



# Lutheran Mission Association

November 2, 2005

## **Primary School**

School is in session, with six classes: K, 1-2nd., 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>. Colas Valery is the principal and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher again this year. Two of the teachers are taking classes in the afternoons and evenings to further their education. Some of the students who were unable to come to class because they don't have shoes, have now received them. LMA sent three boxes of children's shoes from our storage area via CASCO shipping, Fort Lauderdale. They have arrived and have been distributed. Pastor Eliona is sending us pictures of the "Shoe Day." Uniforms are in short supply, Pastor Eliona will send a swatch of the fabric used for the blouses/shirts' and one for the pants/skirts, and several people will be needed to sew various sizes of uniforms. Lil has sent some sample school test books for Valery to a look at and decide if any are appropriate for their classes. We have a \$500 gift which has been designated for classroom books. The school library is started; a box of about 70 books have been shipped via CASC. There is another 60 here to be shipped later. (The library books will not leave the school grounds; the students must read them there.) They will also be checked for content by the teachers so nothing offensive is put on the shelf. Most of them are in French. LMA has sent another \$4000 toward the finishing of the interior walls of the sanctuary/school, which will be done during Christmas Vacation. A nice present for the Christmas Church Services as well!

Factoid: Primary Schools drop out rates: 1/2 of urban schools and 90% of rural schools! Our school feels this too! How do we keep them?! Please consider "Adopt a Student Program" \$ 250 dollars yearly.

## **Mission Festival Response**

The visit was a success and a big Thank You! To all who participated in this event. It was a chance to visit and get to know Pastor Eliona, his wife Lynda, and their two wonderful boy's Brian and Elliot. Enough money was raised to pay for their trip in the states with Wisconsin Groups help and donations from this event. Again Thank You! Pastor's family arrived home safely and plunged back into the fervor there in Haiti. Upon their return home the church of Haiti celebrated there seven year anniversary. Please pray for these new Lutherans and Pastors there in Haiti. Pastor Eliona says, "I am happy to see that God is acting in the midst of his people here and there, I pray that for you all, because Satan is not happy when he sees people have a commitment to work together for God's Kingdom."

Haitian Quotes: Bondye Bon Nan pwen lapriye ki pagen "AMEN  
God is Good There is no prayer which does not have an "AMEN"

## ***Blessings are abundant at the Complex!***

- 1. The Security wall is finished, with razor wire, and painted with pictures and wording describing the activities within!***
- 2. Believe it or not the medical clinic interior and exterior are complete!***
- 3. Equipment to run the clinic's basic exam functions are collected!***
- 4. Pastor Eliona applied for and received \$10,000 grant from LCMS toward the clinic lab and another \$10,000 toward the completion of the multi-purpose building!***
- 5. The outside of the first quarter of the complex is completely painted.***
- 6. A school library has been started.***
- 7. Pastor Eliona is training two more Vicars with one ready to graduate!***
- 8. The school bus is in use.***
- 9. The drive has been partially paved to cut down on dust to the site.***
- 10. Fruit trees and flowers are being planted without fear of goats eating them. They even***

*have chickens. These fruits will help supplement the diets of the school children and the malnourished of the area!* 2

**Premiere Eglise Lutherienne du Cap-Haitien Mission Statement and Goals**

**given yearly this year**

“Changing the Life of the People through the Gospel”

Short Term Goals

1. Finish, equip. & run the medical center
2. Equip and Supply the Sewing Center

Mid Term Goals

1. Start the next ½ of the complex
2. Start an orphanage

Long Term Goals

1. Complete a Sanctuary Church

Dependence is 100% to complete and run projects

**New Churches**

Pastor Eliona has visited a church in Reviere-du-Nord where a small established church wants to become Lutheran. Pastor Eliona says he will need to do a lot of teaching of the Lutheran doctrine before they will become Lutheran, in addition to teaching his 2 Lay-pastor's to Shepard the church at this time. A book called “Ce Que Nous Croyons,” in French “This We Believe,” published by the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod is used in teaching new Christians, along with Luther's Small Catechism. Another church has asked twice for Pastor Eliona to come there and help them become Lutherans. It is located at St. Rapheal, which is in the mountains beyond Dondon. Pastor asked for help with renting of a four wheeled drive SUV to get him there as his own borrowed SUV will not make it over those terrible rocky mountainous roads any longer. A gift of money was given for that purpose. The group is small, about 50 people, but they have a hunger for the Gospel, the Word of God. He said that perhaps Mr. Gergens ( his soon to be graduated former Vicar) will be able to help in that area!

Again LMA feels blessed by overwhelming support and gifts given in this mission venture. Wonderful communion ware was given, donations, Adopt a Students, and monies' toward varies projects from memorials. We just wish to say Thank You! Each month we think we have an empty barrel, but the spirit moves, and it is full!!!

**Women's Center**

We were happy and overjoyed to be able to meet Pastor Eliona's wife Lynda and their two sons' Brian and Elliot on their visit to Northern MN. What a vital role she has in this Mission along with her husband. She is very well respected in the Church and she has only been in Cap-Haitian one year after leaving her family in Port au Prince last September. We saw the Love Pastor Eliona was putting into the Sewing Center for her when she came after passing her Wedding Dress Course in Port au Prince. With a woman's touch that room has blossomed into a Center everyone wants to come to! It is warm and welcoming! A young American University Student stayed with the Bernard's for one month to teach English at the school. He was able to take a picture of the first Sewing graduating class and the wonderful Fashion Review put on for their benefit. His mother on his return, a gifted scrap booker, put the fashion show into the record books! These women are beautifully taught, the outfits blew away my ideas of them making more simple outfits, they were wonderfully stylish! Lynda was able to share these photos at the Festivals. I hope some of you were able to see them I think the sewing kits will have to be upgraded! But Lynda has constraints on the number she is able to teach due to space, her time, and electricity. The generator is not reliable and not able to handle more than one or two machines at a time. In addition the noise disturbs school classes. The sewing room is really able to hold at the max. 8 students. We know she had more than 30 applicants, but she was only able to accept eight again this year. So we are asking to hold on making further sewing kits for a time. Material is always a need to make further clothing items, thread and other clothes making notions are need. Baking classes are in the room behind the sewing room, which is were the cook's cook rice and beans for the school over a charcoal fire. A propane stove/oven and refrigerator would be a real plus.

the clinic. we are thankful a physician in Haiti has agreed to review their qualifications and aid Pastor Ebona in this task. We have been overjoyed at the \$10,000 grant received toward the clinic lab. The reality is the clinic is possible! And Very Soon! This will be a project of extreme importance and a chance to minister one to one. The clinic will contain an exam area, a lab, and a pharmacy. This will be a primary community based clinic. The hope is to have a Physician 2x's per week, a Nurse weekdays, a Pharmacy Tech, and a Lab Tech under direction of superiors. We are looking at basic clinic and lab equipment. The Pastor wife has connections through her previous job with a pharmaceutical supplier and they have assisted in collecting information on the needed pharmaceuticals of that area. The clinic will expect to do vaccinations, pre and post natal care, care of infants and children, the elderly, and those with chronic illness. We expect to monitor the health of the school children and in the future the orphanage. There will be a fee on ability to pay, and a discount for those belonging to the Lutheran Church. 77% of Haitian children are malnourished. Children suffer from diarrheal diseases, malnutrition, infectious disease and respiratory disease. Adults suffer from Malaria, TB, parasitic infections, typhoid fever and vaginal infections. Only 20% of the population has toilet or latrines. Only 1/4 of the population has access to potable water. 1 in 10 Haitians by the year 2015 will have HIV. Dying in childbirth is now the second cause of death for Haitian women. Delivery's at home are the norm and are dangerous due to dirt floors, no running water, no tetanus vaccinations, poor nutrition, no safe instrument to cut cords, lack of pregnancy education and educated maternal assistance. Please pray for this project!

### **Kits and Giving**

Funds are always welcome. No further items will be collected for the container. All current items are tallied and ready for customs. Please hold on sewing kits as well. School, medical, and newborn kits are ongoing. No further clothing items at this time. We will try and coordinate gifts of school kits and the collection of shoes K-8 prior to the school years in Haiti in the future. We are of the understanding the school is need of aid with uniforms and we will report on that as we know more. We are looking at special infrastructure needs. For further information on needed items you can email Deb Larson at [sandeels@frontiernet.net](mailto:sandeels@frontiernet.net) or phone 1-218-283-2447.

If you would like to participate in LMA and like to be on our meeting list please contact Mr. Harry Batdorf by email [twinfish@cumembersnet.com](mailto:twinfish@cumembersnet.com) or 1-218-3774323

Donations can be made out in a check to Lutheran Mission Association and specify what project funds should be sent to or if you would prefer to send unspecified funds they will go to the most urgent need.

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