

October 2010

# Cry of the Poor

HELP BRINGS HOPE FOR HAITI, INC.  
"The Lord hears the cry of the poor,"  
Psalm 34

## Life in Haiti after the Earthquake

### *Our Continuing Response*

The village of St. Suzanne, one of HBHH's primary areas of focus, has been feeling the effects of the earthquake, as have many other rural areas of Haiti. Refugees from the Port-au-Prince area have sought new places to begin a new life. With already meager resources, such areas are now faced with even more people to feed, more people in need of basic medical care, and more children in need of schooling.

In response to this, HBHH partnered with Food for the Poor to ship a container of school desks to accommodate newly arrived children; we partnered with Feed My Starving Children to ship pallets of food; and we partnered with Blue Grace Logistics and Royal Caribbean Lines to ship more pallets of food, clothes, tents, medicines, medical supplies and equipment donated during our collection drive.



Directly in Port-au-Prince, we helped secure temporary facilities for Radio Soleil and provided emergency operations funds. A design for the proposed new Radio-Tele Soleil building in PAP was generously donated by h2w studio architecture+design, and we're currently working to find funds for this project. We also sent two more medical teams to Miragoane near Port-au-Prince, for a total of five teams since January.

Thank you to everyone who has donated goods, funds, or transportation to help us help our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

*Dear Friends,*

I am privileged to have been a part of the birth of HBHH in 2003 and to have witnessed its growth these many years. We are now experiencing even further growth under God's guiding hand. As Chairman of the Board who has also served as acting Executive Director, I am pleased to report that HBHH has just hired its first full-time paid Executive Director, Sr. Christa Rowe, who will officially start in October. I truly believe God sent her our way and I am very excited to begin working with her. She will work at our new location on Morrison Avenue, which was made possible by a generous donation of office space.

With Sr. Christa coming on board, we will have someone who can devote time and effort to development and fundraising, with the long-range goal of bringing in funds to help fulfill and expand our mission to help the poorest of the poor in Haiti and to help support our administrative growth.

We know our work in Haiti has always been necessary, but after this tragic year for the Haitian people, we realize how much more there is to do. Remaining to serve as your Chairman, the Board and I will continue to direct our mission and vision to ensure effective programs and good stewardship of all that you have and will continue to give to HBHH.

An exciting year is ahead of us!

Sincerely,

**Patricia Marmande Eddy**

Chairman of the Board & Founder



Fr. Jean and Patricia Eddy with the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Bernardito Auza in Haiti after surveying some of the earthquake damage in Port-au-Prince



Fr. David Toups, Pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church, HBHH Chairman Patricia Eddy, and Bishop Chibly Langlois, Diocese of Nord-Est, Haiti

## 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.

Patricia Eddy, Chairman  
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## Welcome Sister Christa!

Meet Sr. Christa at our  
**Open House**  
October 31  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
3816 W. Morrison Ave.



## New Executive Director for HBHH

### Another milestone for HBHH

The Board of HBHH welcomes Sr. Christa Rowe as our new Executive Director. Sr. Christa, a Sister of St. Clare, comes to us from Wilmington, Delaware, where she was employed as Manager of Supportive Housing for the Elderly for Sacred Heart Village. She has also been the Evangelization and Outreach Director for the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington and Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate at St. Joseph's Church in St. Peters-

burg. She has also served as Director of Formation for her community in New Port Richey and Associate Director for the Office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Diocese. She has extensive public speaking and grant writing experience and, true to her order, has a heart for helping the poor.

Sr. Christa received her B.A. degree in Social Work and Religious Education from St. Leo College, and her Master's in

Education from Boston College. She currently serves as board member for Legal Services in Wilmington, member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Ministry of Caring, and Vice-President of Sacred Heart Housing Board. Sister's hobbies include music, singing, and art.

Sr. Christa will be taking her first trip to Haiti for HBHH on October 22-25 with Chairman Patricia Eddy and board member John Laurent.

## EVENING SOCIAL

Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Higgins Hall at 5221 N. Himes Ave.

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of hors d'oeuvres  
with Fr. Desinord Jean

RSVP to the HBHH office at 813.832.4244 or HBHH123@gmail.com



## UT Students Partner with HBHH to Develop PR Campaign

Five seniors from the University of Tampa have partnered with Help Brings Hope for Haiti to develop a new public relations campaign. These five students, who are enrolled in Stephen Grecsek's PR Campaign course, plan to research marketing strategies and apply critical skills to showcase their final project in December 2010.

Pictured at left: Stephen Grecsek, instructor, and students Carolyn Trogele, Loren Piretra, Audrey Schmidt, and Coleen Kumka. Not pictured Danielle Peppel.

## HBHH secures new office space as our ministry continues to expand



June 2010 welcomed needed breathing room for Help Brings Hope for Haiti. We moved into new office space at 3816 Morrison Avenue, the former Spirit FM building, in Tampa.

The office space is being donated by Christ the King Church in partnership with St. Michael's Legal Center, a fellow non-profit organization that offers legal assistance in matters of family law to low income persons.

After some hard work renovating and preparing the space, HBHH now occupies offices in the building, just in time for expansion as we get ready to welcome our new Executive Director. We would like to thank

everyone involved who helped make the move a reality. In addition to Christ the King and St. Michael's Legal Center, we received generous donations of office furniture from Decorator's Office Furniture of Tampa Bay and labor from SGD Communications, a local Haitian-American owned business, to install our phone system.

Stop by and visit us at our open house on Sunday, October 31, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Medical Mission Trip News

Since our last newsletter, HBHH has sent two more medical mission trips to the village of Miragoane outside of Port-Au-Prince to minister to the many individuals needing care: persons either displaced by the earthquake or still experiencing medical needs from an injury in the earthquake. This makes a total of five medical teams sent this year, made possible by the donation of six planes to transport the teams and medical supplies. Hillary Frank Aubin, the newly appointed medical coordinator for HBHH's Advisory Committee, has had her hands full coordinating the teams, supplies, and planes for these trips!

The May 8-14 team consisted of obstetricians and gynecologists Dr. Kathleen Kilbride and Dr. Mitchell Hoffman, nurse Karen Carraher, and anesthesiologist Lilia Pereiras.

The June 7-12 team included orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Claude Sagi and his family, plastic surgeon Dr. Jaime Perez, and nurses Melanie Dillard and Claudette Hency.

Top Right: May 8-14 medical team with local Haitian personnel

Middle right: Grateful patient helped by May team

Bottom right: Dr. Pierre of HBHH's St. Suzanne clinic assists USF team

Also in early June, the USF College of Medicine sent a team of doctors to Dilaire, a small village in Northeast Haiti, with the assistance of HBHH. We helped organize the team's first medical mission by arranging all travel and accommodation and interpreters for the team, as well as sending HBHH's local doctor to help. Dr. Djenane Pierre of the St. Suzanne clinic helped the team understand the differences between Haitian and US medical treatments. Members of Corpus Christi Church also provided additional mission team support.



## Volunteer Spotlight: The Warehouse Guy

Antoine Eugene is a Haitian-born American who came to the U.S. in 1978, where he met his wife Marie, a fellow Haitian-American. They have three children. Antoine accompanied HBHH as interpreter on a trip to Haiti in February, the first time he had been back in 18 years. Marie, a nurse, joined HBHH's January 28 medical mission team. Antoine owns a local business, Antoine's Furniture Upholstery, and also ministers to the local Haitian Community on Radio Lumiere FM. Besides helping out in our warehouse, Antoine and Marie sponsor the education of several children in Haiti.

Right: Antoine with Jack Koczela and David Eddy at HBHH's warehouse

## Welcome New Board Members

The following individuals were added to HBHH's Board in March of 2010. We welcome their expertise and their willingness to give of their time to be of service to the people in Haiti.

### Michael D. Aubin

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, Administrator & CEO Board Member, Hillsborough County Kids Health Care Foundation Advisory Board Member, USF College of Public Health

### Martine Fils-Aime

PBS&J, Engineer Haitian-American Member, Florida Engineering Society

### Robert Johnston

The Melting Pot Restaurants and GrillSmith Restaurants, President/COO Board Member, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board Member, Zimmerman School of Marketing / USF

### Robert Kershner


Fasco, President and Owner Leadership Board, College of Agriculture, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

In addition, Hillary Frank Aubin is the newest member of HBHH's Advisory Council, joining in January as coordinator of Medical Services.



## Generous Young Hearts

- Maxine Barron, a 4th grader at MacFarlane Park IB World School, and Rafael Migoyo, a student at Jesuit High School, inspired their schools in Tampa to collect relief items for Haiti.
- Kailey Fernandez, a 9th grader in Robinson High School's IB program, set up a stand to sell bottled water, sodas, and snacks at Gasparilla and donated the sales of about \$100 to HBHH.
- Students and parents at Suzuki Talent Education, a music school in St. Petersburg, decided to donate a penny for every mistake they made in practicing their instruments, raising over \$700 in pennies and donations.
- Taylor Morrison of Pass-A-Grille held a fundraiser for HBHH, raising \$95.
- Area high schools Bartow, Lakewood, Braulio Alonso, Bishop McLaughlin, and Johnson Elementary in Scottsburg, Indiana, all held drives for HBHH.

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**One pizza a month?**

**One movie a month?**

**One Starbucks' coffee a week?**

**What can you give up to help educate a child in Haiti for \$17 per month?**

*Sponsor a Child!*

Since 2003, HBHH has continued to sponsor the cost of education for children in St. Suzanne, Jacmel, Cotelette, and Port-au-Prince. Today, with your help, over 1,000 students have been helped. More children, refugees from Port-au-Prince, have arrived and been welcomed into our schools in Cotelette and St. Suzanne. In addition to a quality education, these children receive what is sometimes their only meal a day when they attend school. Education can mean a way out of poverty for these children and for Haiti. **Please see the enclosed form to sponsor a child.**

Ninth Annual  
**ADVENT  
DESSERT SOCIAL  
& ROSARY FOR  
WOMEN**

with Fr. Desinord Jean  
of Port-au-Prince

Sunday, November 28  
7:00 - 9:15 p.m.

Christ the King Church  
821 South Dale Mabry

Tables \$80  
Individuals \$10

For reservations,  
contact Barbara Byars at  
813-289-9369 or  
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Fr. Jean will speak at all  
masses at Christ the King  
on November 27 & 28