HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

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 five to 16 people to Haiti two to four times a year. 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: Fundraising, Marketing/Communications, Education/School Scholarship, Trips and Networking.

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, the 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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Haiti Outreach Projects in 2006

Completed Work:
1. Pignon and Vicinity – one well drilled; one home built by joint American/Haitian group.
2. St. Raphael – one well drilled.
3. Cap Haitien – one well drilled.
4. Gonaives area – two wells drilled – one at Dolan and one at Pravil.

Haiti Safe Water Plus Project:
Three good wells drilled in collaboration with World Vision and Minnesota Rotary Districts #5950 and #5960.
1. La Beneg
2. Rode #3
3. Nanard

Ongoing Work with Communities:
1. Gonaives – Cleaned and rehabilitated 8 irrigation wells damaged by 2004 hurricane and flood.
2. La Jeanne – Continued school scholarship program at Fwa Krestyen Ecole for 130 students.
3. Savanette – Four spring caps built so far, for a water system that will serve 2,000 people.

In Planning Stages with Communities:
1. La Gonave – Digging many wells over the island affecting more than 40,000 people.
2. Mombin Crochu – Building water system to serve 2,000 people.
3. Nan Bay – Two spring caps built so far, for a water system that will serve 2,000 people.
1. Pignon – Building additional classrooms onto the national secondary school for 400 more students.

Haiti Safe Water Plus Wells Previously Completed:
- Racimittye
- Boucolum
- Cite Viyan
- Delagon
- Foupye
- Kaliborne
- Kanschep
- Kawohtit
- Labi #1 and #2
- Mam Goud
- Nan Brile

Other Projects Previously completed:
- Bassin Zim
- Belladere
- Bohoc
- Bouikan Carre
- Kanpech
- Kavohit
- Labi #1 and #2
- Mam Goud
- Nan Brile
- Marmelade
- Marmelade
- Pignon
- Platon Chen
- Rankit
- St. Raphael
- Thomonde
- Wozu
- Zeb Ginnen

Dear Friends,

The year 2006 has been full of unexpected challenges and major accomplishments for Haiti Outreach. With challenges come opportunities! In this annual report, you’ll see that we have continued to grow and expand our work. With the year’s end, a major two-year project – our work in Gonaives – is coming to a close. At the same time, we are beginning a new chapter in our well drilling activity with a new rig purchased in December. It greatly expands our capacity to bring clean water to more communities in Haiti.

Here are the highlights of 2006:
- Despite losing one of our two well drilling rigs in an unpredictable event (see story on page 4) and despite not finding water near some communities where we had hoped to find it, we made clean water newly available to about 7,000 people.
- Just eight months after we helped it become operational, the Pignon branch of the micro-lending bank Fonkoze became self-supporting. It now thrives, conducting regular banking activities and making short-term loans to hundreds of people in this community that previously had no bank at all. Fonkoze reports that 100 percent of loans due have been paid back. Amazing!
- We were able to restore eight large irrigation wells that were clogged with mud and debris near Gonaives, providing much needed water for growing acres and acres of crops. (See story on page 3.)
- We worked with the United Nations’ World Food Programme to greatly improve the road from Pignon to La Victoire.
- Many volunteer groups, including two Rotary groups, one college and one teen group, traveled to Haiti to visit and work on projects.
- Engineers Without Borders students from Chicago’s Illinois Institute of Technology formed a partnering branch of Haiti Outreach after traveling with us and seeing how they could participate in our water, school and road projects.
- One new home was built by American and Haitian volunteers for a newly family chosen by the community.

In 2007, we anticipate organizing more communities and drilling more wells with our new well rig. We will begin to drill wells on the island of La Gonave, one of the driest areas in Haiti. We also hope to conclude another major project that has been underway for three years: the Rotary/World Vision Safe Water Plus Program. In addition, we will build a major classroom addition, including a library and computer lab, to the Lycee Nationale, the public secondary school in Pignon. And we look forward to celebrating our tenth anniversary as a non-profit organization committed to helping communities develop in this beautiful country of Haiti.

We give profound thanks to our many donors who have partnered with us, supporting our efforts to create sustainable clean water sources, public schools, a micro-lending bank and more, alongside the people of Haiti. We hope that you will continue to support the growth and expansion of this important work. Mesi! Thank you!

Dale Snyder
Executive Director
RESTORING VALUABLE IRRIGATION WELLS IN GONAIVES.

One night in September, 2004, Hurricane Jeanne swept into Gonaives, Haiti’s third largest city, with torrential rains that caused massive flooding. Water covered the city up to ten feet deep. Over 2,000 people drowned. You may recall the story in our 2004 Annual Report which described how Haiti Outreach collaborated with three other international organizations to help restore the municipal water system. By January of 2005, that urgent need was addressed and the system began to function once again.

However, these floods also damaged another water system in the Gonaives area that is critical to the economy and lives of the people. The flooding deposited hundreds of gallons of debris and “dirty” water in the twelve large irrigation wells built by the Germans in the 1960s, clogging them so badly that they no longer operated. Without these wells to deliver water to irrigation canals feeding hundreds of acres of cropland around the city, the cost of food inflated dramatically and its availability, always an issue in Haiti, was greatly diminished.

Recognizing this problem, Developmental Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) applied for and received USAID funding and contacted Haiti Outreach to see if we could help clean out the wells and bring them back into working condition. This was a unique experiment, as none of us knew what it might take to accomplish this goal. Funding was not sufficient to simply start over by drilling new wells.

Country Leader Neil Van Dine and our well drillers began this project later in 2005, devising some tools they hoped would succeed in cleaning out the debris. Their hopes were realized. Although it took a long time, eight of the twelve wells were rehabilitated. The other four were beyond repair. In addition to restoring the wells themselves, new pumps were required and a major overhaul of the aged electrical system was in order. By the end of 2006, all that remained was to install the last of these new electrical panels. The other four were beyond repair. In addition to restoring the wells themselves, new pumps were required and a major overhaul of the aged electrical system was in order. By the end of 2006, all that remained was to install the last of these new electrical panels. A trip including Haiti Outreach volunteers Jim Kirzeder and Ron Ringhand was scheduled in the spring of 2007 to do this work with Neil.

The entire project was done in collaboration with DAI, along with local and national government officials responsible for the day-to-day functioning and maintenance of the irrigation system. We are very pleased that these wells will again provide sufficient water to allow the people in this area to benefit from local crops.

DESTROYED WELL RIG IS QUICKLY REPLACED.
A LESSON ABOUT LIFE IN HAITI.

When we drove our well drilling rigs from one community to the next, we often have to cross rivers and streams. Bridges in Haiti are few and far between. The drivers and drillers know that, before they cross a river they have not crossed before, they must stop, park the truck and check out the river bed to make sure it is solid enough to support the weight of the vehicle. There are times when the river bed is so loose with sand and mud that the rig could get stuck in the middle, causing a major problem.

In April, 2006, the crew did exactly as instructed, stopping the cable tool well drilling rig by a river to check out the strength of the river bed. They discovered that it was not a safe place to cross and decided to try another location. However, when they went to move the well rig truck, it would not start, nor could they start it with the help of the pickup truck they had with them. Some of the crew drove off in the pickup to get our bigger army truck from the headquarters building over an hour away. Their plan was to tow the rig truck back to headquarters, where the mechanics had the tools and facilities to repair it.

The crewmen left behind noticed the river was beginning to rise, even though it was not raining. They repeatedly tried to start the well rig truck parked on the shore, but without success, even as the river rose and eventually engulfed it. Then, with great velocity, the river began to push the truck downstream and even turned it over onto its side. By the time the rest of the crew returned with the army truck, it was too late. The damage was done.

As sad and upset as they were, these dedicated men camped out on shore for the next few days, going into the swollen river and salvaging everything of value. Then they literally rolled the rig end for end and eventually pulled it out of the river. With a lot of manpower they succeeded in bringing the damaged rig and truck back to headquarters, where they continued to salvage what they could.

Back in the U.S., the word got around. Soon a number of Minnesota Rotarians from District #5950 volunteered to help us raise money to replace it. They raised $5,000 right away. Rotary District #5960, which includes St. Paul, the eastern part of the state and western Wisconsin, generously donated an additional $22,000. Haiti Outreach supporter Ray Merrill of North Carolina, a former well driller who has visited Haiti from time to time to help us out, just happened to have a refurbished cable tool rig that he generously donated. So, quite quickly, we had a replacement rig to ship to Haiti and the money for a replacement truck. By August we were back in operation, drilling wells with our “new” cable tool rig.

Haiti sometimes has a harsh way of teaching important lessons. In this case we learned not to park vehicles even close to a river. We also learned how dedicated our crew and our supporters can be. We are immensely grateful for the response that we received from these generous donors. It is this kind of generosity that allows Haiti Outreach to do the work it does every day in Haiti. Together, we do make a difference.

HAITI OUTREACH SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MODEL

1. The request for assistance comes from the people. We do not go into a community and tell them what they need.
2. A diversified representation of the people are involved. The purpose is to have people see themselves as a whole community, not just one family or church or other faction, and to work together toward a shared goal with benefits for everyone.
3. The people do the organizing, the planning and all the work they have the manpower and resources to do. We are willing to offer advice and consultation to facilitate this process.
4. The people create an economically viable maintenance program so that the project will be sustained over time.