Dug trenches before laying PVC pipe for a clean water system.
Dear Friends:

As the whole world knows, 2010 was an extremely difficult year for the people of Haiti. Haiti Outreach was very fortunate in that we are not based in the earthquake area, and had no damage to any of our personnel, buildings, equipment, or projects. Nevertheless, a disaster of this size and scope of the earthquake did affect our work for a number of months. We had to cancel our several winter group trips, suspend much of our normal well drilling, and focus our energy and resources on humanitarian aid. We are extremely grateful to our supporters, including many new ones who found us on the Internet, who donated or raised money for us in creative ways that funded the assistance we provided at this crucial time.

This was also the most extraordinary year for Haiti Outreach since we began in 1997 in terms of fundraising, expenses, and the size and scope of our community development work. When we concluded our earthquake relief work, we began an ambitious year for well drilling and creating clean water systems affecting tens of thousands of people. We also funded the building of our 4th public school, which opened in October. Here are the highlights of our accomplishments in 2010:

- Gave humanitarian aid, in a variety of ways, due to the earthquake and its aftermath (see story page 2)
- Drilled 37 new clean water wells
- Repaired 23 dysfunctional wells
- Funded the building of the La Viktwa Lycee (public secondary school), including a well, student desks and blackboards (see story page 3)
- Started significant work on the Pignon town water system (see story page 4)
- Began a 2-year 60 well rehabilitation and sanitation project with Water.org (see story page 4)
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- Held a week-long in-house development course for all staff, Board members and associates in Haiti that focused on empowering leadership, responsibility and communications for our organization
- Held and were the recipient of numerous fundraisers across the country, both large and small, that tripled our donor base and grew our organization by nearly 50% from 2009
- Led numerous groups, including intergenerational groups, on educational and work trips to Haiti
- Increased staff, in numbers and talents, to enable us to perform more community development work, with plans underway to restructure our organization to operate with even greater efficiency

In 2011, our growth will continue with the three major clean water projects initiated in 2010 and additional new projects currently in development. We look forward to a new government in Haiti unlocking the logjam of international aid, currently being held in suspense until this new leadership takes form. Once this occurs, it should unleash a massive rebuilding process in the earthquake area and throughout the country. We will also be starting a new agriculture pilot project that will enable us to offer sustainable agriculture, along with our clean water and public school building initiatives. The goal of all of this work is to train leaders to maintain and manage the development of their own communities.

We thank each and every one of our generous donors who truly gave of themselves in countless ways in 2010 to help the people of Haiti help themselves. Without you, we could have never accomplished all that we did. We are most grateful! Mesi!

Executive Director, Dale Snyder

The Earthquake

It all started at 4:53 pm on January 12, 2010. It only took 35 seconds, but the Haitian government now estimates 316,000 people lost their lives at that moment and in the weeks that followed, due to the 7.0 earthquake that day. Over 150,000 people were injured, and as many as 1.6 million people lost their homes. The destruction to office buildings, schools, churches, and government buildings was staggering. Not only was this devastating earthquake the largest disaster in the western hemisphere in history, it happened to Haiti, the hemisphere’s poorest country. Nearly one year after this unimaginable tragedy, there are tremendous problems to solve, and elections were still underway to create a new government tasked with solving them.

Haiti Outreach is not a relief organization. Our mission is to create sustainable development. But in the past, when the people of Haiti were overwhelmed by catastrophic hurricanes and flooding, we felt compelled to use our resources and expertise to give humanitarian aid. After the earthquake on January 12, we basically stopped our routine work for nearly three months to help. Here are some of the activities we undertook to assist the victims directly and support the efforts of the government and relief agencies.

- Delivered potable water to people in Port-au-Prince with our water truck for the first two months. We refilled from sources of clean water outside the earthquake area and drove it to populated areas without water and gave it to anyone that needed it.
- Assisted with the repair of the water and electrical systems to the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince and had them up and running again shortly after the earthquake.
- Installed a water supply system for a hospital and recovery center that Doctors Without Borders were building in Port-au-Prince to treat victims.
- Responded to the Haitian government’s ministry of potable water and sanitation’s (DINEPA) requests to us:
  - First, to locate, using GPS technology, and give a status report on the wells and clean water sources in the rural areas where the earthquake did damage: Leogane, Gressier, Grand Goave and Petit Goave.
  - Second, to restore to working condition any repairable wells we encountered in these same areas.
  - We dispatched staff to do this for about 1 month, until our commitment was fulfilled.
receive treatment. Also we have drilled most of our wells in the Dominican Republic. The good news was that the Haitian government, through its Water.org program, had already provided clean water for over 140,000 people over the years, we reminded the audience. We are pleased to know that by having established ourselves and our relationships with local organizations like Haiti Outreach, helped in many ways.

The Cholera

The earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010 was more than enough to create a new humanitarian crisis. It was a year of unprecedented challenges for Haiti Outreach and its partners. The earthquake, which caused more than 200,000 deaths and injuries, left many Haitians homeless and recourseless. The cholera epidemic that followed the earthquake caused an estimated 20,000 deaths. It was a tragedy that was not only a humanitarian crisis, but also an economic one. The response to the cholera outbreak was a testament to the resilience of the Haitian people. Although the epidemic was a significant threat, the response was prompt and effective. The Haitian government, with the support of international organizations, worked to contain the outbreak and provide clean water to those affected.

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Well Repairs and New Drilling in Rural Pignon and San Raphael

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- Worked with the Haitian government to GPS and map tent city locations, more than 600 tent cities sprung up.
- Drilling new clean water well for a community near Pignon.
- Patients being treated in the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince right after the earthquake.
- Makeship housing—tent cities along the sidewalk or in the parks.
- Water.org program, a program that began in June of 2010.

And More

The earthquake and cholera outbreak, a hurricane caused additional hardship for the people of Haiti in 2010. While Haiti is often struck by hurricanes in the summer and fall, the good news was that only one in 2010 was significant. Tomas, a Category 2 hurricane which covered a huge area of the Caribbean, hit Haiti around November 5th with heavy rain and winds. It caused flooding along the western coast and particularly in some of the tent cities in the Port-au-Prince area where many earthquake victims lived. It caused an estimated 20 deaths. It was greatly feared that it could also cause a spreading of the cholera, although that did not seem to occur in any significant way.

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We are partnering with the Chicago engineering company V3 to do this project, as the government wants extensive geological studies to be conducted of the soil and rock formations where each of these wells is located. V3 has professional geologists who can perform these studies. Similar in scope to the project described above for Pignon and San Raphael, this project is more difficult to fulfill, as just getting around the island is very challenging and costly for vehicles - the roads are that bad. La Gonave has been described by geologists as one of the most fresh water deprived populated areas on Earth. This work should be completed at the end of 2011, bringing clean water to 20,000 people or more - roughly 10% of the island’s population.

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After almost two years of planning and fundraising, the groundbreaking ceremony took place on April 7 for the fourth major public school building that Haiti Outreach has raised funds to construct. This school was in the town of La Viktwa, located about 8 miles east of Pignon. The previous buildings were in La Jeune and Pignon. In Pignon, we built two buildings, the initial lycee (the name for a public secondary school in Haiti) and another separate building nearly doubling the capacity of that school. The demand for a lycee was so great in that area that the community requested the additional building.

With prayers, speeches by government and school officials, and over 70 people in attendance, the La Viktwa Lycee was inaugurated on Monday, October 11. The whole event took about three hours, and turning over the keys to the school was an interesting ritual. The keys were passed from one group to another, starting in the hands of Haiti Outreach Community Development Manager Roge Michel and eventually ending up in the hands of the school administrator. Part of the ritual was “blessing” the keys by dousing them in champagne. Caribbean Radio staff were also present, doing a live radio broadcast of the event.

The community now has their own public secondary school, so that over 400 teenage children will have the opportunity to continue their education. Without this school, either the children would not be able to complete their education, or they would have to travel long distances to live in a different community, just to attend secondary school. Very few parents can afford this significant expense.

In Haiti, about 65% of primary school-age children attend school, but only about 18% of the teenagers attend secondary school, equivalent to our junior and senior high schools. However, only about 10% of all primary and secondary schools are public and run by the national government in Port-au-Prince. They have not had or spent the money to create a larger public school system. The other 90% are private, and nearly all of those require a tuition fee many times larger than the public schools require. Even for the public schools, parents must pay a token amount of about $1 U.S. per month per child. Private schools can cost up to $30 or more per month per child. An average family has 5 children in Haiti, so the cost of sending them to private school is impossible for the poorest families – one reason more children do not attend school.

In keeping with our vision for Haiti to become a developed country, we believe that the public school system must be strengthened, so that everyone has a chance to get an education. Therefore, we have an agreement with the Ministry of Education that if we build a public school building, they will hire the teachers and staff to run the school. This is also in keeping with our mission to create sustainable projects.

While we raised enough money for the basic school to be built and opened in 2010, by the end of the year we still needed to raise additional funds to enable the La Viktwa school to have a computer lab and library. Our goal is to raise the funds in 2011, so that these facilities can be created in 2012.

In 2011, we will also start to fundraise for our next lycee. This school will be in the town of Rankit, about 10 miles from Pignon and La Viktwa. We hope to raise these funds more quickly than we did for La Viktwa. If we can do so, we will be able to build that public secondary school building in 2012.

We are very grateful to our many supporters who made donations to make this school possible, and particularly to many Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Partnership for Haiti Committee that worked for two years to raise the funds to make this school a reality!

Mesi – thank you all!
Partner with us by becoming a regular donor
The community development work of Haiti Outreach is only made possible by the generous donations of individuals, foundations and religious and civic organizations. Your donation is tax deductible, and you can be certain that your donation will go to fund our projects in Haiti.

Invite us to make a presentation to your religious or civic group
We will be happy to make a multimedia presentation explaining our work, showing the conditions of Haiti and inviting your organization to partner with us. Contact us by e-mail or phone.

Travel with us to Haiti
We take groups of 7 to 15 people to Haiti, as many as 10 times a year or more. These trips can be strictly educational or educational/work related. A trip to Haiti is often transformational; it can actually change one’s perspective about oneself and the world in which we all live. Teenage youth are welcome to travel with us.

Volunteer to help further our work
We are almost entirely volunteers working in committees to facilitate and promote the work of Haiti Outreach. We can use your talents and skills to help create and organize: Financial, Fundraising, Project Oversight, Trips, Volunteers, Communications/Marketing.

Contact us to get on our mailing list
Many people are interested in keeping up with Haiti Outreach activities. We send out newsletters with project updates, an annual report, fundraising invitations, trip information and other messages from time to time. E-mail, call or write to us to place your name on our list.

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