

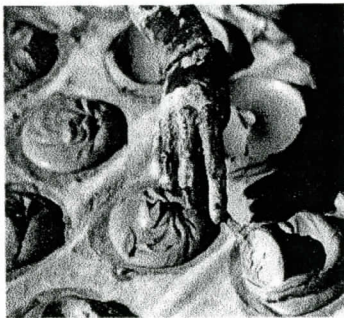
# Millions Suffering in Haiti After Hurricanes Pass

## Prayer and Aid Needed

LUTHERAN MISSION ASSOCIATION LMA

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### "To Love One Another" the Foundation of the Great Adventure in Haiti



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LMA has been helping the Evangelical Lutheran Church Haiti in the North District for 5 years and Minnesota North you have supported our mission work. In this time we have seen 5 churches emerge, 4 schools develop and the Adopt A Student Sponsorship grow. We have seen the first group of women graduate from the 2 year sewing class. In 2006 the Lutheran Medical Clinic opened at Made-line and has served patients for 2 years.

LMA has formed friendships with our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ and these trusting relationships have formed bonds of Love. Your loving

thoughts, hands and prayers support LMA and our Haitian family.

This year hunger has plagued Haiti. The whole country has been damaged the hurricanes. The roads and bridges are washed away limiting the ability of the world to help. Long standing government failure has blocked up the ports. We can only trust in the Lord.

Pastor Eliona Bernard is receiving refugees from the disaster in Cap-Haitien. LMA has responded by sending financial support and in getting the supply container sent on its way September 27th. The container will include 100,000 nutrient enhanced meals from Kids Against Hunger and Feed My Starving Children and "Bundles of Love" from our LCMS congregations. The LWML women and others in our LCMS family have given hygiene kits, medicals kits, school kits, quilts, clothing, shoes and the financial means to send this container to Haiti. The container will take possibly 3 months to reach Haiti, so financial support is needed to purchase food and medical items in the short term.



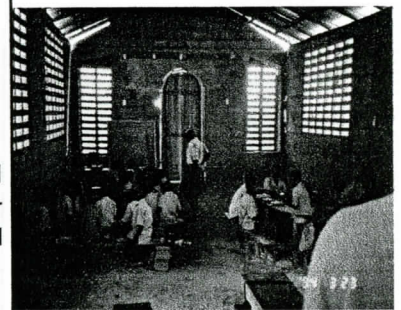
Flooding has damaged Haiti and its ability to survive.

### Haiti's School Children: Adopt A Student

LMA's Adopt A Student program is the primary support for the Primary School Systems of the ELCH North District. LMA wants the AAS sponsors to know that the Haitian children need prayer these coming months. They face starvation and disease secondary to polluted water and waste. Many children are facing death this year. One in three deaths is that of a child. Haitian women typically bear 5 children.

It will be essential to get the schools going with school kits, shoes and clothing. The Haitian government no longer has the means to educate its next generation. We have grown to 4 schools in the North District and they are provided a lunch once a day through a food program called Trinity Hope. These meals have made a significant impact on their health.

During stable times only 40% of the children attend primary school and only about 20% finish primary school as they are required to work to help support there families. The AAS program removes this burden from families allowing at least one of there children to attend school.



School children attending school in the new St. Raphael church this March. The children are feed by Trinity Hope



In the 4 North District schools there is somewhere around 300 students.





Nurses and patients at the clinic



FAITH IS A  
MIGHTY  
FORTRESS .

"FAITH IN THINGS  
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REQUIRES A

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SIMPLICITY"

HELEN STEINER  
RICE



Lil with Daniel Paul and his wife  
Cliney. 16 orphans and the 5 of his  
family live among 3 rooms.

Daniel's  
Daughters and some of the orphans



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### Storms Victims Face Disease: The Lutheran Medical Clinic

Refugees have traversed mountains and rivers with the roads washed out to reach Cap-Haitian with only the clothes on there back.

They are looking for food, clothing, shelter and medical care. They are tired and ill from lack of food, bad water and infections.

The Haitian government has been unable to form any type of water or sanitation systems for its people. It has been unable to maintain any

medical infrastructure without outside aid.

Cap-Haitian saw its population double with the last large hurricane in 2004. We expect little change with this current situation.

Refugees are coming to the clinic for aid but are unable to afford service or medicine.

You can help these poorest of the poor by providing funds to service these people and to purchase needed medica-

tion. The clinic doesn't have the financial means to stand alone in this crisis with out support from the outside.

The generator and the clinic were undamaged by the storms and there is little gas to run the generator but the backup batteries are doing there job! Thank you LWML for this generous gift.

We are so thankful for Lynda Bernard, Miss Wickland, Mrs. Obey a nurse, and Mrs. Bernadette a nurse for there faithfulness.

### The North District Churches: ELCH

We do not know much yet about the state of the outlying churches and the struggles they are facing please pray for them.

The Airport Church rent is due and the cost is expected to be around \$1600. This is the first church and resides in the slum area of Cap-Haitian.

The Madeline Complex is in Cap-Haitian and is the North District office of Eliona Bernard. The 2nd phase of construction is in need of financial support to finish the floor and roof of new clinic section and pastoral offices.

The church in Don Don rent is up in January and will not be renewed. Land has been purchased for a church of their own. \$2000 has been sent to build a hanger and rice storage building for the school rice. It won't be

enough to finish the project

The church in St. Raphael needs a cement floor and steps. They have received a deep water well specially built for the community. They are in need of a school rice storage building.

The Rivere du Nord church will have rent due within one year.

The North District ELCH had there annual Lay Leader Conference at Madeline which LMA supported.

The North District School teachers also attended a Conference at Madeline prior to the hurricanes.

Madeline was host to the Seminary Without Walls seminary students this March. Lori Salvhus and Lil Spilde taught a English class with the Rosetta stone program and

were able to use the power from the generator to run the projector.

The Haitian Pastor Daniel Paul in the neighboring district was visited in March. He has an orphanage called "Daniels Lambs" where 16 girls reside.

Daniel and his wife Cliney have 3 daughters and were wonderful hosts.

Daniel and Eliona have a wonderful bond. We saw that many of the things sent in the last container have come to aid Daniel and his children too.

With a 80% unemployment rate and living on a dollar per day. There is little in the collection plate.....so.....

LMA is so thankful for the wonderful support MN your love is a shining light.



## Recent Letter from Eliona Bernard

Dear Lil beloved one in Christ;

I greet you this morning in the name of the Lord Jesus!

I thank you for your constant care and support to us at this difficult time. We are so glad to have as our dearest and faithful supporters. We feel that you are bounded to us in true love. We do not feel alone. Haiti has a population of 8 millions people if not more but do you know that among that 8 millions 4 millions are hungry I do read in a report but I even wonder if this number is correct. From my opinion I would say that there are more than just 4 millions. It was the official number before the hurricanes now I do not for sure how many of them are hungry. I do not know what will happen in the next few months. Most of the Haitian people, especially those in the country side depend on agriculture, actually we cannot dare to talk about agriculture because everything in term of agriculture has been destroyed. According to official estimation just to restart the agricultural system, 24 millions dollars are needed. Where this money will come from? we do not know. If some organizations are willing to donate this money the question would be now who will mange the money as we know our governments are not always good

manager. We have concerns and they are increasing day after day but in spite of all we know that God is in control.

Yes, Soeur Lil we start the distribution of the rice we did buy a first portion of 18 bags of 18 kilos and will continue to buy more. Fortunately we know someone who has enough in his storage with or without money he will keep what we need. We need to be done with the first portion and then take a second portion just for a matter of the safety. As the place where we buy it is not far from the Church we pay and ask the other leaders from other Churches in the district to come and get what belonging to them without taking all of them at Madeline.

We will, once we are completely done send you the report. How much rice has been purchased, how much beans and oil.

Let me thank you and all those who understand our situation and take into heart by helping us in many ways, we pray that God continue to bless them.

Still a big problem: No gaz, no fuel. Pastor Daniel bought some gallons for me at the Dominican Republic: 5 gallons of diesel for the generator, 5 gallons of diesel for my car, 5 gallons of gasoline for Lynda's

car and now our tanks are almost empty. What to do? I do not know. In all the corners there are people selling gaz, where they get it I do not know but we are afraid to buy from them because most the time they put mixed the gaz with water, it is a real problem.

I will be in the States from Sunday to Monday. I will flight to PAP tomorrow morning and have meeting with other pastors. Will keep you posted.

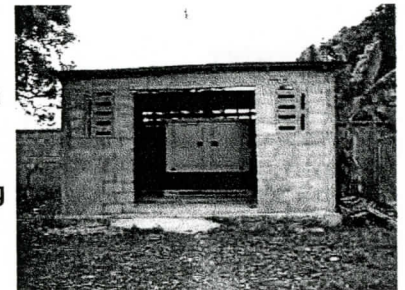
God continue to bless!

Eliona

"SO FAITH, HOPE,  
LOVE ABIDE, THESE  
THREE; BUT THE  
GREATEST OF THESE  
IS LOVE.

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13:13



The generator



Lori Salvhus teaching English to the Seminary students in the Seminary Without Walls program at the Madeline complex sewing room in March 2008



Lil Spilde, Pastor Bernard, Pastor Riche and Virginia speaking with a Seminary Student after Church in March at the Madeline Complex.

2nd Phase construction at Madeline





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#### Haiti Facts

- Half the country is malnourished
- Haiti is losing 20,000 tons of top soil per year
- Haiti can no longer farm enough rice to feed itself
- Haiti is the most densely populated and poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere
- Its population will double by the year 2025
- 80% of the population is unemployed
- It is the third hungriest nation in the world
- 50% can't read or write
- 1 in 3 deaths is that of a child
- 75% don't have clean water or sanitation
- The majority have no electricity
- Only 40% of the children attend primary school and only 20% finish primary school

If you wish to donate funds toward the North District of the ELCH you may make your checks payable to :

Lutheran Mission Association

And mail to:

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LMA meets the first Saturday of the month at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bemidji MN at 9:30 AM

To learn more or to have someone speak to your group call Lil Spilde at 1-218-333-1560

Now that by your obedience to the truth you have purified yourselves and have come to have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart. For through the living and eternal word of God you have been born again as the children of a parent who is immortal, not mortal. 1 Peter 1:22-23



The 2008 team looking over the garden property and its potential to help the hungry.

LMA wishes to thank all those who have given support to our mission efforts. You are a blessing to the Haitian people and the mission outreach of LMA.



**27 LMA and MN North LCMS members loading a 40 foot Cargo Container send to Cap-Haitian, Haiti September 27th in Bemidji, MN with food from Feed My Starving Children and Kids Against Hunger, hygiene kits, school kits, medicine, quilts, shoes, clothing and other relief items. Haiti was severely devastated by storms and hurricanes this year.**

