

Lutheran Mission Association

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Schools

The Evangelical Lutheran Church and School of Cap-Haitian is growing! Thanks be to God! We have recently increased our support to five(5) schools in the Northern District. The original schools are in Madeline and Don Don. One of the new ones is an orphanage that was acquired when the gentleman in charge of the orphanage passed away. *(more on this in another section)* We are also support St Raphael's *(a town about 40 miles south of Cap Haitian)* and soon a school in Grande Riviere du Nord. Pastor Valery was installed as pastor in Grande Riviere du Nord on LWML Sunday and he will start the process for a new school there. This means that support is needed now more than ever. The Madeline class rooms are now being painted inside, a project paid for and done by the people themselves. The shoes that have been sent can be seen on the feet of many students. The uniforms that were made by the LWML women of the Bemidji/Crookston District were received with thanks. The preschoolers had no place to lay their heads, so St Paul's Lutheran LWML International Falls have been busy making nap mats!

The Adopt-a-Student program has been successful in helping to support the schools, but it would be great to increase that amount two-fold. For only \$250 a year you or your group can support a student. Students need uniforms, shoes and supplies before they can attend school. This amount also helps pay for the teacher's salary. Please prayerfully consider this project.



Medical Clinic

The Lutheran Medical Clinic opened in June of 2006. The clinic opened in an amazingly short time by Haitian standards. There have been obstacles in the path: attempted robbery of the pharmacy before it opened, prescription medication hijacked near Port au Prince, the struggle to pay wages and buy supplies and one medical mission trip was canceled due to the threat of kidnaping. The cost of this operation is huge, but for the Haitian community a much healthier choice than a voodoo witch doctor.

A refrigerator was sent for the clinic. The new well is creating a source of income as well as helping the community receive good water.

An LWML grant has been received for the purchase of a generator. We hope to have this in place within the next 2 years.

The Lutheran Mission Association is very thankful for all the support that you have given this project in the past and hope you will continue your support. In your mission planning please prayerfully consider supporting the clinic.

Orphanage

As stated before, an orphanage was given into the hands of the Madeline church of ELCH when the person in charge of it passed away. The orphanage has 16 children ages 6-12; among them 11 boys and 5 girls. Most of the children are survivors of the flood and mudslides that destroyed the city of Gonaives two years ago. As a church, we cannot pretend that we can change their whole existence, but we are trying to do what we can. Your generous support of these children would be well appreciated and welcome.

We are raising funds to purchase beds to be made in Haiti for the orphans at a cost of \$190 per bed. Donations are still being collected as the beds are being made and delivered. It is a slow process. Fans have been sent, the orphanage was repaired and cleaned up and food has been sent. On a recent Sunday some of the orphans were baptized. The orphanage will also need support in the form of wages, food and clothing, health care, housing and the services of the Vicars that aid Pastor Eliona. The orphanage holds school during the week for our 16 kids and other children in the neighborhood and holds Sunday church services for those in the area.

Sewing Center

The sewing center continues operation as a blessing on this growing mission field. Many women do not have funds for classes and this creates problems in making this a self sufficient operation. Lynda struggles to help run the sewing center, helps oversee the Medical Clinic and many other tasks demanded of a mission pastor's wife. Please keep the sewing project in your prayers and consider helping this endeavor.

UPDATES

Land has been purchased at St Raphael and a school has been started.
Money has been sent to begin the building of a church/school.

French Catechisms' have arrived in Haiti and are being distributed to the students.
French language books for the seminary in Port au Prince were purchased and sent.

Another container is scheduled to be sent. The deadline for bringing items is March 31, 2007.
It will be packed and shipped shortly after that.

Land has been purchased by a US donor where an orphanage will be built.

Thank you for all of your past support and continued support of this mission project. As you can see the needs are great. Please pray for the growth of the Lutheran Church in Haiti, for the wisdom of its leaders and for the faithfulness of its new pastors.