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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Dear Friends,

We are very pleased to report that the accomplishments of Haiti Outreach increased again in 2005. We have continued with some of our community development projects and started a few more. Our growth in activities has also led to an increase in personnel. We now have 18 employees in Haiti, 17 of them Haitian, making us the third largest employer in the town of Pignon.

Here are the highlights of the work of Haiti Outreach in 2005:

- An additional 16,000 people now have clean and available water, with thirteen wells for the Rotary/World Vision Safe Water Plus Project and seven other wells dug.
- A new second floor on our headquarters building was built to house the micro-lending bank Fonkoze, which we brought to Pignon (see story on page 3).
- A major collaboration began with Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and USAID to rehabilitate nine irrigation wells clogged with dirt and debris from Hurricane Jeanne in 2004.
- Vast improvements were made on National Route 3 between Pignon and Hinche, in partnership with the UN’s World Food Programme (see story on page 4).
- An unusable airport in the town of Belladere was rendered functional with a freshly graded runway.
- School scholarships continued at the Fwa Kretien Ecole in La Jeune in exchange for parents performing community service.
- Many volunteer groups, including two Rotary groups, visited and worked on Haiti Outreach projects in the Central Plateau.
- One new home was built by American and Haitian volunteers for a needy family chosen by the community.
- Our technical school began, where ten students receive on-the-job training in mechanics, carpentry, welding, plumbing and masonry while they assist Haiti Outreach in its daily work.
- The executive director position of Haiti Outreach went from part-time to full time.

As we look to 2006, we have four major on-going initiatives. We will continue the Rotary/World Vision Safe Water Plus Project and the Gonaives irrigation well project. We will expand our food-for-work activities with the World Food Programme to repair another inferior road in the area. And we will raise enough money to purchase a third well drilling rig, as the demand for our drilling services is beyond our capacity. A third rig would increase well drilling by more than 50 percent, saving many more lives with clean water.

The country of Haiti has been generally calm except for the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Fortunately, our projects in the Central Plateau and Gonaives were not affected by the lawlessness there. Although they were repeatedly postponed, national elections originally scheduled for 2005 appear likely to occur in the first half of 2006, which would make it an important year in the growth of stability and democracy in Haiti. We are hopeful as we look forward.

We very much appreciate those of you who provide us the means to do this work. Without your generosity, these community development projects in Haiti would not occur. On behalf of the Haitian people, we thank you. We hope you will continue to partner with us to help the people of Haiti help themselves.

Dale Snyder
Executive Director

EVERY HAITI OUTREACH PROJECT STRIVES TO FURTHER OUR MISSION:
To empower the people of Haiti so they’re able to improve their quality of life, strengthen their families and become self-sufficient.
It’s hard to imagine a town of 30,000 with no bank – no safe, convenient place to deposit money or take out a loan. But Pignon, where Haiti Outreach is headquartered, was in this predicament until 2005. People had to travel an hour or more each way to get to the nearest bank, if they had access to a vehicle. By foot or donkey, it took all day.

When we learned about the native Haitian micro-lending bank Fonkoze, which means “shoulder to shoulder,” we discussed what it would take to bring a branch of this bank to Pignon. What Fonkoze required was financial support for the first year until the branch was profitable. Haiti Outreach agreed to underwrite these expenses, and volunteers from Minnesota worked alongside our Haitian employees in February, 2005 to build bank offices on the second floor of our headquarters building.

Worldwide, micro-lending banks loan over $1 billion to help poor people gain self-sufficiency, develop good credit so they can borrow from regular commercial banks, and avoid resorting to loan sharks with unreasonable interest rates. It has been very successful.

In May 2005, the Pignon branch of Fonkoze opened with a celebration. As many as 300 people listened to speeches, ate a special meal prepared for that day, and attended a church service dedicated to the occasion. It was a major event in the life of the community. Not only would Pignon now have safe banking services, capital would be available to small businesses.

Fonkoze makes small loans of about $60 each at reasonable interest rates to mostly women who have no other available credit. While an individual is responsible for paying back her loan, others in her small support group help her succeed. Ultimately, if the loan recipient does not pay back her loan, the group must pay it back. These micro-loans will pay as much as $100,000 each year into the economy of the Pignon area. In the process, these women will be able to earn more, pay their children’s tuition and generally strengthen their families. In addition, Fonkoze teaches basic literacy, health education and business management skills.

Having a bank in Pignon serves another important purpose. When local communities create maintenance programs for their Haiti Outreach projects, the community committees need a safe, neutral place to put the money they collect. Without a bank, they have to hold the money in someone’s home or transport it hours away to the nearest bank. The Fonkoze branch in Pignon eliminates this risk and inconvenience.

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Haiti Outreach in collaboration with the UN’s World Food Programme (WFP), started a food-for-work project in 2005 to improve this part of National Route 3, including building bridges. By the end of the year, it was nearly complete. It took a year to do the work, with only one road grader and the manual labor of many people along the way.

Under the guidance of our experienced project supervisor, Roge Michel, community groups all along Route 3 were organized to collect rock and gravel used to surface the road. As many as 700 people worked in exchange for 50 pound bags of rice plus beans, cooking oil and salt every two weeks when their group met its quota. In total, around 100 tons of rice were distributed! The WFP provided the food as well as two old army trucks to haul the food and gravel.

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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.

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Haiti has only a few national roads. National Road 3 is the major artery north from Port-au-Prince through the eastern Central Plateau to Haiti’s second largest city, Cap Haitien, on the northern coast. It is 90 percent gravel (usually just dirt) and most of it is not maintained in any way.

Until this year, one of the worst stretches was the 13 miles from the city of Hinche to Pignon. This stretch was so bad that at the worst of the rainy season it was totally impassable. A truck going from Pignon to Port-au-Prince would have to take a route at least twice as long in order to get there at all.

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**2005 DONORS**

**ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS**

Stateline Apartments
800 to $1,499

Chuck and Mary Anne Abounader

Gina and Tom Raabe

**Individual Contributors**

Anon

George and Judy Casterline

Kris and Dave Binion

Tamara and Tom Hagan

Haiti Outreach - in Haiti

**SELECTED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY DATA 2005**

**ASSETS**

Cash

117,987

112,597

Bonds Receivable

16,463

16,267

Other Receivable

0

4,740

Net Property and Equipment

153,254

129,594

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities

18,268

22,811

**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted

114,986

110,108

Temporarily Restricted

0

0

Total Net Assets

154,370

129,129

**SELECTED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY DATA 2004**

**SUPPORT AND REVENUES**

Donations

14,886

10,308

Education Income (Trips)

39,097

12,427

Other

3,592

19

Total Support and Revenues

162,623

273,145

**EXPENDITURES**

Program Operating Expenses

232,666

209,924

General and Administrative Expenses

31,779

19,382

Expenditures for Trips

18,910

21,066

Total Expenditures

273,355

249,372

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

4,718

7,176

**FINANCIALS**