



Ohio Haiti Wisconsin Summer 2013

Connections

Hands and Hearts with Haiti: Partnership, Prayer & Progress

Parishioners from Ohio, Wisconsin and Haiti are seeing the answer to prayers for clean water for the chapel community of Desvarieux, Haiti. Desvarieux, a community of 300 families, sits just a few miles east of Mirebalais.

Fr. Leveque had identified this community as one in need of clean water and also a community capable of working together.

Water Mission International (WMI), a Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions, is working with members of Hands and Hearts with Haiti both here at home

and in Haiti. Desvarieux has been accepted by WMI as an excellent location for the implementation of their clean water system. They have evaluated this community as having the necessary characteristics for a successful long term water program.

Using a 30-step process, WMI will prepare the community through education and organizational development followed by the placement of a water system. This simple yet well engineered system will cost \$23,000 to install. Fifty percent of the costs were covered by resources donated to Hands and Hearts with Haiti.

Fr. Leveque and the people of

Desvarieux are overjoyed at the possibility of clean water being available to all members of this small rural and impoverished community.

Members of HHH and the community of Desvarieux extend our thanks to our parish communities for their generosity. Fr. Leveque continues to pray for all partners of HHH at each Friday morning Mass.

Worthy of note

This past Spring, HHH collected and shipped dozens of instruments to Pere Leveque for use by his high school students and parishioners. The efforts of HHH, Assumption and Holy Family parishioners, and a few very generous vendors made this all possible.

Donations included accordions, clarinets, drums, flutes, guitars, keyboards, a saxophone, a trombone, and trumpets as well as amplifiers, batteries, beginner books, cables, cases, cleaning supplies, microphones, replacement parts, and stands. Local Cleveland OH vendors that donated labor and instruments included Heights Guitars, Royalton Music and Pete's Accordions.

Pere Leveque's high school students will play the instruments for local parish events to raise money for tuition and his parishioners will use the instruments to assist with worship. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Special thanks to Dina Graham who spearheaded the drive!

Goat project moves forward

Because of your contributions to Hands and Hearts With Haiti, the Goat Project in Noyau is well on its way to becoming a self-sustaining reality.

Twenty seven goats have been purchased and distributed to nine families, who, in conjunction with the Caritas Organization, have received extensive training in their care and propagation.

Goats are a source of many things that assist Haitians in living a better life. They provide milk, meat, wool, hides and bone along with manure to enrich gardens. Even their urine helps kill garden pests.

This program is strategically designed to spread and propagate the

goat population to other families. As baby goats are born and weaned, each family will, in turn, share their goat babies with another family that has also been trained in goat husbandry. Using this model, the plan is



to extend the project to nine families in each of three of the surrounding communities.

This will all be possible because of your generosity!

HHH partners in Haiti are grateful for donations of shoes and clothing

In March of this year, the women in Assumption's ESPWA Group in Ohio shipped over 500 new sundresses and hundreds of newborn infant outfits to Haiti. They also packed and shipped 600 pairs of shoes donated by several parish communities

The boxes of shoes and clothing were picked up at Mirbalais by our Haitian partners on Monday, July 8 and taken to a mountain village to distribute to those in need. On the way, a quick stop was made at the house of some little friends whose house is on the route. The children watched with anticipation as a couple of the boxes were opened. Our Haitian partners gave them things they needed very badly.

They then continued on to their destination — a chapel in the diocese of

Hinche. Arriving there, they found many people waiting for them. The distribution went very well; many people returned home greatly satisfied with what they received for themselves or their kids.

Four boxes of shoes and one box of clothes were sent to another chapel. The chapel director there is very happy with the effort made by HHH for the mountain people. She said, "If shoes and clothes can come from so far in the US for the children and adults of our community, we know that we are not forgotten. It means a lot to know you are thinking about us. God will bless the hands that put the goods in those boxes. May God continue to bless your work in Haiti and wherever in the world you are called to go by the Holy Spirit.."

News Briefs

Haitians donate land. Parishioners of St. Louis Parish and its chapels in Haiti responded generously to Pere Leveque's request to donate property for parish projects to benefit their communities. Various parishioners have donated their lands for a new school, a new church, a community garden and an agricultural center for breeding goats and, eventually, cows.

School opening. Pere Leveque announced the start of a school program in the Chapel community of Noyau starting this fall! 50 students have registered for the start of a kindergarten and first grade classes. The classes can be held in the old church since new doors have been installed. This new school project has been aided by the start of the Goat Project (see page 1) and the economic opportunity this project will potentially provide.

If you'd like to help Hands and Hearts with Haiti, donations can be sent to:

Hands and Hearts with Haiti
9183 Broadview Rd.
Broadview Hts. OH 44147

Hands and Hearts with Haiti
130 St. Matthew Street
Green Bay WI 54301

Melkicedek Faubert: Our local Haitian connection

Melky (Melkicedeck Faubert), a Haitian student who attended Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin, graduated on May 12 2013 with an Associates Degree in Environmental Technology. HHH first met Melky at FVT in March 2012.

Since then, Melky gave us Creole lessons, visited area schools and churches, was a part of the International Fair at Holy Family School in Green Bay, went on tours of businesses and was shown environmental ideas in action, attended church, spent holidays, and had family meals with us.

Melky is grateful for the many ways in which Hands and Hearts with Haiti has helped him. "Human relationships and networking are paths to success," he said, "and I have been helped in developing human relationships by members of HHH. I have also learned about networking and writing resumes."

When asked how we can be most helpful to future Haitian students, he replied that the more we understand their individual aspirations the more we'll know what kind of help to provide. He also stressed the importance of our friendship.

Melky returned to Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti on June 6. His future goals are to improve the living condition in his community and protect the environment in Haiti. He hopes to be part of the change that will drive Haiti back on track. We wish Melky all the best and look forward to seeing him when we next return to Haiti.

