

Lutheran Mission Association

Spring 2005

Cap-Haitian February Trip a Success

Security Wall for the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at Cap Haitian is Complete

Between Lutheran Mission Association and Brookfield Wisconsin group the security wall is up with a gated entrance. This project started in August 2004 and completed was March 2005 within 7 months. What hope and happiness this gives to the congregation in Haiti. Just as the disciples were astonished at a empty tomb we are truly astonished at what our God can do! We thank god for the blessing of our Northern Churches, Brookfield WI, and the wonderful congregation in Cap-Haitian Haiti.

What a Well Done Job! The Church in Haiti had a special service and the Mission Group served cake made by Lynda Bernard to the congregation and they send back a big

Thank You to everyone!

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6;15-16)

Bibles and Kits

The people of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cap Haitian are delighted to receive the health kits, wound kits, newborn kits which we received from a number of sources in Northern Minnesota. Many of the health kits and newborn kits have been sent to them, and Pastor's wife, Lynda, says she has passed out many of them. The health kits will help the kids with keeping healthy, and the newborn kits are really well received by the new moms, who have very little for their babies.

As many of you know, many folks have helped with the purchasing of Bibles for the school kids, for the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in both Cap Haitian and their sister church/school in DonDon. We do not know if they have arrived there yet, but I am sure that Pastor Bernard will let us know when they do. (Pictures will be taken) The kids will use them for their regular reading classes as well as their Christian education classes. Every year we will buy additional Bibles for the new 4th graders and a few for new students.

Trip Quote: Accept that all earthly plans will need to be flexible as God's plan is better.

The Sewing Center

The Sewing Center is running and using the gifts of fabric, notions, and sewing kits sent. Darold one of the team members repaired the sewing machines and we discovered in sending sewing machines to Haiti it would be good to send the instructions.

Blessed Lynda does know how to sew! She is teaching the her students to sew from measuring the client to making a pattern from scratch. The sewing room is the only room painted at the site, a nice sunny yellow, tables and pictures from the pattern books we sent adorn the walls, and a nice potted palm plant sets in the corner. Space is tight and the center is already out growing its space.

Mrs. Darold Krenz from the team taught basic embroidery to the class, which was met with a lot of enthusiasm. The students brought what meager thread they had and instruction was done not by language, but demonstration through pencils. Thank You! Judy!

Judy reports Lynda is trying to start a Cake Decorating Class this will compliment sewing wedding dresses. To start this project decorative cake pans and frosting tools are needed. The government doesn't allow a project to start until the tools are present.

Lynda says, "Thank You!" In making this part of the sewing project work and in teaching these women it is truly make their lives better!

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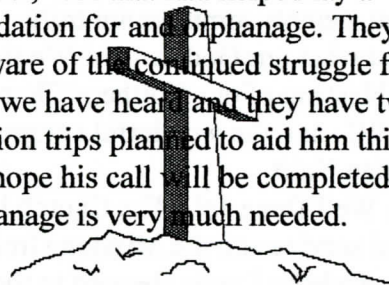
Quote "A Church that is alive and well will be involved in Missions" Hugh

The February Team Members

Included Leroy Kelly -International Falls, Lillian and Paul Spilde -Bemidji, Judy and Darold Krenz-Cass Lake, Jane Lester-Millcreek, Wa, and Virginia Valleau-Independence, Missouri. Let us celebrate with them and support them, for they truly have had a Life Changing role in God's Plan.

Spreading the Word

One of the things placed on our hearts in this new road is that not all churches in Haiti have support. The Pastor's are struggling daily. We have begun thinking about other church's adopting a district or church Haiti. One such Pastor is Daniel Paul in the North East District it is very difficult for him. We were able to reintroduce him to a congregation in Everret, WA that had helped lay a foundation for an orphanage. They were unaware of the continued struggle for him, now we have heard and they have two mission trips planned to aid him this year and hope his call will be completed. The orphanage is very much needed.



Future Missions

We have promised to aid in setting up the clinic in Cap-Haitian when the shipment of medical equipment goes-date unknown-likely summer of 05- if you are interested in a medical type mission Doctor's, Nurses, Social workers, Pharmacists, Lab, Clinic administrators, etc. let me know Deb Larson sandeesh@frontiernet.net Or 1-218-283-2447

The Grounds at the Cap Haitian Compound by Virginia Valleau

During our February visit to Cap Haitian, some of us spent a lot of time working on the grounds. We picked up mountains (so it seemed!) of trash and stacked it up for burning; we also stacked up a lot of thorny bushes that had been chopped down to make way for the wall; and, we measured the compound and made a drawing for future reference. (Attached)

We hope that some large trash barrels can be strategically placed within the compound to collect and burn garbage as there is no form of garbage collection in Haiti. Children need to be taught to dispose of garbage and no one there understands composting.

There is still much work to be done such as moving dirt away from the foundations of the wall, making sure the entire area is level and planting grass seed, fruit trees, bushes and flowers.

Before we plant, we will have to pull up a lot of weeds and plants that have sprung up by themselves. (Wild petunias) We would like to have an area set aside for a garden to help the church and school nutritionally. We will have to fence off the garden, so goats and cattle do not eat everything we plant. We will also need some protective wire or fencing around new fruit trees, shrubs, and flower areas.

The Shipping Container

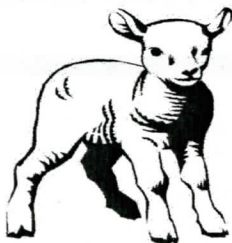
The team reports that the shipping container really needs to go. As soon as a date is set for this spring we will get it out to the churches. The wheel barrow that could be no more. The tools are worn to a woof. The teams from Mn. and Wisconsin bring what they can, but it's running shy of the need. Pastor Bernard reports shoes and clothing for infants to adult are in great need. Dry food goods. Non-prescription medication like Tylenol, aspirin for infants to adults, cold /allergy and stomach medication are needed. Medications are out of reach for his congregation. Lynda says quilts would be welcome. Questions regarding donations or how to get them to a collection site contact Deb Larson at sandeess@frontiernet.net Or Lil Spilde at plsplide@paulbunyan.net

A MESSAGE FROM LEROY

I'm Leroy Kelly, one of the team members who went to Haiti Feb. 9th. It was my third trip to Cap-Haitian.

It was the best time because we stayed at Pastor Bernard's house with his family. We had devotions every day with fellowship. We had a opportunity to ask Pastor many questions learning more about their culture.

The Lord has sure blessed this mission as you can see how far the clinic, the school, and sewing center has grown. I thank the Lord for the Haitian people and they thank the Lord for our support and Prayers.



The Bus

The bus should arrive in Haiti around April 4th we pray. The bus will have multiple purposes. It will be used to transport children to school, it will transport people to church, it will be used for taxi service to raise money to support the church. The bus can be used by larger groups going to Haiti. A set of tires and tools were included. The families in the are very happy as they all can go together to church.

Adopt A Student

A new list of 5 students for adoption was brought back with the February Team and pictures of the previously 7 adopted students for the adoptee's.

The adopt a student program has spread to the Brookfield Congregation, and a Church in Florida.

We hope you keep this program in your prayers as this school year nears its close and the next school year approaches. We thank You for all the support of the school and wages. If you wish to Adopt a Student contact Harry Batdorf at twinfish@cumembersnet.com

Bible Project

Bibles are being purchased for school students and a source to purchase the bible was found in Haiti, which will help with costs. This project is very welcome and we hope God continues to bless this project. Thank You for the Support!
Contact Lil Spilde plsplide@paulbunyan.net

The Medical Clinic

The clinic has been stuccoed and we have have steps. The site is ready to have windows, doors, and bars placed in the breeze ways. We can't thank you enough for the donations to keep some progress going on this project through the wall project. The medical supplies are likely to go in July when all is ready. Please keep this project in your prayers. With Pastor Izidors death we have renewed purpose in to which this project is needed. We have purchased the book "Where They Have No Doctor's" in Creole to give to the Pastor's in Haiti. We are thankful for donated rice and beans to feed to the children in school. 12 Cases of vitamins were donated for the school children, Thank You! We hope to have a garden with the wall complete. Hopefully, to improve nutrition and health of the congregation. We invite any one wanting to participate with this project to contact Deb Larson at sandeess@frontiernet.net

Israel Izidor the President of the Haitian Church Died March 20th

Keep the church of Haiti in your prayers. The seven Haitian pastors working in Haiti are six. Rev. Izidor died of meningitis in Les Cayes, Haiti at the age of 54. He is survived by a wife Leonie and 3 children.

Condolences may be sent to the family at Rue Capital N. 144, Box 15, Les Cayes,

2005 Donation List for Container

**With Auction and Rummage
Sales upon us keep your eyes open!**

Church

French Catechism's
Plastic Stacking Chairs or metal chairs Church benches if you have them..
Paper Reams
Religious reading or Sunday School material Even if in English
Office supplies, equipment, computers, printers, camera supplies and film, batteries etc.

School

French School Books
Science Equipment
Athletic Equipment
Preschool class items
Flash Cards
Propane Cook Stove
Propane Refrigerator
Stainless Steel Counter and Sink
School Kits
Food items: Beans, Rice, Dry Pasta, Powdered Milk, Powdered Infant Formula, Ovaltine powdered drinks, Cooking Oil, Iodized Salt, Dehydrated veggie, Potato Flakes, Canned tuna or salmon.
School desks and tables and any other misc. school items you may think of.

Household

Infant to adult shoes in good condition
Infant to adult clothing lightweight
Work wear for men and women
Kitchen Items -Towel, wash cloths, dish towels, towels, detergent, dish soap, bleach, house hold cleaner cleaning buckets, wash line etc.
Kitchen utensils- silverware, dishes, knives, can openers, pressure cookers etc.
Infant and toddler items, diapers, training pants, diaper bags, zinc oxide, etc.
Hygiene items-toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, shampoo, nail clippers, nail files, brushes and combs etc.
Hygiene kits, infant kits, quilts, blankets, pillows etc.

Medical

Items like you keep in your medicine cabinet keeping in mind need from infant to adult-
Aspirin, Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, cold and sinus medication, anti-itch creams, muscle ache creams, antibiotic creams, dressings, corn pads and medicine, disinfectant pads, vitamins, Lice medication, antifungal creams and powders, medical tape, burn creams, folic acid, breast feeding pumps, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs. Also things you might have wheel chairs, crutches, reachers, etc.

Tools

Hammers, nails, nail pullers, wheel barrows, shelving, storage containers, fans for the school and clinic, ladders, levels, electrical equipment, plumbing equipment etc.

Misc. they have nothing whatever you have to give is important!

Wisconsin Trip Report Excerpt

Throughout the time we were in Cap-Haitian... our team was humbled by what God was showing us, and accomplishing through us. We understand the Words "what you do for the least of these, you do for Me" in such shallow terms ... until God actually allows Jesus to accomplish things through you that you don't know how it was done! ...Bye the end of the work day Tuesday...our bodies were fried... the work and temperature was taking a toll. I think our Lord already had a plan for rest, because Pastor Bernard and his wife, Lynda, cars broke down and needed to be fixed. These roads chew up anything short of a vehicle with steel tracks.. Like the UN vehicles.

Along the way we made excellent friends and God allowed our church bodies a wonderful connection to the Body of Christ! What a privilege it was to come down to Haiti.. I'm sure LMA will echo that! We look forward to the bus that is being sent down it will be put to good use, bringing those church members that have a difficult time traveling the distance from the old church site. And God has really put on our hearts to start and outreach to other church bodies... so much was accomplished with just a few churches, how much might be accomplished with additional churches supporting this ministry.

Well this was just a summary of work week, and I always remember what Shawneen had written on our first trip here when mentioning about listening to God's call..."You will never be disappointed going on mission trip, but you will be changed." And indeed..He has changed everyone one of our church bodies...whether we were privileged enough to actually come down to Haiti, or supported from the home fronts. I pray that our BLC church body will be able to meet up soon with our friends in MN North. Connected in Christ

LMA Trip Report Excerpt

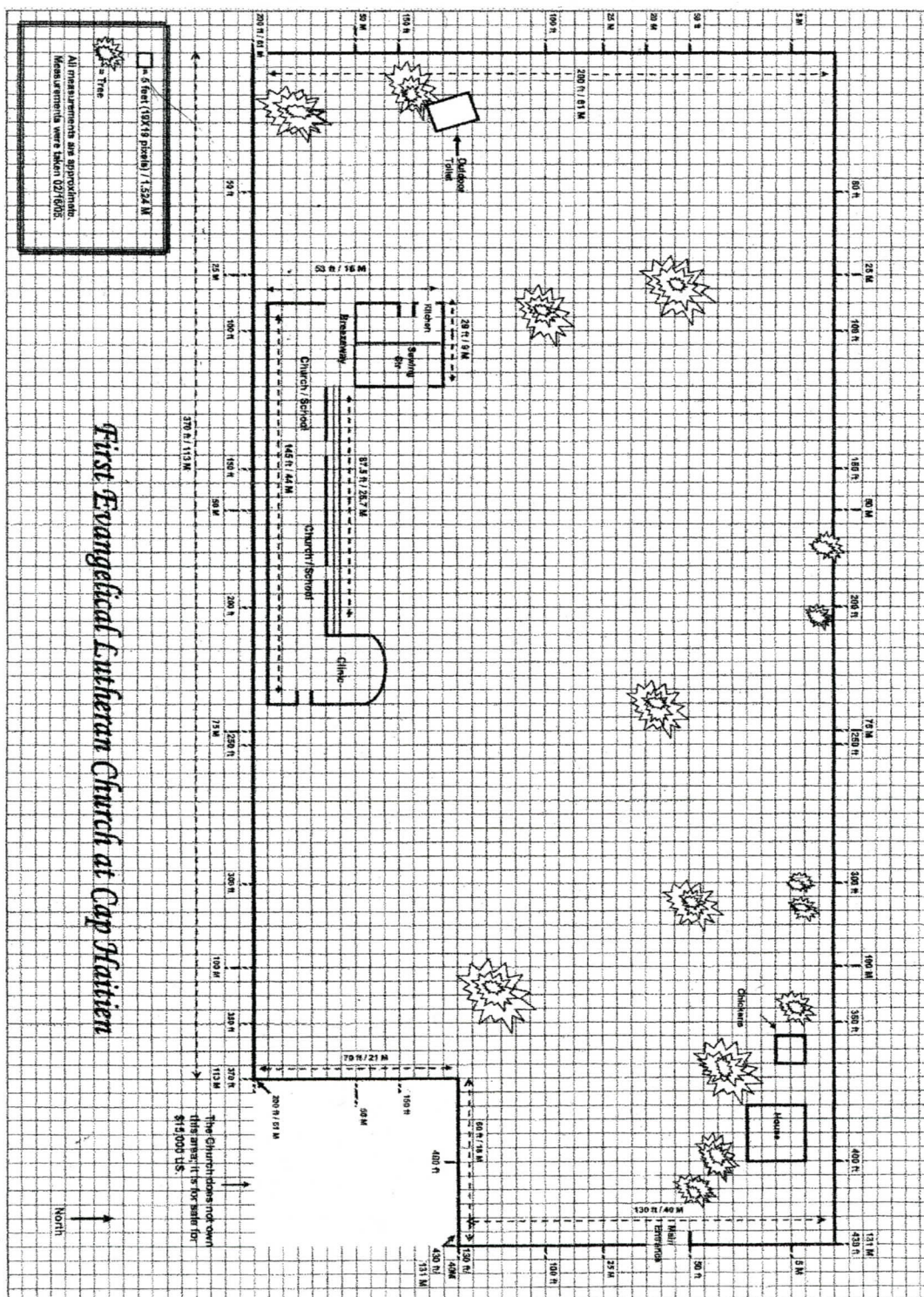
The team landed into Pastor Bernard's safe hands. The team felt truly privileged to again be in Cap-Haitian, Haiti. Two of the team have been to Haiti before Leroy and Lil for the rest it was new. We echo Wisconsin's wonder how God does things!

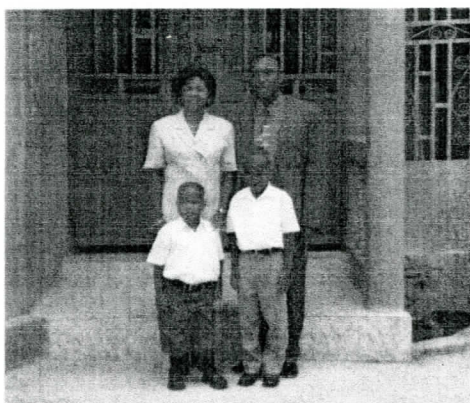
The team has shared many wonderful stories in meeting God's people in Haiti. One of the days the team was aided again by the congregation of Cap-Haitian. The workers worked without pay that day what a wonderful expression of God's Love. The next day the school children aided the group with much enthusiasm and a member of the congregation loaned the children his trolley (his livelihood) to carry brick, stone and cement, again what a message.

The children at the school have no recreational equipment -a soccer ball and another field ball were brought and the children took off there good shoes and played. The children were proud to show off there school. The teachers too. All the classes were visited.

The group stayed with Pastor Eliona Bernard and his family in there new home. The family moved to Cap-Haitian in Sept. 04. Many evening were spent getting to know each other. Leroy even tried to learn some Creole this time!

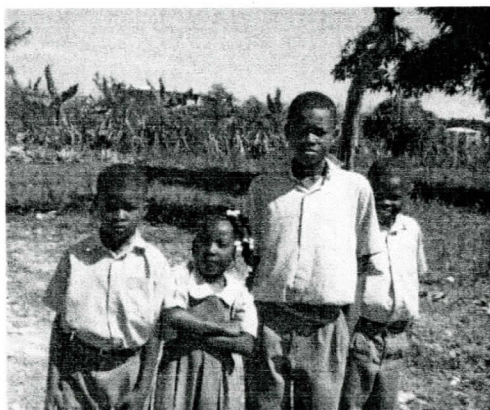
The congregation clapped during church for all the help that the churches here have done. The group had supper with the elders the last night of there stay. Even though the language was not the same, humor was shared through fun with hand puzzles. The group too had a unique experience withe a broken SUV (machine) in Creole-going to get fish at the harbor. God has truly blessed this Great Adventure from the home fronts, we wish to Thank You Again! We truly are amazed at this accomplishment and those to come. LMA





Pastor Eliona Bernard, Lynda, Elioth(Elliot), and Bryan

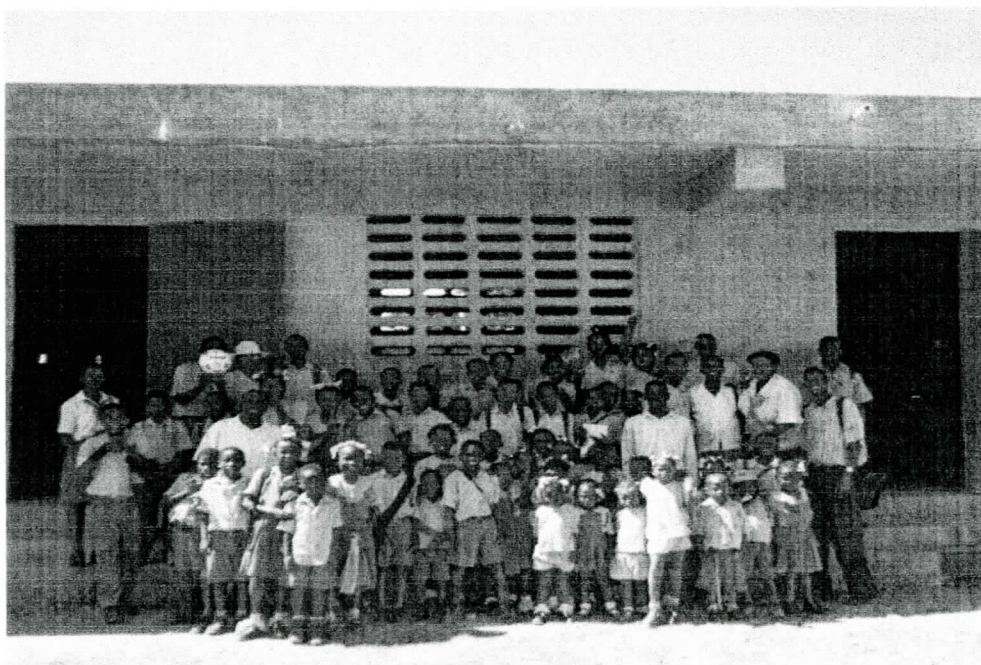
February Team minus Leroy and Virginia



Children of the School



Cap- Haitian Teachers

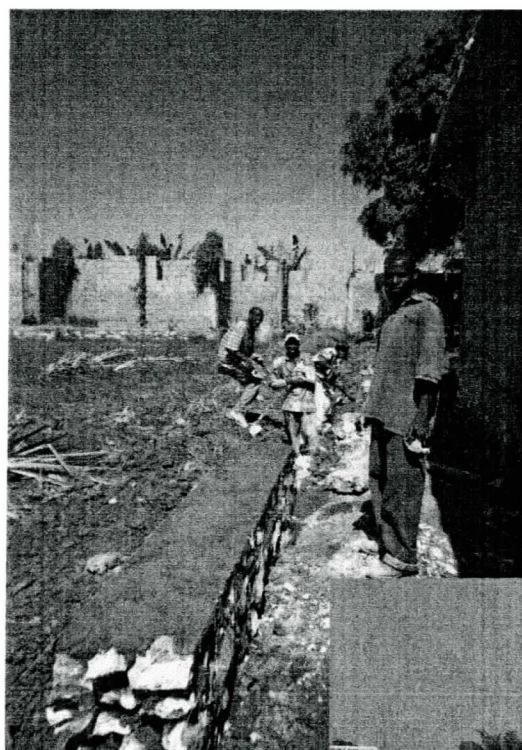


First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cap Haitian
School Children

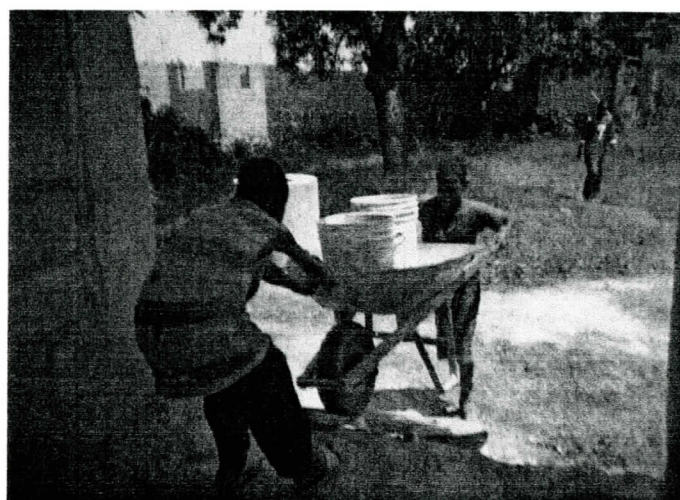
Front of wall moving Northward



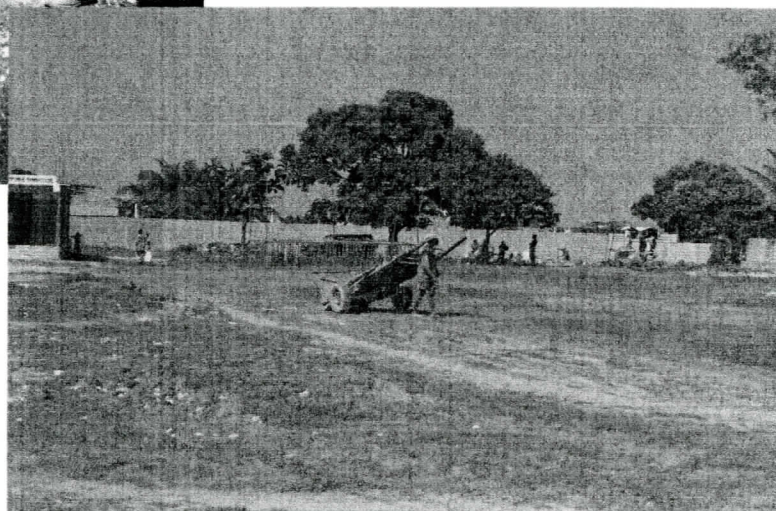
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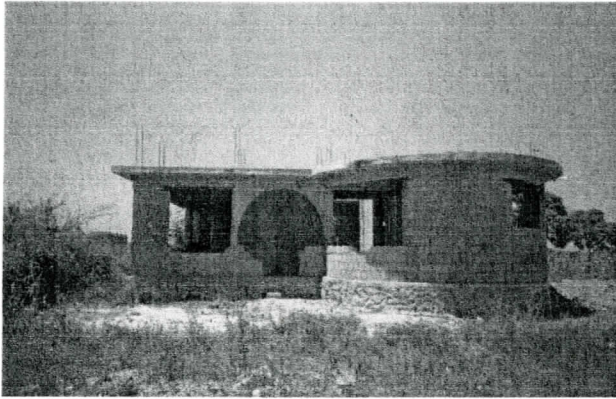
Wall beside complex



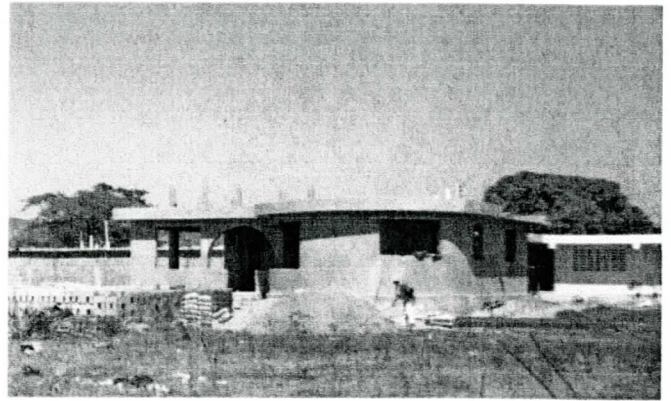
School children helping



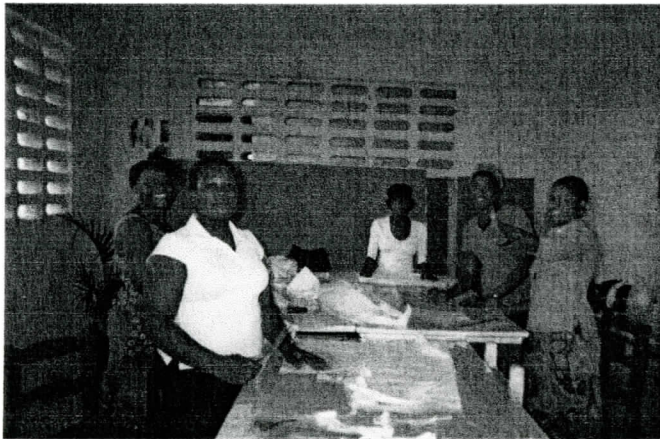
Wall near completion



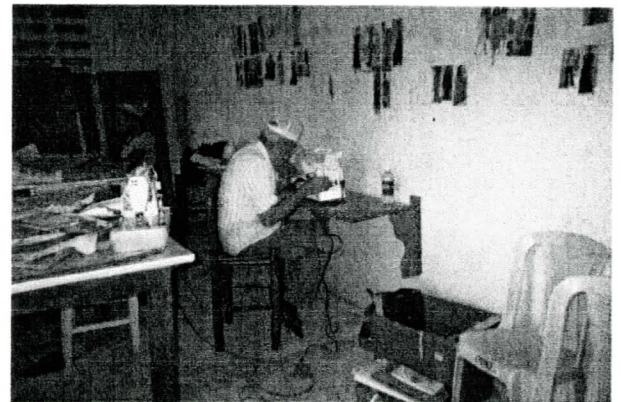
Medical Clinic Aug. 04



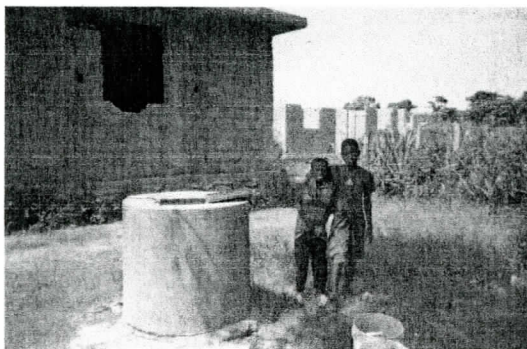
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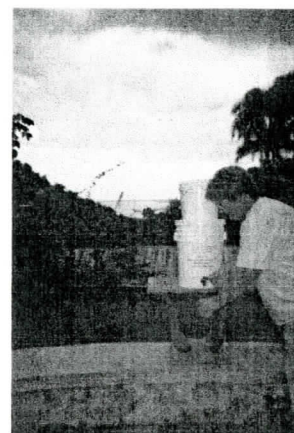
Lynda gives a Thumbs up on the Sewing Center



Darold fixing donated sewing machines



Surface Well



Water filter for Cap Haitian School



Adopt-A-Student



Our sister church in Cap-Haitian, "First Lutheran Church of Cap-Haitian", has a Lutheran school which educates Preschool thru 8th grade children. The school has approximately 260 students. No child who applies for admittance to the school is turned away. All are accepted regardless of ability to pay tuition. Tuition pays for school supplies, school uniform, expenses of the school buildings, and the nine teachers salaries. The expenses of educating a child are estimated at \$250 per school year. Very few of the student's families are able to pay the full tuition. About half of the students families are able to pay a small portion of the tuition, but many are unable to pay any significant amount towards tuition. Therefore the teachers usually go without receiving their full salary. There is a real danger that the school will lose teachers if they continue to receive only a fraction of their pay. The teachers that are in-place at the school now are dedicated to teaching the sacraments that define ELCH and LCMS church beliefs. They are all educated to Haitian standards and all believe in the work of the ELCH, but also have to consider other employment that could offer steady pay.

An opportunity has arisen for members of the Northern MN LCMS churches to make a significant positive impact on this situation. Pastor Bernard has developed an "adopt-a-student" program designed to help the overall financial health of the school, and create a bond between the sponsor in Northern Minnesota, and a student and his/her family in Cap-Haitian. The annual expense to the sponsor is \$250, payable in one lump sum or in smaller payments. The sponsor may choose to "adopt" a male or female student and signify if they have a preference. The sponsor will receive from Pastor Bernard periodic updates on how the student is doing in school, a photo of the student, and some background on the students family.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student. The application blank is attached.

APPLICATION

I/we desire to financially assist a student at the Preschool-8th Lutheran School operated by the First Lutheran Church of Cap-Haitian, in the city of Cap-Haitian, Haiti.

The Church is led by Pastor Eliona Bernard, and the school principal is Mr. Valeray.

I/we understand that there is no obligation on my/our part other than \$250 per school year tuition fee. The fee is payable either in one lump sum (preferred) or in smaller payments throughout the school year.

I/we understand that there is no requirement implied that sponsorship continue in upcoming school years although I/we may choose to continue to sponsor my/our student.

The school year in Cap-Haitian runs from September through May.

I/we understand that Pastor Bernard in return will mail each sponsor a snapshot of their sponsored child, periodic school progress reports, and some background information on the students family.

Sponsors Name(s) _____

Sponsors Mailing Address _____

Sponsor's Email Address (optional) _____

I/we prefer to sponsor:

- ☐ a female student
☐ a male student
☐ no preference



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