

Goat - chicken project

A total of \$1358.75 has been received for the purchase of goats and chickens for the self sufficiency project for the North District of Haiti. Of that amount, \$906.00 is designated for chickens and \$419.75 for goats. The Chicken Project is set to begin within the next few months. There has been much discussion on the Goat Project: both the congregations at St. Raphael and Dondon are very interested in raising goats. One possible scenario, (which is used in a southern district of Haiti) is that the church buys some nannies and a couple of good bucks, then gives bred nannies to some church families. The families must then give the first two kids to two other families, and as the program progresses, more and more families own goats. This plan is being considered in the North District. Donations for the cost of goats and/or chickens would be greatly appreciated. Goats cost \$75-\$80 each and chickens about \$5 each.

Shipping Container - Lori S

The semi-trailer, due to be sent to Haiti as soon as there is enough money and goods, is filling up, however, there is still room for donations. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Lori Salvhus (218) 935-9016 or Lil Spilde (218) 333-1560 and arrangements will be made to collect them. Please check the list on our website: lmamn.org. Items should be packed in sturdy boxes (apple boxes are great!) and marked for contents. It would be helpful if school kits and such are in a zip lock bag before being put in a cardboard box.

Money is needed to help with the cost of shipping the container. Total costs including customs runs close to \$10,000. Many of the goods we send may not be available, or at prohibitive cost to the Haitians, plus the Haitian people will know first-hand the love and care shown by their Christian brothers and sisters in the USA.

The storage trailer is on the property of Dick Schmidt, 4.5 miles south of Bemidji's south intersection of Hwys 2 and 71, and 1 mile east on County Rd 9. We have enough women's clothes, except for small-size dresses and shoes (no high heels) so please do not

bring/send any more.

Some of the things needed are:

Church: tables, musical instruments (non electric), French language Bibles, Luther's small catechism in French

Sewing Center: large spools of thread, fabric

Cooking Center: kitchenware, family kits*, apt size refrigerator, propane cook stove

Clinic: Exam tables, cabinets, over-the-counter meds, metal crutches, walkers, storage tubs (contact Deb Larson at debsdoodles@yahoo.com)

Schools: School kits*, hygiene kits*, chalkboards, chalk, erasers, kindergarten mats, backpacks, Bibles & catechisms (in French)

Clothing: Shoes (no high heels), rain boots, women's dresses (no plus sizes), socks & underwear, men's clothes (no plus sizes), scarves, gloves

Other things: Spades, hammers, shovels, hand saws, screwdrivers, cement screws, hand operated cement mixers, portable generators (gas or diesel), water pumps, chicken wire, 5-gal. containers of paint - esp off white and tan screening, tents and tarps, PVC pipes and joints, chain link fencing, bed frames & mattresses, copiers, printers, cases of copy paper

For the complete list, and where the items should go, please contact Lil at spildee@paulbunyan.net or write 1839 Wilton Hill Rd NW, Bemidji, MN 56601, and she will mail it to you.

* **Kits:** contents of kits are included in the complete list, which is available to you at the address above.

Clinic News -

Watch for clinic news in the next newsletter.

Adopt A Church - Lil S

LMA's Adopt-A-Church program continues with success. So far, the five churches and schools receive the following each month:

- DonDon church/ school: \$150 from one congregation
- St. Raphael church/school: \$75 from two Ladies' Aid groups

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- Grande Riviere du Nord: \$33.34 from one Ladies' Aid group & one congregation
- Madeline church/ school: \$30.00 from one Ladies' Aid Group & an individual
- Gloria Dei church/school: \$64.75 from congregations & Ladies' Aid groups

The current donors are:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cass Lake, MN
Bethlehem Ladies Aid, Baudette, MN
St. Paul's Ladies Aid, Union Grove, WI
Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Osage, MN
Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Rogers, Bemidji, MN
Bethlehem Ladies Aid, Mahanomen, MN
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Int'l Falls, MN

As you might know, there are a lot of expenses related to the operation of a school and church. Pastors need to be paid as do teachers. Some of their pay comes via the Adopt-A-Student program, but there is always a shortage before the end of the school year. Each of the five churches has a building program in place, and those buildings need to be finished. Rooms need to be divided for classrooms, toilets dug and maintained. Accessibility to water for cooking of noon lunches and hand-washing is necessary. Transportation for pastors is always needed. The amount coming in the collection plate is a VERY small amount, and is a small contribution to the expenses.

The Website

LMA-MnN's website can be accessed by going to: <http://lmamn.org/> Rev. Nathan Higgins, an LMA member from Long Prairie, has spent many hours developing the website.

Adopt-A-Student -- Jenny Higgins

We thank God for our sponsors! We are glad to report that (to date) your participation in the Adopt-A-Student Program has covered the costs for twenty-six students to attend school in Haiti in the 2010-11 school year. We deeply appreciate your commitment and hope that you realize what a blessing you have been to our schools and children in Haiti.

This is an excellent start, but a great need still remains. When you add together the students from the four schools in the ELCH's North District, you will

find that there are approximately three hundred students! Even if we were only able to find sponsors for one-third of these children, we would still consider it a huge achievement which would go a long way toward helping our schools and children in Haiti.

How can you help?

Please prayerfully consider whether you (or a group in your congregation) might be able to provide \$250 to cover the costs for one child to attend school this year in Haiti. (See the Adopt-A-Student Bulletin insert attached to this newsletter.)



If you are already a sponsor, we are deeply grateful for the commitment that you have made to our program. We would like to ask an additional favor of you:

- 1 Attached to this newsletter is our Adopt-A-Student Bulletin insert. Turn to that page right now, and tear it out of your newsletter.
- 2 Now that you have the separated page in hand, we would ask you to keep holding on to that page - until you can give it away to someone else! Carry that page with you and give it to the next person that you see. Or, get an envelope and mail it to a friend or relative. Or, take that page to your church office and ask your pastor to make copies to distribute to the people in your congregation.

Give away copies to anyone who might be interested in helping and praying for school children in Haiti. And if you lose the page (or if someone got to this newsletter before you and already tore the page out), you can go online and download another copy of the "AAS PDF Bulletin Insert" from the Adopt-A-Student page on LMA's website:

<http://lmamn.org/adoptastudent.html>

Thank you again for all that you do to support our Adopt-A-Student Program. Your help truly does make a difference in the lives of our Lutheran children in Haiti, as it gives them the opportunity to learn about Jesus and grow in the Christian faith. God bless you!

LMA Meetings

Lutheran Mission Association meets monthly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN, usually on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. We welcome everyone to these meetings to learn more about what is happening in the North District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti.

To learn more, call one of the officers listed, or e-mail Lori Salvhus at lsalvhus@arvig.net

What LMA does. . .

Lutheran Mission Association promotes mission activities among the congregations of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in northern Minnesota and other locations in the USA. LMA promotes and maintains relationships in a substantive and "hands-on" way for support in the work to bring the Gospel to the World. The work is done between LCMS members and Lutheran churches around the world who are in altar and pulpit fellowship with LCMS. Our current project is to help with the churches and schools in the North District of Haiti.

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Organization Status. . .

LMA is a 501c3 non-profit organization. There is virtually no overhead and all proceeds go directly to the mission in Haiti. We visit Haiti at least once a year, and find our brothers and sisters in the ELCH are very accountable for the money sent.

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