



HAITIAN OUTREACH

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ? WHO DOES IT HELP ? OUR GOALS

The Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Queen Immaculate of Haiti was founded in 1971 by Mother Monique, a native Haitian, (then 55 years of age) and young Sister Gibbs. Mother Monique was answering what she felt was a very "strong call" to rescue young homeless street girls, to provide them with shelter, food, and proper training to enable them to find employment. Mother Monique died in 1997. Her final wish was that her "SISTERS" be not forgotten.

The Sisters operate a SHELTER (OUR LADY OF GOOD REFUGE) for homeless girls (14 to 20 yrs. old), a NOVITIATE (currently 5 novices), a FISH FARM, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SEWING SCHOOL at Lilavois, an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL at Saut D'Eau, a SCHOOL (LALUE) IN DOWNTOWN PORT AU PRINCE—1500+ STUDENTS -- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN DAMASSIN, ROCHE A BATEAU, JEREMIE, DES COTEAUX AND A SCHOOL CROIX DES BOUQUETS. ALSO MISSION HOUSES AT EACH LOCATION. The Sisters are 1 of 2 ALL HAITIAN RELIGIOUS ORDER OF WOMEN serving their Homeland.

We met Mother Monique in 1983 and supported her work over the years. Each summer we eagerly awaited her visit with reports of each new project. On her deathbed we promised to visit her beloved people and her work. The needs we witnessed when we visited Haiti in January 1998 prompted us to found HAITIAN OUTREACH. Fund raising efforts in 1998 provided a small water filtration system for St. Marie's shelter, a down payment for transportation-medical supplies-110,000 lbs. of relief supplies shipped

1999-2000 provided funds to rebuild and furnish ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL at Roche a Bateau which was destroyed by fire in 1997 keeping the children out of school for 2 years.

2001 Our group hired Haitian labor and we supervised the painting of a Mission House and School situated on the soon to be opened fish farm/school/mission in LILAVOIS. Donations supplied the paint and materials needed. Speaking engagements resulted in a representative from Rotary International joining us to supervise the installation of 32 solar panels to power the new well, which needed electricity to pump the water for the 5 fish basins (a project funded by a group from Martha's Vineyard) the school in Lilavois opened in September, 2001. They also had water. The first 2 of the 5 fish basins (tilapias) were being stocked. What an exciting time! The first fishes were harvested in June, 2001. Some of our fund raisers were: PLANT SALES AT ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH—which paid for 4 propane gas stoves with ovens-\$1500.00 for transportation of goods to Haiti —

2002 A dining room for the teenage girls at the shelter (Our Lady of Good Refuge) at Canape Vert. We shipped a kitchen sink—plumbing-dishes- kitchen supplies- and food. Our goal is to add some variety to their daily diet of cornmeal, beans and rice. The Sisters do not have the funds to provide more than shelter, limited food and a uniform. That is the reason we ship clothes-shoes-food—sewing supplies-toiletries-medicine-etc.

2003 New seats for the out door Toilets were donated for the shelter. SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM for children to go to school began in Saut D'eau a remote mountain village and Croix des Bouquets one of our schools. The Sisters choose the poorest of the poor who could not attend school because school is not free in Haiti. The visitors that traveled with us suggested projects which could be done in the future.

2004 more painting done with donations of paint. Window screens were made--doors and benches Haitian labor hired. Schools were visited and more children were signed up for sponsorship. at LALUE, ST. MARIE, CROIX DES BOUQUETS AND LILAVOIS.

2005 shipped over 200 buckets weighing 100lbs. each during the year. w/clothes-shoes-food- filled backpacks for the sponsored children which were distributed. More painting done—the girl's dining room—the novitiate at Canape Vert. blackboards and screens at Saut D'Eau more children signed up for sponsorship. We now have 242 children in school. Hand rails were made and installed at St. Marie for the safety of everyone.

2006 we visited in March because of turmoil in the Country. Visited the schools to update children's files-measurements-and photos signed up more children for sponsorship we now have 292. new solar panels and car batteries for electricity at St. Marie and Lilavois. Shelter painted and convent at St. Marie with Haitian labor.—more new doors made. 400 buckets shipped and distributed during the year. Thanks to the generosity of many good people we were able to accomplish much good.

2007 WE ARRIVED MARCH 4 WITH 10 TRAVELERS. INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED ALL SPONSORED CHILDREN EXCEPT FOR 2 WHO WERE ILL. DISTRIBUTED BACKPACKS TO 290 CHILDREN . PAINTED THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE NOVITIATE. USED 90 GALLONS OF DONATED PAINT. VISITED SCHOOLS (LALUE, CROIX DE BOUQUETS, LILAVOIS, SAUT D'EAU, ST. MARIE) 2 MORE NOVICES STUDYING TO BE NUNS. SIGNED UP MORE CHILDREN FOR SPONSORSHIP. NOW A TOTAL OF 315. WE LOST 9 CHILDREN AT LILAVOIS BECAUSE FAMILIES MOVED AWAY BECAUSE OF KIDNAPPINGS IN THE AREA. SISTERS REPLACED THE 9 WITH CHILDREN OF THE SAME SIZES AND NEED. WE NOW HAVE SOLAR PANELS, BATTERIES, AND INVERTER AT SAUT D'EAU FOR ELECTRICITY. ALSO THE SAME AT LILAVOIS. A NEW SCHOOL IS BEING BUILT AT CROIX DE BOUQUET REPLACING THE OUT DATED ONE. GREAT NEWS! LOUIS COOKED ALIO OLIO FOR ALL AT THE SHELTER AND A GIANT RAFFLE WAS HELD FOR ALL WITH MANY PRIZES DONATED TO HAITIAN OUTREACH AT HOME. THE GIRLS AT THE SHELTER WILL GRADUATE IN JULY 2007 AFTER FINISHING A 2 YEAR PROGRAM. A NEW GROUP WILL ARRIVE THIS COMING SEPTEMBER. ALL GIRLS RECEIVED A PIECE OF LUGGAGE WITH TOILETRIES, CLOTHING, ETC. AS A GRADUATION GIFT. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SEND GOODS TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

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WE VISITED HAITI IN APRIL WITH 13 WORKERS AND SR. JUDITH DUPEE, HEAD OF HAITIAN APOSTOLATE FOR THE DIOCESE OF WORCESTER AS OUR GUEST. WE INTERVIEWED, PHOTOGRAPHED, AND DELIVERED BACKPACKS TO 320 SPONSORED CHILDREN AT LALUE SCHOOL, CROIX DES BOUQUETS, LILAVOIS, SDO, AND ST. MARIE. WE MET THE 57 NEW GIRLS IN THE 2 YEAR SHELTER PROGRAM AT ST. MARIE AND PHOTOGRAPHED THEM AND DISTRIBUTED CLOTHES AND TOILET ARTICLES TO EACH GIRL. OUR 2 WEEK STAY STARTED QUIETLY BUT SOON DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN IN THE CITY AS HUNGRY HAITIANS MARCHED TO PROTEST THE RISING COST OF RICE WHICH HAS TRIPLED IN AN ECONOMY WHERE 90% OF THE PEOPLE HAVE NO JOBS. WE GOT CAUGHT IN SOME OF THE BURNING TIRES AND ROADBLOCKS, BUT THANKS TO OUR GREAT DRIVERS (RICHARD) AND (YEYE) WE ARRIVED SAFELY BACK TO ST. MARIE. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR LOCKUP AT ST. MARIE DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS, LOUIS COOKED SPAGHETTI IN OLIVE OIL AND GARLIC FOR THE SISTERS, GIRLS AT THE SHELTER AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF CANAPE VERT. THE NEXT DAY NORMAN, CLAIRE AND NICOLE MADE PANCAKES FOR ALL AND GLORIA COOKED SPAM AND BAKED CAKES. THE FOOD WAS ENJOYED BY ALL. SUNDAY WE CELEBRATED THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING "BUREAU LECLERC" DEDICATED TO SERVING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FOOD, CLOTHING, SHOES AND SPONSORSHIP WITH DRACK BONHOMME AS OUR HAITIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE SITE. WE ALSO HAVE A NEW TRAINEE WINDDCHELEY SATURNE WHO WILL ASSIST DRACK. WE HIRED 7 HAITIAN MEN TO PAINT THE REST OF THE NOVITIATE AS WELL AS OUR NEW BUILDING, THE ENTRANCE WALL, AND SOME PAINTING AT THE SHELTER. THE MEN WERE VERY GRATEFUL TO EARN A WAGE TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. THIS YEAR 2 YOUNG LADIES CAME TO HAITI WITH US NICOLE (OUR GRANDDAUGHTER) AND JESSICA WHO WORKED VERY DILIGENTLY ON THE FILES & PAPERWORK. WE LOST 6 SPONSORED CHILDREN THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF RELOCATION, BUT WE SIGNED UP 30 NEW CHILDREN WHO DESPERATELY NEED SPONSORS. PRAY THAT WE WILL FIND THEM ONE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MADE THIS MISSION SO SUCCESSFUL THIS PAST YEAR, THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, WE SHIPPED 450 "100lb." FILLED CONTAINERS FOR THE POOR OF HAITI. THIS YEAR WE LOST OUR BENEFACTOR "STERILITE" WHO DONATED THE CONTAINERS IN THE PAST FOR WHICH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL. THIS MAKES IT VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO FIND A SUPPLIER AT A REASONABLE COST OR DONATIONS SO WE MAY CONTINUE OUR MISSION.