

Can you hear the cry of the poor?

HBHH has witnessed many blessings but faces many challenges. For example, we have lost funding for teacher salaries in Cotelette, pumping safe drinking water in St. Suzanne is limited by fuel costs to one hour every other day and emergency food supplies for both villages are almost exhausted. Can you help? Remember, 99¢ of your dollar will bring clean water, food and education to these villagers.

Yes, I do want to help those in need!!

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please add me to your volunteer list _____

Here is how I want to make a difference!

Count on me each month for: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 Other \$ _____

Direct funds to: Most needed Education Medical Water/Food Agriculture / Jobs

Send a child to school:

COTELETTE: \$15/month \$90/semi-annually \$180/annually

PORT-AU-PRINCE: \$35/month \$200/semi-annually \$400/annually

ST. SUZANNE: \$17/month \$100/semi-annually \$200/annually

I want to help with a one-time donation of: \$ _____

I want to pay by MasterCard Visa Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Make your tax deductible checks payable to: HBHH, 2617 Prospect Rd. Tampa, FL 33629

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Radio Soleil close to self-sufficiency

UPDATE: This year, Fr. Jean's appeal for help to the people of Christ the King raised over \$26,000 – the best year yet.

In addition, HBHH – in conjunction with an anonymous donor – provided Fr. Jean with the considerable amount of funds necessary to purchase the land needed for the radio station to erect its own broadcast tower.

When the tower is completed, Radio Soleil not only will be free of a perpetual and onerous expense, but also will be able to lease broadcast tower space to others and generate funds for operations. Although the tower is not yet built – and money for that construction is not yet raised – Radio Soleil is on the verge of a historic step toward self-sufficiency!

The faces of Haiti



The Cry of the Poor

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February 2007

January '07 trip identifies challenges that lie ahead along with advances that have taken root

During the last week of January and first week of February, Patricia Eddy, Judge John Laurent, and Susan Peloubet traveled to Fort Liberte in northeast Haiti as well as nine neighboring villages, including Cotelette and St. Suzanne where HBHH performs the majority of its mission work.

While in the city of Fort Liberte the group visited Bishop Chibly, a member of the HBHH Advisory Board, who presides over the Diocese of Fort Liberte, and discussed the needs of his diocese. The Bishop explained that Ft. Liberte does have a small hospital but it does not take anyone who does not have money. He feels it is very important to have a Catholic hospital and lab to help the poor in his diocese, and showed the group a site for a new medical laboratory that will be possible if the HBHH grant application to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is approved.

The HBHH group visited the villages of Pignon and Terrier Rouge and saw

agricultural projects that could work in St. Suzanne: planting a variety of trees for different uses – food, lumber, nutrients, and charcoal, planting vegetables and



Group met with agronomists in several villages looking for the best way to create food and jobs.

grasses that will re-nourish the soil while providing feed for grazing animals. Judge Laurent will work to finalize the best options and recommend an implementation plan.

At the village of St. Suzanne, the three HBHH members met with Fr. Medenel and saw that the new Cotelette School looks great and is almost complete. Even better, the new well in St. Suzanne is providing the only safe water in the village! Sadly, the cost of diesel limits the pump to just one hour of operation every other day. Because water is such a huge problem for the village, the group feels that the HBHH teen/young adult missions should consider setting an example by adding gutters and a cistern to every building the church owns.



Top, Patricia Eddy with Fr. Medenel and city leaders of St. Suzanne. Above, Fr. Jean, Fr. Medenel, Susan Peloubet, Bishop Chibly, Judge Laurent in Ft. Liberte.

Nearly completed Christ the King School in Cotelette.

HBHH Mission Statement:
 Our mission is to help bring hope for a better life to Haitians by showing them God's love in two ways; Meet basic needs of food, water, sanitation, education, medical, and clothing. Help create independence, giving a hand up, not just hand outs, by providing adult, child, and teen education, and helping to create jobs for the people of Haiti.

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Before my elevation as Bishop of the Fort Liberte diocese, I served as a priest in Jacmel, Haiti. However, my years in Jacmel did not prepare me for the poverty I found in Fort Liberte, St. Suzanne and the other villages of my diocese.

The work of HBHH is truly a blessing to the people of my diocese and an inspiring source of hope to my priests and parishioners.

As a member of the HBHH advisory board and a personal witness to the work being done in my diocese, I want everyone associated with HBHH to know how carefully every dollar is watched to be certain that it will do the most good. Nothing is done without great prayer and prudent thought.

The increased mission work of HBHH is a source of particular pleasure to me because it enables the people of my diocese and of HBHH to become friends and learn about each other. I pray that this work may grow in the coming years.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Chibly Langlois

2007 Missions: Young Adults and Teens

During the summer of 2006 HBHH conducted the first teen mission trip, which witnessed the transformation of the St. Suzanne school with complete exterior and interior painting.

The planning for the 2007 teen mission currently has two main focus points: organizing medicines for the medical mission and equipping church and school buildings with gutters and cisterns so that rain can help meet the critical need for water.

The scope of the young adult mission for 2007 will address two areas: planning



for the re-engineering of school drainage systems during the summer of 2008 and assisting the teen mission with their gutter installations and cistern construction and, if time permits, painting and repairing the interior of the church. Activities for both missions were discussed with Fr. Medenel during the recent HBHH trip to St. Suzanne and the final details will be worked out over the next months.



Transformed St. Suzanne School.

Items needed:

- Tools, Battery-powered Tools, Drills, Socket Sets and Crowbars
- Hammers, Screwdrivers, Pliers, Levels and Saws
- Shovels, Rakes, Picks, Hoes, Wheelbarrows
- Lumber: 2x4s, 2x6s, 2x10s, 2x12s
- Plywood
- Masonry Drill Bits and Screws
- Nails and Screws (varied lengths)
- Shelving Brackets and Sandpaper
- Paint (White/Enamel), Primer/Exterior/Interior
- Paint Supplies
- Gutters
- Plastic Plant Containers

WELLS: In spite of newly drilled well, water remains severely restricted

Imagine a village of five thousand people with no source of unpolluted water – where pouring bleach (that they didn't have) into jugs of tainted water was the only method of protection against disease. That was the situation HBHH discovered during their first trip to St. Suzanne in the fall of 2005 and a circumstance that HBHH members vowed to change.

Change has come – but with a sadly tragic cast. HBHH has successfully drilled a well and the water is certified by a U.S. lab as pure. Yet the four spigots of this well fall silent except for a few hours every other day because the \$7 of diesel it would take each day to fully operate the well is beyond Fr. Medenel's means.

Meanwhile, additional wells financed by HBHH for the schools in Cotelette and St. Suzanne remain unfinished while the drilling rigs small enough to traverse the rough roads struggle to penetrate local mountain rock formations.

Despite these setbacks, the members of HBHH remain undeterred in their quest to provide safe drinking water to the people of these villages because pure water is as necessary for good health as are the medicines in the medical clinic.



HBHH provides first well in St. Suzanne.

Summer 2007 Medical Mission

As many of our readers learned from the HBHH website (www.hbhh.org), our 2006 summer medical mission saw more than one thousand people over a four and a half day period! That medical mission was supported by a team of eighteen people, comprised of: doctors, nurses, clinicians, helpers, and translators.

Container #5 leaves Monday Feb 19th. This container is filled with medicine, medical supplies, food, clothing, msc. school supplies. The 6th container will leave the end of March filled with the last items needed for the medical, teen and adult mission trips.

The HBHH 2006 medical mission was the first of its kind in the St. Suzanne area. For the 2007 medical mission, HBHH anticipates



that more than 1500 people will show up at the medical clinic seeking medical care!

In order to handle this many people, we will need to increase the number of doctors, helpers and clinic supplies. The 2007 medical mission will have four doctors, two dentists, two nurse-practitioners, three nurses, seven clinicians and helpers, and 11 translators.

Urgent Donations or \$ Needed for:

- Microscope, Endoscope, Otoscope
- Doctor's Prescription Samples
- Over-the-Counter Drugs and Vitamins
- Pain Relievers (Tylenol, Advil, Aspirin, etc.): infant, children and adult
- Tums, Antacids, Maalox, Cold and Flu Medicines
- Vaginal Creams
- Thermometers: ear or touch
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Bar Soap and Anti-bacterial Wipes
- Peanut Butter (protein for nutritional deficiencies)
- Powdered Milk/ Powdered Gatorade
- Washing Detergent and Clorox

Please contribute what you can! If you can help in any way, please mail monetary donations or deliver items to 2617 Prospect Rd. If you have a large amount, please call Frank 835-5607 for pick up.

As the pastor of St. Suzanne parish, I wish to thank everyone who has helped the people of St. Suzanne and assure them this help is truly saving lives and changing lives.

Until the supply trucks and missions of last year, the people of my parish did not realize that the Body of Christ really does reach to all corners of the world.

I know that each of you has needs within your own family and community and that help given to St. Suzanne is a sacrifice. Please know that your sacrifice has earned a place in our hearts and our prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones,

Father Medenel

When I first visited Tampa and the people of Christ the King, I could not imagine the works that would come from my new friendships.

Since that time, Radio Soleil has been able to grow and achieve many of the goals thought to be impossible. Children facing a life on the street rather than in the classroom have been able to continue their education. People who had never seen a doctor gained access to medical care and medicines.

It is impossible to witness the growth and accomplishments of HBHH without seeing the hand of God in all that is done and in all those who are part of this great work. May God continue to bless every one of you and your families.

Father Jean

Local high schools raise funds for HBHH

Jesuit High School Key Club The Eighth Annual Putt-Putt Tournament

WHEN: March 17, 2007
WHERE: Grand Prix Raceway, 14320 N. Nebraska Avenue
TIME: 9 AM – 11 AM
COST: \$15 per golfer
Registration Deadline: March 1, 2007
PHONE: 977-6723

Checks payable to Jesuit High School Key Club
 Mail to 4701 North Himes Avenue Tampa, FL 33614.
 Pre-registration must be received at Jesuit by March 1, 2007.

For further information, contact
 Mrs. Charette @ (813) 877-5344 ext. 247 or
emcharette@jesuittampa.org

Blake High School Key Club Fundraiser and Silent Auction

WHEN: Saturday April 14, 2007
WHERE: In the Blake High School Cafeteria
 1701 N. Blvd. Tampa, FL 33607
TIME: 12 Noon – 3 PM
COST: \$10

Live music & lunch catered by Carraba's of Temple Terrace
 Dress for the auction is resort causal, and children are welcome.

Call Audrey Bannon (813-600-0321) or email;
blondeisbetter10388@yahoo.com or tickets can be bought at the door. There are only 150 tickets, and they will go fast.