outreach Mission,

Merci, merci, merci beaucoup! for your continuing support and prayers during the world's COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands! I am seeing my young patients again and many are suffering from depression and anxiety. Give your children and grandchildren an extra hug and kiss from me.



As lenten fundraisers for HOM were being organized at Our lady of Victory and St. Blasé, everything was shut down as the pandemic hit. The Knights of Columbus at St. Blasé have somehow raised some funds for us. Corpus Christ's Detroit River cruise was postponed to 2021. The same for St. David's Comedy Club event. St. Clare of Assisi was able to give us a substantial contribution from their wine fundraiser of last year. They have just finished a needed wine fundraiser for those in the U.S. that need help for food and rent payments. We are currently working on a virtual fundraiser for early next year in which all our supporting churches may participate. Please see page 5. Our individual donors still continue to contribute, if they are able. Thank You! Please see page 9. And a special thanks to the Rotary Club of Belleville, MI. Please see page 6.

Jan Ernst from St. David's has joined the HOM Executive Committee, replacing Joan McFeaters who has retired. Thanks for your service, Joan! And welcome Jan! The Executive Committee meets once a month to conduct the business of Haiti Outreach Mission.

Sadly, I and HOM lost two friends early this year, Frantz Morisseau and Pat Byrne, who both went home to the Lord. Please see page 2.

Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews
President and Chair Haiti Outreach Mission

Haiti Outreach Mission Member Churches

- 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

Since 1998, Haiti Outreach Mission has had many individual donors. But our member churches support through their annual donation of "seed money" and additional fundraising events makes our work in Haiti possible.

Patrick Byrne

March 1944 - Feb. 2020



Throughout Pat's life, he was active at his churches, including Our Lady Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Fraser and St. Blasé Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. In retirement, Patrick devoted much of his time to charity work and volunteering, included multiple trips to Haiti as part of the construction team for Haiti Outreach Mission. He helped build a school addition (St. Pierre Episcopal High School) and an orphanage (for St. Louis Catholic Church, now the Msgr. Remy Augustin High School).



IN MEMORIAM

Frantz Morisseau

Jan. 7, 1948 - Feb. 5, 2020



After moving from Haiti to Detroit, Frantz became a child of St. Timothy's Episcopal church where his father was the rector. He remained a leader and

active participant at St. Tim's and subsequently at All Saints Episcopal Church. One of Frantz's most important acts of service in his life was Haiti Outreach Mission. Started by longtime friends of his family, Dominique Monde-Matthews and Roger Matthews, Frantz took many trips back to Mirebalais, Haiti, in order to serve the most vulnerable and poor in the country with health clinics and medical care. Frantz would serve as an aide and a translator.



FUND RAISING DURING THE TIME OF COVID-19

Haiti Outreach Mission received this letter in June. Since our founding in 1998 we have never gotten one letter from both of the priests we support, Catholic and Episcopalian. We took it very seriously. The combination of political unrest, COVID-19, and lack of rain over the past few years caused a crisis in Haiti. At the same time, the U.S. was severely affected by the virus and Haiti Outreach Mission's fundraisers were cancelled. What to do? Given our ongoing obligations in Haiti- to alleviate the suffering Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel described in their letter would mean that Haiti Outreach Mission would be "out of business" within a year. But we needed to do something. After much soul searching and discussion it was decided that sending \$12,000 was possible at this time. Far less than was requested. The funds we sent were put to immediate use. Please see the photos sent to us by Fr. Romel and Fr. Alphonse on page 4.

FROM :

Paroisse Saint Pierre
68 Boulevard Jean Jacques Dessalines
Mirebalais, Haïti
Et

Paroisse Saint Louis Roi de France
58 rue Louverture
Mirebalais, Haïti

June 22, 2020

TO :

Haïti Outreach Mission (HOM) Michigan

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Dear Members of HOM

We, Father Jean Alphonse Jean Philippe and Father Romel Eustache, want to present to you, on behalf of the two parishes which you are unwavering partners, our deep and sincere gratitude for the spiritual, human and economic support that you have given to our two parishes for several years. For years, you have always been with us. We recognize it and give thanks to God for so much grace. Thank you for your great heart and for your willingness to help those who, in Haiti, are deprived of the minimum need and sometimes even of their human dignity and reasonable beings created in the image and likeness of God.

In recent times, the country has really been going through difficult times. Since 2018, the unstable political situation has prevented families from working properly to earn the minimum. This leads to a large-scale impoverishment of families in the country and particularly families of Mirebalais. As you already know, Mirebalais is a cosmopolitan city made up of a large number of poor people from neighboring villages. The situation is extremely serious in Mirebalais. Coronavirus worsens this situation. The people of the city no longer know what to do. They are obliged to stay home without any food to eat and any saved money.

Even before the arrival of the corona virus in the country, the situation was already complicated; agriculture being the only hope of most of the members of the community does not bring them anything this year, because it did not rain in time and the lands are not irrigated so the crops are all lost. Those who have no relatives abroad to support them, starve to death. They throw us SOS as pastors and we don't have the means to help them.

Aware of this situation, we, Father Jean Alphonse and Father Romel, organized an emergency meeting to see how we can deal with this situation. Finally, the idea came to us to address you. Here is our reasoning:

Since for two years you were unable to make the trips to Haiti ...

Since the situation has become unbearable by the population of Mirebalais who is dying of hunger and who is experiencing difficulties of all kinds ...

We pray you to meet urgently to give us the necessary means to support these people (our faithful and other needy people). A subvention of US \$ 50,000 could make a difference:

- a) Support for materials to some families: \$10,000
- b) Distribution of food to certain families (July and August 2020): \$15,000
- c) Rent payment for some families evicted from homes or in the process of eviction: \$15,000
- d) Spiritual upkeep of the faithful and upkeep of our churches: \$10,000

Thank you for your understanding and thank you for understanding our cry of alarm in favor of the community for which we are responsible with the State and other citizens of good will.

Have a good week !

Cordially,

 Father Jean Alphonse Jean Philippe
 Pastor of Saint Pierre parish

 Father Romel Eustache
 Pastor Saint Louis Parish

ST. LOUIS



Lack of rain/Unstable political situation/Loss due to COVID-19 caused a dire need for help in Mirebalais. HOM was able to give some support, \$12,000 USD, split between Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel.

ST. PIERRE



Food Distribution



These photos were sent by our priest partners. They asked that those who received food and/or funds for rent would not have their faces shown. If recognizable, faces have been blurred.



Rent Assistance Distribution



SAINT PIERRE, MIREBALAIS
 Episcopal church of Haiti / Anglican communion

Report on the money received for the distribution of food to the people of St. Pierre.

Sum received: \$ 5995 US
 Number of families reached: 150 members of the church and certain people of the area.

Food Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
12.5 kg bag of Rice	150	\$12.00	\$1,800.00
Cases of Oil	12	\$26.00	\$312.00
Cases of Salmon (RIKA)	6	\$36.25	\$217.50
Cases of Spaghetti (Itala)	12	\$7.35	\$88.20
Pea			\$1,000.00
Transportation			\$150.00
Other expenses			\$200.00
Sub-total			\$3,767.70
Rent Assistance	11 families	\$200.00	\$2,200.00
TOTAL			\$5967.70
Balance			\$27.30

Thank you very much for your efforts to allow us to reach out those people who really needed such assistance in this difficult time. Also, I thank you so much for helping me in my ministry. I pray that God bless you more so that you can continue to support us and others.

Paroisse Saint Louis Roi de France
 DONATION FOR FOOD AND RENT ASSISTANCES REPORT

Dear HOM

I want to thank you on behalf of all the beneficiaries for the donation you sent so both Fr Alphonse and myself can help some people who are starving and some others who need rent assistance.

As I told you, August 25th on the yard of the church we distributed food and drinks to about 900 people.

In total I spent US 2990 for food: meals for 900 people August 25th and kits distribution to the 100 families from the parish.

You may donate to Haiti Outreach Mission by sending a check to our business address:

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You may also donate through our website, haitioutreachmission.org via credit or debit cards or with PayPal. Thank You!

HAITI OUTREACH MISSION VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

October. This is the month St. David’s Haiti Outreach Committee is frantically planning the last-minute details for our annual Help for Haiti Fundraiser at our local Comedy Castle. The evening of Silent Auction, Dinner and Comedy has been a popular event and the profits have allowed St. David’s Episcopal Church the ability to assist in the support of our clinic and other humanitarian efforts in Mirebalais. Sadly, the Covid-19 pandemic has derailed the event for this year. We have all felt the effects of economic strains, worry about our health and that of our loved ones, social isolation, and anxiety. Meanwhile our brothers and sisters in Haiti are facing the pandemic as well as civil unrest and severe economic insecurity. Mirebalais needs our help more than ever!

St. David’s has decided to try our hand at hosting a virtual fundraiser on either January 29 or February 19th, 2021. We will choose a virtual platform to host our event which will include: entertainment (music, comedy) both amateur and professional; videos of our work in Mirebalais with narration, interviews with Dr. Dominique and others and an on-line auction. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 with all the profits going to Haiti Outreach Mission to support our work there. We need your help! We would like to involve all our member churches to participate in this fundraiser. Wider participation will increase the creativity of the event and hopefully excite a larger audience than just our local Comedy Castle attendees!

We would love to have your assistance! There is plenty to do: marketing, technical, obtaining auction items, talent suggestions etc. You do not need to have experience in any of these areas – just a willingness to help.

Please contact Jan at: jernst1998@gmail.com or 248-981-8851

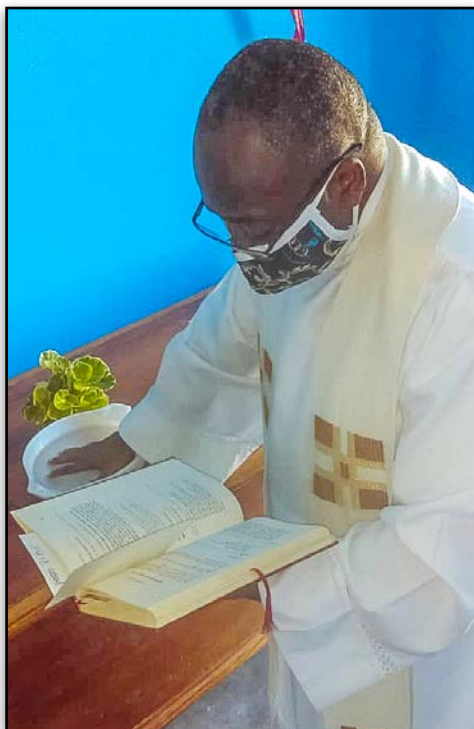
ROTARY GRANT FOR WATER PURIFICATION AT COLLEGE MSGR. REMY AUGUSTIN



Krystine Monde, Dominique's sister, was approached by a colleague at work who was aware of her Haiti connection and suggested applying for a Rotary Club grant. So in April 2018 Dominique and Krystine did a HOM presentation for the Belleville Rotary that included a video and a power point of our work in Haiti.

Rachel Kozlowski, the grant coordinator for their club, wrote a successful Rotary grant application. A check for \$5000 was presented to HOM on Oct. 15, 2019. We matched that with another \$5000. A new \$2000 electrical transformer was also necessary. A total of \$12,000 was wired to Fr. Romel on Jan. 8, 2020 and he then wired the funds to (Culligan) Caribbean Bottling Company S.A.

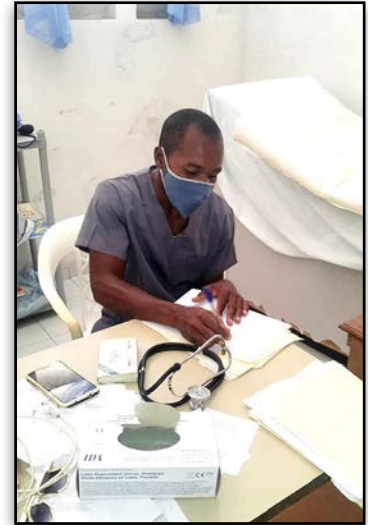
Fr. Romel Blessed the water purification system on July 8, 2020.



ST. PIERRE MEDICAL / DENTAL CLINIC OPEN IN MIREBALAIS DURING COVID-19



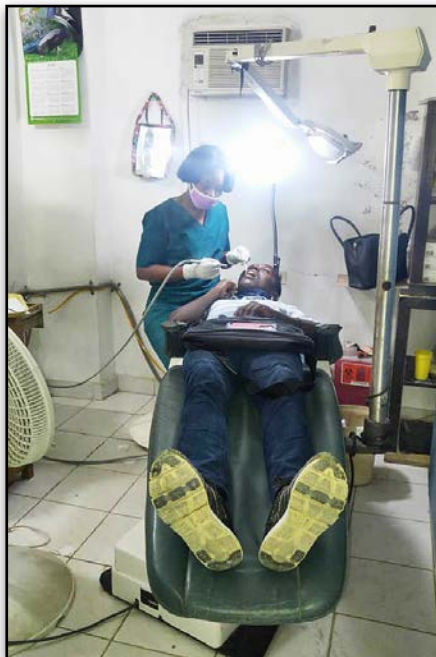
Clinic Staff / Disinfection Station / Outside Patient Waiting Area



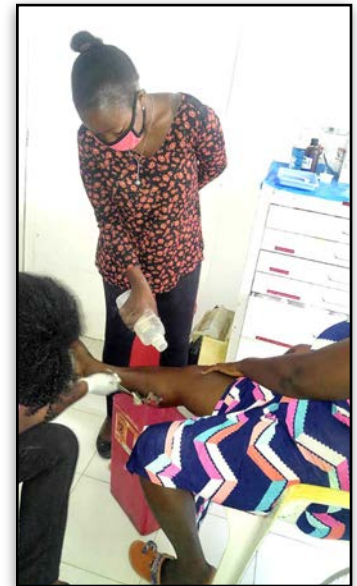
Clinic Generalist (Internist) Dr. Cadet



Clinic Pediatrician Dr. Rose



Clinic Dentist Dr. Lancia



Burn Patient



Clinic Pharmacy



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HOM'S PRIEST PARTNERS IN MIREBALAIS HAITI



Père Romel, curé de la paroisse Saint Louis roi de France catholique église, messe du 25e anniversaire de l'ordination, Mirebalais, 13 août 2020

Fr. Romel celebrated 25 years as a priest August 13.



Père Alphonse, Recteur de la Paroisse Saint Pierre église épiscopal, dédicace du Nouvel bâtiment de l'église, Mirebalais, 28 juin 2020

Fr. Alphonse / Saint Pierre / dedication of new church building / June 28



Cher Père Alphonse et Père Romel, Merci, merci, merci beaucoup pour les photos que vous avez envoyées au cours de l'année écoulée. Ils remplissent cette newsletter! Ils nous ont aidés à raconter votre histoire et l'histoire de Mirebalais et l'histoire d'Haïti en 2020, l'année de la maladie à coronavirus. Et s'il vous plaît dites aux photographes anonymes qui ont aidé - excellent travail! Dieu te bénisse!

Many thanks to Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel for sending all the photos used in this newsletter.

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In addition to more information about what we do you will find all of our past Newsletters and an easy way to donate to Haiti Outreach Mission via PayPal.

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