

# YOU, can make a difference in the life of a child in Haiti

Help Brings Hope for Haiti, Inc. A 501 (c) 3 Non Profit Organization to help Fr. Desinord Jean take care of the needy in Haiti May 2005

## Who we are:

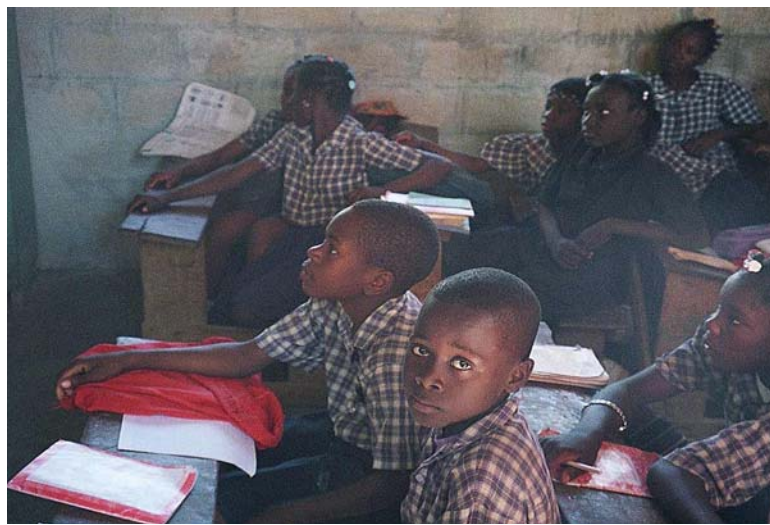
With the permission of our pastor, Father Daly, a group of Christ the King parishioners in South Tampa formed Help Brings Hope for Haiti, Inc. The goal of this organization is to provide the financial means for impoverished children to attend school and to help those in need living in Haiti. We work through Fr. Desinord Jean, a Haitian Roman Catholic priest living in Haiti's capital, Port au Prince. He resides at the cathedral, close to the projects where most of the violence originates.

Fr. Desinord Jean came to Tampa after receiving his Masters in Communication from Rome. Originally he was here for one year to intern with WBVM, the Catholic Diocese Radio Station located next door to the church. Fr. Jean has currently been chosen to represent all of the Catholic Radio stations in Haiti to help improve communication efforts throughout the country. He continues to visit Christ the King about every 6 months.

This school year, HBHH has placed 35 children into school. We hope to increase that number every year.

During this year Haiti has faced additional challenges – many of which you have read about in the newspapers. Hurricane Jeanne hit the country and killed thousands of people. Most recently, supporters of their former President have come back with a violent movement of terror and killings. It is truly a horrible situation.

The answer to these challenges can be found through an education that defeats fear and replaces ignorance. Education can make a huge difference in Haiti!



**Help Brings Hope for Haiti, Inc. (HBHH)**, a 501(c)3 non profit organization has been established to help Fr. Jean through Christ The King with Fr. Daly's blessings.

Our main focus is to take care of the needy in Haiti, especially the children. In particular, helping to educate the children of Haiti's poorest families. Only 40 % of all children are able to attend school.

With your help, you can make a difference in a child's life by sponsoring a child and sending them to school. You'll receive a picture of your child, updates and the child's address if you'd like to contact them directly.

## Education Cost in Port au Prince, Haiti:

Haiti is the poorest country in this hemisphere. The problem of education in Port au Prince is the high cost of education. There are not enough public schools in Port au Prince. Public school only handles about 11% of the population. Most private schools are very expensive ranging as much as \$750 per year including books and fees.

The average cost for HBHH to send a child in Port-au-Prince to a private Catholic school is \$400. We actively are working on getting more sponsors. A sponsor will get a picture of the child and all their information, including their home address in case they would like to correspond with their sponsored child.

Fr. Jean screens each family before placing a child in our program. The children we sponsor go to several different schools based on the location of their home. Transportation is extremely expensive. Fr. Jean monitors the children's progress and the family situation on an ongoing basis.

For more information: <http://helpbringshopeforhaiti.blogspot.com/>

If you would like to sponsor a child or donate to HBHH

**Please make your tax deductible checks payable to: HBHH**

Please mail to: HBHH, 2617 Prospect Road, Tampa, FL 33609

Or contact Patricia Eddy [pmeddy@hotmail.com](mailto:pmeddy@hotmail.com) 813-258-5585 or Barbara Byars 813-289-9369

# Update on Haiti and Fr. Jean's Needs May 2005



## Facts about Haiti:

- ❑ Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.
- ❑ Major cities only have electricity about 2- 6 hours a day.
- ❑ There is no electricity, telephones and running water in most of the country.
- ❑ Public education covers only 11% of the children in Haiti.
- ❑ All private schools have increased the tuition this year, making it more difficult for children to attend school.
- ❑ Only 40% of all children can afford to attend school in Haiti. Many children can not read or write.
- ❑ Riots continue to this day from Aristide's supporters. Killings, kidnapping, violence and looting continues very close to Fr. Jean's residence at the Cathedral. It is still a very dangerous place to live.
- ❑ Voodoo is increasing, Catholicism is decreasing.
- ❑ Because of the violence and dangers in Port-au-Prince, it is hard for those in need to come to the Cathedral to ask for help.

## A letter from Fr. Jean about the radio station and it's needs;

First of all, I'd like to thank on the behalf of my Bishop and myself for the help these past 2 years. Thanks to your generosity, we had a better year. We were able to offer a \$35 monthly payment to our employees. We were also able to buy some new equipment for the radio station. The renovations were done allowing us to add the new production room that was greatly needed.

For the last 7 months, there is a TV station that has been showing a one hour voodoo ceremony every night. We broadcast Mass every day using the telephone, but since September 2004, the home phones that we use are not working. The bandits broke them and the technicians refuse to come in our area because the bandits might kill them or burn their cars and equipment. We need to buy a mobile transmitter that will allow us to broadcast Mass live everywhere, not just from the Cathedral. The transmitter cost about \$15,000.

The generator given by a parishioner saves us, but the fuel price has gone up. We have trouble paying the \$600 monthly fuel charges needed to keep the radio station on the air.

We need help. Starting in March 2005, we have trouble paying for the fuel and the salaries of the employees that work for us. In January, we lost our best technician. He left to work for another radio station that was able to pay him 3 times what we can afford to pay.

If you can help us in this effort, please send a check to HBHH-Radio so this money can immediately help our dire needs. I thank you in advance for your help. Blessings, Fr. Jean

## Radio Soleil update

Thanks to the generosity of the people from CTK, Fr. Jean has been able to get the renovations done to the radio station. CTK and a parishioner each donated a van to be used to spread the Catholic message.

Parishioners, Tom and Leanne Voiland, donated a much needed new generator. The generator will allow Fr. Jean to broaden his ability to spread the Catholic message to the people of Haiti. It's the Voiland's desire to help Fr. Jean make a direct impact in understanding the Catholic message in the midst of the current turmoil in that country and in the face of other unorthodox voodoo faiths that undermine Christianity.

As you probably know, radio is the only link to most of the country. With this new generator, the radio station is able to broadcast 18 hours a day.

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