



# Sa kap pase nan St. Jean?

What's happening in St. Jean?

THE HOLY REDEEMER-HAITI TWINNING NEWS

2014-2015

## Ten Years of Providing Medical Care through Annual Mission Trips

November 2014 marked the tenth Holy Redeemer medical mission trip and was the first opportunity for members of the Holy Redeemer Haiti Committee to meet Father Jean Charles Clody, the new pastor of St. Jean du Sud parish. Many physicians and nurses both within and outside of our parish have traveled to St. Jean du Sud, Haiti. Assessments, medications, and treatments are provided through a walk-in medical clinic. Patients with chronic health issues are encouraged to follow up at the nearby community clinic, which has limited resources. People with more serious conditions are referred to one of several nearby hospitals and later, if surgery or costly treatment is needed, the Holy Redeemer Haiti Committee provides funds to finance these services. Volunteers from the St. Jean church assist with translation, setup, and crowd control. It's a real team effort!

## Update on Dental Clinic

The dental clinic building, funded by Mary Queen of Peace and erected on church grounds, has been open for business every other Wednesday for preventive and restorative procedures and tooth extractions. A Haitian dentist from Les Cayes sees 10 to 15 patients per month with the help of a dental assistant. The original goal of the clinic was to gradually become self-sustaining, with patients paying what they could afford. At present Holy Redeemer supports 75% of the clinic expenses, paid for a new air compressor, and donated needed supplies. We are planning a small dental mission in late September or October. More work is needed to educate the community on the need for preventive care, something that has never before been provided to people in rural areas of Haiti.



The dentist treating a patient



(Left to Right) Father Clody (current pastor), Jean Baptiste (interpreter), and Corky

## Harry Hosey School

Harry Hosey school was formed for students who could not afford to attend the Catholic school. Father Jacquette, former pastor of St. Jean du Sud Parish, felt a need to start a school in the village of Boyer, an area of extreme poverty. Many families were unable to send their children to school because they could not afford uniforms, shoes, tuition and supplies. Father had a small one-room classroom built. At first the school had only one volunteer teacher and about 15 children of all ages.

The Haiti Committee has been committed to this effort, currently sponsoring 7 teachers, including the principal, at annual salaries of \$1,300 apiece plus \$200 for supplies. The school, now with 7 rooms and more than 80 students, was named in honor of Harry Hosey, one of the founders of the Parish Twinning Program in Haiti. The family of one of his daughters, the late Barbara Joern of Holy Redeemer Parish, continues to support Harry Hosey's legacy.

## Sponsor-A-Student

The Haiti Committee, in partnership with the principal of the St. Therese de Lisieux of the Infant Jesus Catholic School, manages the Sponsor-A-Student program. Sister reviews applications and awards the sponsorships. Annually, the committee obtains photos of the sponsored students.

For \$100, the Sponsor-A-Student program provides tuition, books, and hope to a child at St. Therese de Lisieux of the Infant Jesus Catholic School in St. Jean du Sud, since many of the families in the parish are unable to pay for school for their children. For the school year 2014-2015, 190 children were sponsored at St. Therese. The school serves about 600 children from preschool to 8th grade.

## Centre Menager Sewing and Cooking School

Ten girls attended the vocational school learning to sew and cook, assisting them with skills to obtain employment. Because of the lack of electricity, treadle sewing machines are used. Recently \$1,000 was sent to the school to support teacher salaries and other expenses.

## Sanitation Programs

Many of the diseases diagnosed by the medical mission team are caused by poor hygiene, sanitation, and contaminated water sources. Over the past two years we have partnered with an organization called YouthHaiti to build public dry compost toilets. This style of toilet prevents runoff of contaminants and does not need water.

Over the past few years the HR medical mission group has experimented with Sawyer water filters in 14 different communities on a limited basis. More education on the importance of clean water and more filters are needed. Several committee members met with Sr. Lorraine Lauter, director of the non-profit Water with Blessings, when she visited St. Louis. This organization helps to train mission groups to train local women in the use of the filters. Those women in turn train other women. At present we are discerning the feasibility of implementing such a project. Funding is still available from Fr. Brown's and Bishop Rice's anniversary donation.



St. Therese de Lisieux of the Infant Jesus Catholic School where students are sponsored



Centre Menager Sewing and Cooking School



Students at St. Therese de Lisieux of the Infant Jesus Catholic School



Harry Hosey School



The Dental Clinic

## Post-Secondary Scholarship

The post-secondary scholarship program began in 2007 to support the educational pursuits of young people. Many in Haiti have the ability and desire to continue their education or pursue vocational training beyond the secondary level but do not have the financial means.

Scholarship applications are reviewed and awarded by a committee of community leaders in St. Jean du Sud. Scholarship applicants provide information regarding their current and future academic achievements and areas of study, activities within the parish and community and letters of recommendation.

Funds, equal to half of their tuition and expenses, are distributed to awardees in time for them to begin school in October.

In 2014, \$4,500 was awarded to 17 applicants. Areas of study have included education, accounting, agriculture, law, masonry, nursing, computers, plumbing, auto mechanics, carpentry, economics, and communication.



Kenia, a Post Secondary Scholarship recipient, went to bookkeeping school



Geto Sanristil and Father Bernard at the Mary Queen dental building dedication

## Sea Container

Ever wonder how our donated goods get to St. Jean in Haiti? Volunteers pack school supplies, linens, medical supplies, and other goods, load the boxes into a rental truck and drive to Nashville, TN. The Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA) accumulates donations and loads them into a sea container, which is shipped from Florida to Port au Prince, Haiti. The HR Haiti Committee arranges for a driver and truck to pick up the goods in Port au Prince and drive them four hours to St. Jean. The goods are distributed to the people of St. Jean and surrounding communities. In addition to boxes of food, clothing, and medical supplies, large items such as liturgical items and dental chairs have been shipped. Each year we ask our sister parish what types of supplies are needed and then ask our parishioners to contribute items and/or funds for the shipment. In April 2015 Holy Redeemer shipped over 300 boxes of items at a cost of \$5,000.



## 2014-2015 Budget

Expenses	Amount
Medical Mission	\$12,000
Parish Operations	\$9,000
Haiti Liaison (Geto Sanristil)	\$3,840
St. Jean Medical Clinic	\$3,600
Sea Containers	\$5,000
Educational Programs	
Sponsor-A-Student	\$20,000
Harry Hosey School	\$10,500
Post Secondary Scholarships	\$4,500
Vocational Training School	\$1,000
Sanitation/Clean Water	\$5,000
Mary Queen Dental Clinic	\$6,000
Solomon Chapel Donation	\$2,000
Medical/School Expenses	\$1,000
Bank Transfer Fees	\$400
<b>Total Annual Expenses</b>	<b>\$83,840</b>

## Financial Donations

All the efforts for Haiti would not be possible without financial donors like you! Financial donations are accepted any time by:

**Electronic** – Online giving is a free and secure method to donate by credit card or bank withdrawal. Go to [holyr.org](http://holyr.org) and look under “giving” for additional information. To support a specific program, please make a note in the special instructions box. Tax deductible donations can be recurring each month or a one-time donation. Annual tax statements are available.

**Checks** – Make checks payable to Holy Redeemer – Haiti, with any specific donation stated in the check memo line. Checks can be deposited in the weekly Mass collection or in the church envelope program or sent directly to Holy Redeemer, 17 Joy Avenue, Webster Groves MO 63119

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

## Fundraising

Three annual fundraisers support the projects and people of St. Jean du Sud.

**Breakfast with Santa** in December 2014 included a tasty pancake breakfast and a photo with Santa. Proceeds were \$1,600.

**Hoolie for Haiti:** A pulled pork dinner with Irish music from Keltic Reign will be held August 8, 2015. Last year proceeds were \$3,500.

**Trivia Night:** A joint trivia night with the HR Men’s Club was held April 25, 2015, with proceeds of \$5,000.

## Haiti Committee

Chairperson: Kathy Murphy-Baum  
 Treasurer: Jim Murphy-Baum  
 Secretary: Bev Simmerman  
 Medical Mission Logistics: Harry Bahr  
 Medical Director: Dr. Joe Rudolph  
 Dental Directors: Dr. Steve Fleischut and Dr. Greg Palozola  
 Sustainable Health: Tammy Fleischut  
 Education: Corky Bahr and Janey Menner  
 Fundraisers: Carol Devanny and Tim Sauer  
 Newsletter: Carol and Megan Nicklaus  
 Haitian Consultant: Mary Routier  
 Haiti Liaison: Geto Sanristil  
 St. Jean Priest: Father Clody

*Show me your path O Lord*

*Psalm 25:4*

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 Holy Redeemer Haiti  
 Mission Group*

*Ongoing volunteer opportunities with the Haiti Parish Twinning Program*

- Pack sea container
- Prepare for Medical Mission
- Fundraising events
- Serve as a committee member
- Work on the annual Medical Mission Trip

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