

Haiti Project

I am the vine, you are the branches.



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To witness the Light of Christ in another...



Toussaint Auguste/UNICEF

Advent invites us to prepare. Writer and retreat leader, Jan Richardson, explains Advent preparation in this way:

It may be tempting to think that we should prepare ourselves more strenuously to encounter and welcome Christ than to meet anyone else. This season, however, beckons us to remember that the incarnation takes place anew each day, and that Christ comes in the form of those whom we meet on our path. How are we preparing ourselves to encounter Christ in them? How do we ready ourselves for this sacrament, this mystery, this miracle? Amid the

graced and necessary complexities involved in being who God has created and called us to be, how do we make a space for the One who desires to approach and meet us in this and every season?

See more at: <http://adventdoor.com/2009/12/02/advent-2-the-mystery-of-approach/#sthash.eHrK3x0t.dpuf>

As we pause with hearts open this season, we acknowledge encountering Christ in each other is synonymous with honoring the dignity and preciousness of each person. Leaning in to God's loving presence, these



Mona Augustin Concert at St. Andrew's Madison and Dessert Reception/Art Sale A Big Success!

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped or donated desserts at the Haiti Project event last weekend. For those who attended, we all benefited from Mona's soulful music. MOZAYIK raised \$1,200 with good will offerings at the door and art sales. Haiti Project brought in \$1,850 with Art, Singing Rooster Coffee and Chocolate sales Saturday and Sunday.



Order Singing Rooster Haitian Coffee at:

<https://www.singingrooster.org/hp/>

Make long-lasting change in Haiti: Buy Haitian products.

Every year, a few promising students seek higher education upon high school graduation. This is the first year there will be graduates from St. Marc's School, as the final grade, 13th grade was established this year (according to the French educational system followed in Haiti). You can make a significant difference in the life of a young person by sponsoring their higher educational

experience. Please contact Heidi for details at info@haitiproject.org

preciousness of each person. Learning in to God's loving presence, these challenging times raise questions about what is it to love and serve the human family. Why do children have to struggle to find clean water? To access health services? To receive an education? Contemplating the mystery of God's love, our hearts are encouraged by the thousands of kindnesses pouring out around the globe -- Germans welcoming the refugee in their midst; citizens of Chennai, India helping each other after the devastating floods; a family delivering a meal to a grieving widow and her young children; a man in Wisconsin sponsoring 4 students at a school in rural Haiti. These demonstrations of love for the human family remind us of the overwhelming power of God's embodied love in the world. When we look through the eyes of our hearts, we catch a glimpse of the light of Christ in one another and it changes everything. To acknowledge this reality makes every encounter a sacred one. Each day, we have the choice to receive the invitation to lean into God's presence with our hearts open. How will you respond today?



<http://https://haitiproject.org/donate/sponsor-a-child-for-school/>

Consider making a donation to the St. Marc's School and Health Clinic General Fund:

<https://haitiproject.org/donate/school-and-health-clinic-general-fund/>

ERD PROCREEH: Micro-loans in Jeannette

On June 11, Pere (Father) Jean Lenord Quatorze signed an agreement with the Haiti Project and Episcopal Relief and Development to pursue a micro-credit program (called PROCREEH) in Jeannette. Judith D'or, one of St. Marc's former students and Business Administration graduate of BTI, was chosen to be the Parish Loan Officer. ERD provided training for Ms. D'or in Port-Au-Prince. In the first year of this loan cycle, fifteen women have received micro loans for their small businesses. This project aims to grow the number of loan recipients each year, then, as people pay back into the system, the goal is an independent Village Savings and Loan Cooperative.



Some of the businesses receiving loans include: a sandal business; soap and beauty products; small food stores; fritay snack shop. Pictured below our some of the women who have received small business loans.





To learn more about Episcopal Relief and Development Micro-finance loans go to: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/our-programs/micro-finance>

Plans for St. Marc's Church, Jeannette, Haiti

The Diocese of Milwaukee sent \$1,500 collected at Convention and a generous donor from Wisconsin gave \$4000 to give St. Marc's fundraising committee a sizeable donation toward the building of their new church. They have a ten year plan for building the \$100,000 church. The parish currently meets in the canteen on the first floor of the teacher's dortoire. Men work daily on the site until funds are depleted. Each Sunday, there are two church offerings, one for the building of the church and one for the operating budget.

Please contact Heidi at the Haiti Project if you would like to make a donation to the building of St. Marc's Church. info@haitiproject.org



Gift of Water: Double Bucket Distribution at the School and Community

Water and Sanitation Education in the Classroom



Gift of Water double bucket water purification systems were reintroduced at St. Marc's School and in the community on November 13. The initiative included sanitation and water education at the school.

Households purchased the systems after a training session for \$3 (Haiti Project subsidized the rest of the cost). The bucket systems had been in place successfully in the past, thanks to the efforts of Nancy Frana and Jacsonn Leger but it was discontinued because the owner of the business decided to sell his business. Under new ownership, GOW is blessed with dynamic, professional staff and is quickly growing their distribution in rural Haiti.

[Learn More about Gift](#)

St. Marc's Water Committee

The Haiti Project would like to acknowledge the leadership of the St. Marc's Water Committee. They volunteer their time to provide oversight of water purification measures in the village, meeting once a month to discuss progress. The village of



Jeannette and the Haiti Project is grateful to Pere Jean Lenord Quartorze, Jean Tonal, Hilaire Govain, and Jean Blemur for their leadership.



Pictured above from left: Jean Tonal, Pere Jean Lenord Quartorze, Jacsonn Leger, and Hilaire Govain.

Water Technician, Jacsonn Leger, presenting to a class

During the March 2015 visit, Haiti Project received reports from Jacsonn Leger, the local water technician in Jeannette, that people were noticing a rise in water borne illness. Virtually all water consumed in Jeannette and surrounding areas comes from rainwater catchment off of roofs. Often the water is tainted from debris, rodent feces and other contaminants leading to reoccurring illness. Children miss school and become undernourished from chronic intestinal sickness. The water situation creates barriers to academic success when already at-risk children can not access a safe water supply. The community was enthusiastic about the water education and reintroduction of the first 200 purification systems in November. The next round of systems will be scheduled for distribution soon.



Improving Water Catchment on St. Marc's

Campus



Jon Cushman of St. Matthew's Racine and Owen Britton an engineer from South Dakota, worked alongside Emenice and Nelise, under the direction of Tom Cramer of St. Anskars to hang gutters.

Water catchment efforts on the St. Marc's campus continue to be addressed. Gutters were installed off the roof of the teacher's dormitory thanks to the November Haiti Project team and local Haitians. This building also currently houses the worship services for the community of St. Marc's Church.

Diocese of Milwaukee November Haiti Project Team Returns Energized



Pictured: Jon Cushman, St. Matthew's Kenosha; Heidi Ropa, St. Andrew's Madison; Carrol Bovle, St. Barnabas Richland Center; Becca Hennen, St. Andrew's Madison;

Jenny Lorch of Colorado; Owen Britton of South Dakota; Holly Starck, Holy Communion Lake Geneva; Tom Cramer, St. Anskar's Hartland; Stan Timm, St. Luke's Racine and Andrea Stomberg of North Dakota. Below: Haiti Project trip leaders Mary Alice Eschweiler and Heidi Ropa with Flat Jesus on the plane to Haiti.



We Give Thanks for Hats For Haiti

Written by: Sarah Engle

Everyone finds their own way to contribute to the world. For some it's making others happy, and others raise money for those in need. For Rev. Pat Size, it's knitting. Rev. Size started a charity group called Hats for Haiti. She knits hats when she can and sells her hats on Saturday's at the Farmer's Market. She knits hats for both adults and kids and the hats come in many different designs (pictured above). The money she raised this summer went towards water purification efforts. This Fall her sales have been devoted to the general fund of St. Marc's School in Jeannette.

In the past two years, Size has raised over \$5000 and she hopes to raise \$3000 a year going forward and she can use your help to reach that goal. If you knit and are interested in helping Size, you can contact her (her phone number and email are below) and even if you don't knit she would be interested in teaching anyone who is willing to learn. She will supply yarn and you can just knit in your free time and drop off the hats when you can. You can even help out by visiting her stand at the Farmers Market and buying a hat. Every penny counts and Size proves that everyone can do their part to raise money for St. Marc's School in Jeannette.

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Please consider making a tax-deductible financial gift to the Haiti Project before the end of the year. Your donation insures the financial stability of St. Marc's School in Jeannette, Haiti.
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