DEAR FRIENDS:  
As we entered our second decade as a non-profit organization committed to developing Haiti, we recognized the need not only to expand our sustainable development work, but also to redefine our organization for a successful future. I am pleased to report that in 2008 Haiti Outreach carried out major community development projects and initiated a substantial relief effort, while also creating a stronger and more efficient operation, both in Haiti and in the United States. The highlights of our work in 2008 include:  

• 42 new wells in various parts of Haiti, including our breakthrough work and first wet wells on the island of La Gonave (see Two gallons is not enough. Pioneering on La Gonave.)  
• A seven-classroom addition to the Lycee, public secondary school in Pignon, which we originally built in 2003; in 2009, the addition will be electrified for a computer lab by our partners at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), and will eventually have a library  
• Response to the devastating hurricanes and floods in Gonaves: hauling clean water, repairing the city water system, checking wells for functionality, and distributing seed for crop replanting (see Hurricanes and Haiti Outreach return to Gonaves.)  
• Construction of a guest house for Haiti Outreach traveling groups and others (see Welcome to Kay Sitik.)  
• Reorganization of our operation in Haiti to be more efficient and fully staffed with 24 employees  
• Reorganization of our board of directors  
• Commitment to a Community Initiative Program focusing our efforts on specific towns and villages, starting with Pignon and La Vercote:  
   – In Pignon, we partnered with World Christian Relief Fund (WCRF) to repair wells, and with Community Coalition for Haiti, IIT and others to repair and upgrade the water system (see Partnerships leveraged resources.)  
   – In La Vercote, after conducting an extensive water survey, we partnered with the mayor’s office to drill community wells, started plans to repair and upgrade the town water system in partnership with IIT, and agreed to partner with Rotary Clubs in the U.S. to build a public secondary school (see www.RotaryPartnershipforHaiti.org)  
• An expanded relationship with the student organization Haiti Outreach-IIT, and initial development of a Chicago division of Haiti Outreach  
• Implementation of a full internship program (see Interns: How did we manage without them?)  
Many donors, partners and volunteers have assisted in this work and continue to advance our community development work in Haiti. We are very grateful for their generous support. We look forward to 2009 as we strive to make great—perhaps even revolutionary—achievements in a country where real progress has been so difficult. Mesli! Thank you!  
Dale Snyder  
Executive Director  

OUR VISION: For Haiti to Become A Developed Country  
OUR MISSION: To Collaborate With the People of Haiti to Build And Maintain Community-Initiated Projects That Advance Their Development  

TWO GALLONS IS NOT ENOUGH. PIONEERING ON LA GONAVE.  
La Gonave is Haiti’s largest island. Nine miles wide and 37 miles long, it is home to over 100,000 people. It has been described by geologists as one of the most freshwater-deprived populated places on Earth. The average person on La Gonave drinks, cooks, bathes and washes clothes with less than two gallons daily. There are no lakes and very few streams, rivers or springs. As a result, many people travel for miles over rocky terrain just to get enough clean water to survive. Imagine spending two days a week just to obtain the water that we in the U.S. can get in a minute by taking ten steps to our closest faucet.  
Although a few wells have been dug on the island over the years, no organization has studied its geology or drilled extensively, especially in the drier western part of the island. A committee called the “Water Platform”—consisting of Haiti Outreach and other non-governmental organizations, churches, mayors on the island and the deputy who represents the people in the Haitian Parliament—was formed in 2005 to address this issue. In 2007, Haiti Outreach committed to pioneer an effort to change this situation, as we were the only participant who had the expertise and experience to organize the communities and drill.  
We created a pilot project to learn what it would take to drill successfully and to see how receptive the communities were to our model of community ownership and maintenance. In late 2007, we transported one of our three well drilling rigs to the island, along with a water truck and pickup truck, and began to drill.  
We received some funding to conduct this “experiment,” including in May a grant from Rotary District #5950’s Safe Water Plus Project to have geologists from V3 Companies of Chicago conduct a preliminary investigation for subsurface water. They confirmed that the island is largely coral bedrock with many holes through which water can descend even deeper. This became a larger problem because the rotary rig we brought to the island requires water to drill, yet the water drains away too quickly to be useful. We had to modify the drilling rig and obtain special materials to keep it going.  
With this geological information and drilling changes, we were able to successfully drill five wells in 2008 and continue these efforts into 2009. The pilot project proved that drilling could be successful, but it also showed that we need more extensive geophysical studies and additional drill rod to reach greater depths. We are now in the process of applying for grants and seeking funding to enter a new phase of this project, one that will result in more wells around the island.  
The first time we drilled and found water, the people of the Debalen No community broke into spontaneous celebration, as the picture on this page shows. Not only will these people and those in surrounding communities have clean drinking water and healthier lives, they will save many hours for more productive labor. Some of their children may now have the time to attend school. With financial help from our supporters, we anticipate additional scientific studies and drilling on this water-baron island, making an incredible difference in the lives of thousands of people every day.  

THE HAITI OUTREACH 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 for 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 and purchase materials as needed.  
4. The people create an economically viable maintenance program so that the project will be sustained over time.
PARTNERSHIPS LEVERAGE RESOURCES.

AN UPGRADED WATER SYSTEM FOR PIGNON.

Early in 2008, Haiti Outreach and Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH), a non-profit organization based in Virginia, discovered that we were both working on plans to improve the dysfunctional water system in Pignon, a town of about 10,000 people where Haiti Outreach is based. We had worked with the community off and on over the years to try to upgrade its water system, but it was not being managed or maintained.

However, in 2007, the town water committee showed interest in change. We asked the Haiti Outreach student group at the Illinois Institute of Technology to conduct research and draw up plans for a revitalized and enhanced town water system, using the nearby springs as the source. The students did an outstanding job and even received honorable mention in a competition held by the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

CCH had done some preliminary work on a similar project when they discovered ours. After a few discussions, we agreed to join forces, along with the mayor’s office, water committee and others, to finalize the IIT plan, which calls for a number of implementation phases.

In keeping with the Haiti Outreach model of sustainable community development, each phase has benchmarks that the system’s management team is required to meet before proceeding to the next phase. An effective community management team is necessary to keep the system from falling into disrepair again. At the end of 2008, details of Phase One are being finalized, to be implemented in 2009.

Partnering with CCH, Haiti Outreach-IIT and community groups allows us to multiply our resources to make a bigger difference in the lives of the people of Pignon.

CLEAN WATER IN PERCHES, THANKS TO ONE ROTARIAN.

Haiti Outreach has partnered with many groups over the years, notably Rotary Clubs and Rotary International, to support our well drilling efforts around the country. In 2008, the Rotary Club of Chariton, Iowa was an outstanding example of leveraging resources and showing what a significant difference one person can make.

About ten years ago Jerry Willis, a member of the Chariton Rotary Club, visited the community of Perches in northern Haiti with his church group. He saw people traveling long distances to get water from rivers that were likely to be contaminated. There were no clean water wells in the area. He returned to Chariton with the idea that one day he would go back to Perches and help the people there has a drill.

Unfortunately, Jerry died with his hope unfulfilled. His family dedicated $10,000 in his memory for wells to be dug in Perches. Rotarians Jeanne and Corliss Klassen headed an effort to raise an additional $15,000 and applied to Rotary International for a $25,000 Rotarian Grant.

By the end of 2008, a number of communities in the Perches area have been prepared and drilling is expected to start in January of 2009. Thousands of people will soon have clean and available water every day, due to the dedication of one man, his family and friends, and Rotary. Lives will be saved and many children will be healthier. We at Haiti Outreach, on behalf of the people in the Perches area, express our immense gratitude to Jerry’s family and everyone else who made this project possible.

Because of our long-standing record of drilling community wells in Haiti and our great relationship with Rotary Clubs, we were invited to collaborate with the Chariton Rotary Club and the host Rotary Club in Cap Haitian, Haiti. By the end of 2008, 10 community wells in the Perches area have been prepared and drilling is expected to start in January of 2009. Thousands of people will have clean and available water every day, due to the dedication of one man, his family and friends, and Rotary. Lives will be saved and many children will be healthier. We at Haiti Outreach, on behalf of the people in the Perches area, express our immense gratitude to Jerry’s family and everyone else who made this project possible.

HURRICANES AND HAITI OUTREACH RETURN TO GONAIVES.

Four years ago, in September, 2004, Hurricane Jeanne had passed Haiti when it suddenly turned back east toward the country’s third largest city, Gonaives, located just above sea level. Torrential rain rushed down the eroded hills and flooded the entire city with water up to ten feet deep. Cars and trucks, and animals were swept away in the middle of the night.

The city water system was severely damaged, as were large irrigation wells necessary for local agriculture. Haiti Outreach immediately brought in clean water for drinking and cooking and spent a few months helping to repair the water system and a couple of years cleaning out the irrigation wells.

In August and September of 2008, the nightmare from 2004 returned. Four hurricanes bombarded Haiti in three weeks, flooding many of its rivers and towns. In some areas it rained for a solid month. The entire city of Gonaives was again flooded for days, causing more loss of life and an estimated $1 billion in damage, including to the city water system.

We sent our water truck once more for immediate use, and went to work on the city water system. Minnesota volunteers Jim Karrander and Don Ringhand joined Country Director Nels Van Dine, and this time had the system working again in only a few weeks. Fortunately, the irrigation wells we had repaired before and new wells we had dug in the area in the last few years were spared significant damage. These helped to provide the people in the area much needed clean water at a critical time.

The international community is talking about how to help Gonaives recover from this incredible mess, but so far little has been done to rebuild the city and repair the damaged property, much less to address contributing geographic and environmental issues.

We are grateful to the donors who responded to our emergency lethter requesting funds. You allowed us to act quickly to provide relief and repair for thousands of people in this beleaguered city.

WELCOME TO KAY VISITE.

Since Haiti Outreach began in 1997, one of its most unique enterprises has been to bring visitors to witness our community development projects, meet the people and culture of Haiti, and often work on a small project. We now conduct as many as ten trips each year in Haiti, and our great relationship with Rotary Clubs, we were able to build this facility on the Haiti Outreach property where our headquarters building is located, near the airport and towns of Pignon. We hired a Haitian contractor for the construction, breaking ground in August.

To save money, volunteers are finishing the house. Starting in December, they have done the electrical work, plumbing, tiling, kitchen cabinets and painting. They even installed a solar-powered electrical system to provide the guest house and our headquarters building, saving about $1,000 per month in diesel fuel. At the end of 2008 this work was underway and the house expected to be functional for the arrival of groups in January of 2009.

Completion of Kay Visite will occur later in 2009.

Kay Visite has two floors and eight bedrooms, each of which can accommodate as many as four people. Each bedroom has a private bathroom. There also is a kitchen and a combination dining/ living room, as well as storage rooms and a future office.

There is no other facility like Kay Visite in this part of Haiti. In addition to hosting Haiti Outreach travelers, it is intended to accommodate travelers visiting Pignon from other parts of the country. For instance, a few years ago presidential candidates who were traveling through the area had no place to stay except the home of the local priest. Kay Visite is yet another means toward achieving our vision to help develop the country.

INTERNS: HOW DID WE MANAGE WITHOUT THEM?

In January of 2007, we initiated an internship program that hired college students or recent college graduates to spend at least six months and preferably a year with us in Haiti. The idea arose when we realized that many students today want a hands-on experience in developing countries while we need to supplement our staff with certain skills that interns could provide at a low cost. (We’re always looking for ways to stretch our dollars.)

Our first intern was Richfield, MN native Walter James, a recent graduate from the University of Minnesota who majored in French and biology. Walter stayed for six months in 2007 and liked it so well, he returned for eight more months. Winston Elliott, a third year mechanical engineering student at the University of Minnesota who hails from Miami, FL, became our second intern for a semester in 2008.

Later in 2008, after those interns left, we were fortunate enough to acquire two more: Matt Ballog, civil engineering graduate from the Illinois Institute of Technology, originally from Coto de Caza, CA, and Matt Finkel, third year computer engineering student from Milwaukee, WI who attended the University of MN.

Our interns do a variety of tasks, including work on specific projects, developing our software programs and improving our recording keeping, serving as guides and translators for our traveling groups, and many other things. They have been extremely useful to us as we develop our work in Haiti. We are very grateful for all of them and hope to continue this program for years to come.
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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: 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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