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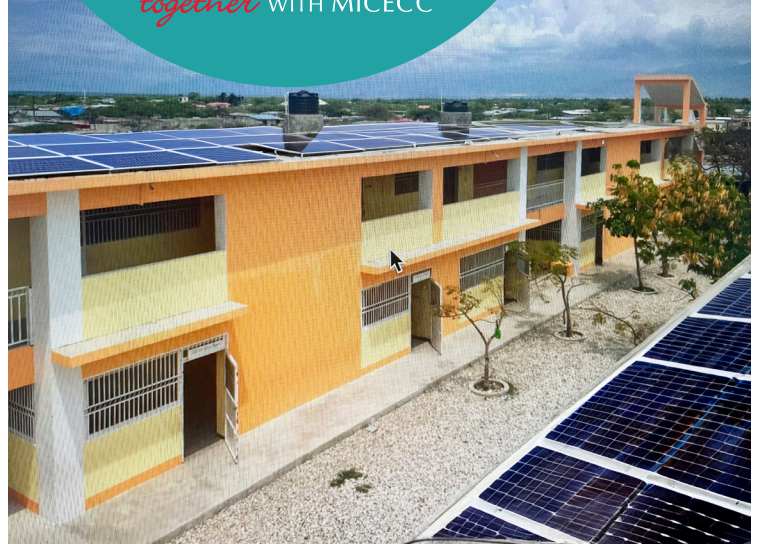


LET THE SUN SHINE IN!

Solar Energy Coming to Repatriote Campus

As anyone who has ever visited Haiti knows, electricity is a sparse resource. While EDH, the national energy provider, is responsible for providing electricity to the population, its services are spotty and unreliable. Because of this, HOM currently uses generators on each of the campuses to power our schools, churches, health clinic, and water treatment facilities. With each campus being anywhere between one and five acres in size and housing multiple buildings, large generators are needed to provide electricity. These generators are increasingly expensive to operate and maintain. In 2023, HOM spent a staggering \$106,000 on generator fuel across all campuses. Fuel continues to be increasingly expensive and sometimes difficult to even procure in Haiti.

In response, HOM seeks to implement solar energy on the campuses, which would offer a more sustainable, cost-effective, and environmentally-friendly method of powering programs. This would decrease dependence on fuel and allow the ministry to be better stewards of the environment, maximizing a natural resource that Haiti has in abundance: sunshine! With an average of 8.5 hours of sunshine daily, the power of the sun can be harnessed and converted into needed, cleaner, and greener energy. While implementing solar energy systems requires a significant upfront investment, cost savings are easily gained in eliminating costly monthly fuel purchases as well as avoiding generator repairs and maintenance. Research has shown that solar power more than pays for itself in a relatively short period of time.



Architect rendering of solar panels installed on Repatriote buildings' roofs.

This year, HOM will pilot solar power on the Repatriote campus which serves approximately 6,000 Haitians. The campus includes the primary school serving 455 students in grades Pre-K to 6, the MASTAS maternal-child health initiative serving 700 individuals, the busy church serving 1,600 individuals, and the clean water distribution site which serves 3,000 households. We are targeting Repatriote for this solar energy pilot as the campus is compact in size with flat roofs on its buildings that are well-suited to the placement of solar panels. Electrical load testing has provided information on the amount of power needed to run the campus's operations.

HOM is working with a leading Haitian-owned and operated company on this pilot project, with a goal of implementation in the first quarter of the year. The cost to implement the solar system is \$80,000. HOM is very grateful to those donors who have been "early adopters" of this initiative and have provided the funding to implement the pilot.

Once the solar energy system is up and running at Repatriote, HOM will be able to monitor and report on how the pilot has saved money, eliminated disruptions in delivering programs, and enhanced the ministry's services to the community. Stay tuned in our next newsletter for an update on how God's gift of abundant sunshine is powering activities at Repatriote!

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A LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAROLINE CHAMBRE HAMMOCK

In early January, I was able to make a visit to Haiti. This was the first visit to our campuses by HOM leadership since early 2020. When HOM initially suspended mission trips due to the pandemic, no one imagined that visits would end up on hold indefinitely due to violence and instability gripping Port-au-Prince. Sadly, those conditions remain very much present, and it was thanks to some providential timing and savvy planning and guidance from our Haitian colleagues – plus Leon’s constant presence by my side – that this quick, under-the-radar visit was possible. I’d like to share these observations from my trip:

- The faith of our Haitian brothers & sisters is as strong as ever. Attending worship services with the Terre Noire and Cité Soleil communities was joyful, spirited, and inspiring, with a packed sanctuary and a non-stop chorus of alleluias. Still the best way to spend a Sunday morning.
- Life goes on, as our Haitian colleagues have said before – but fear and anxiety

are ever-present. The “normalcy” of daily life was evident...full tap-taps out and about, parents dropping kids off at school, commerce along the roadside. But coupled with this is the very real trauma of living in an uncertain environment where gunshots and violence are also sadly “normal.”

- HOM’s programs are vibrant and strong! The classrooms were all full, the medical & dental clinic was extremely busy, the vocational school students were in the midst of a sewing assignment, and clean water was being distributed. The campuses were alive with a spirit of purpose, and the care and commitment of the Haitian staff was movingly real and visible.



- Mission teams and volunteers are sorely missed. The most constant refrain from our Haitian colleagues was, “We miss all our friends and want them to come back very soon. We love you all!” My message back to our colleagues was how we much we love and miss them too, praying without ceasing for their safety and a return to peace in Haiti.

I wish I could close this letter with news of when routine travel and HOM mission trips might safely resume, but as HOM Board Chair Carol Vassey writes in her accompanying letter, we continue to be in a time of “holy interruptions.” Let us continue to stand with our Haitian friends, ever-trusting in God’s perfect plans and timing.

THOUGHTS FROM HOM BOARD CHAIR CAROL VASSEY



During Advent, I was introduced to a book entitled **Holy Interruptions** by Debbie Dufek. Her book explored the ways in which God chooses and uses us, the most unlikely, to change the course of lives, and history, one heart at a time. God proves this again and again through the messages of Scripture. The stories of men and women in the Bible, whose lives were gloriously interrupted by God, still powerfully influence lives today. Holy interruptions are not always easy, and sometimes they appear as very small nudges, but they are the work of God and The Spirit.

Interruptions are often followed by waiting. The Bible, over and over again, introduces us to God’s people who must wait. God’s time is not our time. Our Chronos time - or ‘clock and calendar’ time - is markedly different from God’s Kairos - or ‘sacred’ time. Sarah and Abraham had to wait until old age for the birth of Issac; Rahab trusted the spies and waited with her family for a city to be destroyed so they could be saved; Naomi had to wait for Ruth to take her to Judah in order to meet Boaz; and barren Elizabeth waited and served the Lord, ultimately giving birth to a child who grew into the great voice in the wilderness, John the Baptist.

Today in the 21st century, we yearn for peace to return to our world. We want to return to Haiti. As we continue to wait and pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti – and for life to be “normal” again, let us recognize that our prayers continue to offer real support to our Haitian friends, even without our physical presence. God hears our prayers and knows our hearts.

With your gifts and contributions, let me assure you that our Haitian friends continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Haiti. God uses us now in ways that we could not envision five years ago. This is a time of “holy interruptions” and I remind us to be prayerfully alert. Matthew 25 reminds us of the bridesmaids who brought sufficient oil for their lamps, not really knowing when the bridegroom would arrive. Share your stories of God tapping you on the shoulder, calling you to be the Light, while you were in Haiti. Continue to shine that Light into the world today. Allow The Spirit to work through you – we may not be physically standing next to our Haitian friends, but we continue to stand with them! Bondye ap travay!

HOM TURNS 35 - Help Us Celebrate!



In 1989, Leon Dorleans began preaching in Cité Soleil on a narrow street under tarps from

the hot sun. Raw sewage was running in an adjacent ditch. To say the conditions were challenging would be an understatement. The environment might have been lackluster, but the community's response was anything but - Pastor Leon's



Sunday worship then and now.

congregation grew as people responded to his preaching of the Word and his steadfast belief that God was with them in the face of extreme hardship. Leon's vision - and soon Jacky's - to address the spiritual, educational, and healthcare needs of the community took hold, and HOM was born.

In 2024, we are excited and humbled to celebrate 35 years of ministry. HOM - in partnership with our Haitian counterpart MICECC - now operates on four campuses serving an estimated 41,000 Haitians annually through evangelism, education, health care, clean water, and economic empowerment. God has been so good and faithful!

We will be celebrating this milestone throughout 2024, with a special anniversary event on May 4.

Please plan to join us at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC at 6 pm for an unforgettable evening. The event will feature presentations by Leon & other Haitian leadership, a delicious Haitian dinner, memories and photos from throughout the past 35 years, a raffle featuring beautiful Haitian goods, and more. The spirit and joy of Haiti will be alive and well - you won't want to miss it!

Are you a church or group located outside of the southeast? You are cordially invited to participate virtually in the May 4 event. We encourage churches or groups who cannot travel to NC to host a gathering in your location and join us via livestream. We would love to see as many locations as possible up on the screen. Thanks to the power of technology, we can bring together HOM friends from across the country on May 4 to celebrate 35 years of God at work in Haiti!

To learn more about how your church or group can participate virtually, please contact info@haitiom.org.

YOU'RE INVITED: CALLING ALL CHURCHES!

As a church who has partnered with HOM, you are invited to join us in celebrating HOM's 35 years in ministry with a special children's mission project!

A heART for Haiti... seen through the eyes of a child.

This can be used as a fundraiser to support the continued work of HOM for the children in Haiti! What is the project?



WHO? The children in your church and community

WHAT? A fun and creative art project for the children

WHERE? At your church or another location you choose

WHEN? Anytime before the HOM 35th anniversary celebration on May 4th

WHY? To educate the children in your church and community about the children in Haiti who attend HOM schools and to raise funds to continue support for the children in Haiti, their teachers, and their schools. To bring awareness of all God is doing in Haiti!

THE PLAN:

1. Find a date and at least an hour timeframe to gather children and families to your church to create art, learn more about children and schools in Haiti, and pray for Haiti.
2. Recruit volunteers and gather supplies for creating HEARTS for Haiti. (A sample of artwork and ideas will be emailed to you once you choose to participate.) Colored copies of the HEARTS your children create will be featured on the HEARTS for HAITI wall at the May 4th celebration.
3. Invite children to come to the event and to bring friends! A great outreach opportunity to share what God is doing in Haiti!
4. Notify Suzy Edwards at diggzie@gmail.com that you are interested in hosting an event for HOM and she will send you more information, including copies of A Heart for Haiti children's book to read to your children, flyers, samples, a donation wish list, and more to help make your mission event a success.

Please contact Suzy Edwards at diggzie@gmail.com to learn more and get involved. Thank you!

COVENANT MADE AND CONTINUED

by Jim Pease



In 2009, six Triangle Presbyterian Church (now Triangle Grace Church, Durham, NC) members went to Haiti to put roofs on houses, and came back with inspiration for a different type of “construction”. At dinner, the team was inspired by Madame Jacky Dorleans’ comment that, “A Christian education is the best gift you could offer to a Haitian child and to participate in the reconstruction of Haiti.”

Recognizing that education provides the most durable foundation for progress in Haiti, this team returned from its trip with a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of some students at the ‘Cité Soleil Christian School of United Brothers’. Instead of looking to raise funds for a few students for one or two years, the team felt that agreeing to provide funds for the entire class would relieve Leon and Jacky from the burden of finding ongoing support for these students, and the congregation would have the chance to forge a bond with these students throughout their careers. The bold proposal presented to the congregation: **Would the church be willing to commit to sponsor an entire class of pre-K children for their entire academic careers under the supervision of Jacky and Pastor Leon Dorleans?**

The congregation embraced this vision enthusiastically and, recognizing the church long-term nature of this endeavor,

the church’s Session established a separate account to accumulate contributions (above and beyond operating budget tithes and pledges) so that funds would be available whenever needed to further the education of these students. Several members saw this as an opportunity to honor the memory of a loved one or to recognize the influence of a special person in their lives, while others used the sponsorship effort to invite family and friends to participate and pray for this class.

Triangle Grace Church (TGC) teams visiting Haiti have had a chance to express encouragement and gratitude by hosting recognition celebrations with the teachers and staff at the



TGC members Dottie Taylor and Walt Brittle with sponsored class students.

schools. In addition, in 2016 TGC’s team met with the parents to acknowledge their continued efforts and sacrifices to provide this educational opportunity for their children. During that visit, the school leadership welcomed the opportunity to meet with the parents and reinforce the critical role parents play in their children’s education. In addition, the parents were able

to ask about the ongoing sponsorship commitment and were grateful for the support of their children. The personal reflections and mutual respect exhibited highlighted the deep connections the TGC community feels for the students who will be the future leaders of Haiti.

With the advantage of hindsight, several TGC members have commented that the commitment to sponsor an entire class was more an investment than a gift. Making it possible for 29 pre-K students to begin their educational journey, as they learned to sit in a classroom and become accustomed to wearing school uniforms, was exciting and ignited enthusiasm within TGC’s

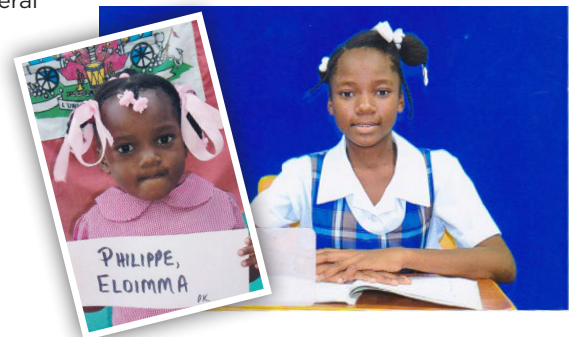
congregation. Tracking the progress of each individual student has been more rewarding than calculating the return-on-investment of any financial transaction.



The class photos, cards and annual report cards have kept the covenant and commitment to each student very strong.

When the commitment was made to sponsor 29 students, TGC had no idea how many students would be able to complete the rigorous academic and disciplined approach required to succeed. Nor could anyone forecast the devastation caused by the 2010 earthquake and subsequent natural disasters and social chaos created by the political instability. At this point, thankfully 11 of the original class are in grade 11 or 12 at Baryé Fé and continue to personify perseverance and hope for Haiti’s future.

The connection between the TGC community and students in “our” class has strengthened over the years. By the grace of God, Triangle Grace Church will celebrate as these students complete their course work and fulfill their ambitions to help establish a more stable and prosperous community.



Class sponsorship ensure that all students have the support needed to attend HOM schools. Would your church prayerfully consider a covenant like this? Contact HOM to learn more.

MICECC SPOTLIGHT: TROY SANON

by Barry Boyd

Haiti Outreach Ministries welcomes Troy Sanon, the new Executive Director of MICECC (Mission Communautaire de l'Église Chrétienne des Cités), our Haitian operating partner. Troy joined MICECC in July 2023 as the ministry's first Executive Director and has absolutely hit the ground running during some very challenging times in Haiti.

Troy is Haitian-American and was educated in the U.S. after moving here at a young age. Troy holds a doctorate in business administration with a concentration in strategic management and policy. He has experience working for both for-profit and nonprofit corporations in the U.S. promoting investment in Black and Latino communities. In his words, "I feel like I have spent my whole life serving underserved people and communities".

Troy was raised by parents devoted to ministry and business development in Haiti. His father was the first preacher to create a business cooperative in his church. He spent his life promoting business development in Haiti.

Troy's qualifications encompass significant experience in business planning and investment as well as a variety of skills necessary to promote business and community development, including public private partnership, strategic planning, and capacity building. He also has experience in social business, microfinance, entrepreneurship, financial sector development, project design, and marketing. He is

a great communicator and fundraiser. In 2011, as a social business coordinator, he coordinated a network of five modern production businesses and developed two USAID funded business development projects in Haiti. In 2014 and 2017, he served as the keynote speaker at the Haiti Entrepreneurship Camp, an annual Rotary and Help Alliance initiative designed to train business leaders in Haiti.

Troy is passionate about sports and transformational leadership. His hobbies include singing, bodybuilding, and soccer.

Join us in welcoming Troy Sanon to the ministry. We look forward to his leadership along with strengthening our partnership with MICECC as we build on the past 35 years of bringing spiritual guidance, education, health care, and clean water to the people of Haiti.



Troy with Leon (left); Troy visiting the Repatriote community.

MEET THE NEWEST ADDITIONS TO THE HOM FAMILY!

Leon & Jacky's daughter Nadege and her husband Alex welcomed baby Alayna Jacqueline Haney in August 2023. This little one has already made her first international trip, traveling to Haiti to visit with Leon & Jacky.

Nadege and Alex's family has also grown to include Dieulanda, who had been living at the House of Hope home for girls. Dieulanda is getting adjusted to American high school and winter weather in Virginia.

Nadege and her family travel to U.S. churches to speak on behalf of HOM.



The Haney family at Christmas; Baby Alayna visits Jacky & Leon in Haiti.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

by Bob O'Brien

OVERVIEW

The second half of 2023 was very slow for the construction group. The group completed most projects in country and the majority of the work was centered in the U.S. as several new projects were defined in greater detail.

Here are the highlights of activities the past six months.

ESPWA CAMPUS

- Construction was completed on Phase I of the Bible College.
- The primary electrical power project was completed in the generator building. The campus is now wired for electrical power.



Electrical work being performed and completed classroom buildings.

- Construction of the toilet facility adjacent to the Bible College is complete including the septic tank construction shown in the foreground.



Completed bathroom building.

BARYÉ FÉ CAMPUS

- The addition of the fourth classroom building, kitchen and second generator have resulted in the campus being ready to accommodate all grades from 7th to 13th.



The above view is an unintended lake at Baryé Fé, after heavy rains.

- Plans are underway to create more positive drainage of the campus before next rainy season.
- Conceptual planning is underway for the cafeteria/chapel at the campus.

REPATRIOTE CAMPUS

- Design is underway to provide solar energy for the campus. The plan will involve adding panels to the 3 roofs shown in green on the left below to



Design for Repatriote solar system.

- power the campus.
- Funds for the Youth Building to complete the electrical, exterior painting and library tables/chairs have been received. All other work is complete. The second floor will house a library and study area for youth of all ages.

CITÉ SOLEIL CAMPUS

With the troubles in Cité Soleil, the raw water from the city that had been depended on as the source for the

clean water treatment plant is no longer available. MICECC began relying on water trucks to supply for raw water, but now that source is gone. HOM/MICECC under Leon and Troy's direction dug two water wells, one inside the campus with a submersible pump to provide water for the clean water treatment plant and a second outside the campus so Cité Soleil residents can have a source of clean water for drinking, cooking and bathing.

TERRE NOIRE CAMPUS

- The roof shed over the medical clinic waiting area has been replaced.



New roof installed for clinic waiting area.

- The roof above the old gift shop is showing signs of structural fatigue. Plans are going forward with replacing the roof without shedding water on neighboring houses.

CLEAN WATER REPORT

All four campuses report a total 348,600 gallons of clean water to the schools and the communities we serve since May and over 618,000 for the first 11 months of 2023. As noted above, Cité Soleil is now able to distribute clean water with the addition of a well. Maintenance is ongoing by Poudy Wisly, the water manager and maintenance technician. Repair parts sent from Palms Presbyterian Church in the U.S. have been received in a timely manner.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance work is being coordinated by Tad Prewitt in the U.S. and Poudy Wisly in Haiti. Items of major maintenance are subcontracted to skilled craftsmen in the neighborhoods HOM/MICECC serves. Maintenance funding continues to be an area of great need.

SUMMARY

Despite the fragile economy and violence, the clinic has remained open most days, except for losing a few days in December due to violence. Dr. Suzie reports “We are moving forward, with the help of our great God, the Creator.” The clinic staff continues to manage the clinic with limited assistance from HOM volunteers and Board members in the U.S. We hope to resume monthly meetings now that the Internet capabilities at Terre Noire have improved.

STAFF

- Greatest challenge remains keeping the clinic fully staffed. As the cost of living has increased, the salary we offer has not been sufficient to attract and retain qualified physicians. Thanks to a generous donation we received, we will be able to offer a bonus to our medical staff in 2024.
- The clinic employs 18 people; 6 part-time MDs, and 1 full-time MD (Dr. Suzie), 1 dentist, 5 nurses, an auxiliary triage manager, 2 support staff and 2 housekeepers/custodians. A pediatrician, ob-gyn, a general practitioner and a dentist are on duty every day.

CLINIC

2023 STATISTICS

Total Vaccinations	5,025
Total Medical Patients	16,255
Total Dental Patients	3,352
Total Operating Days	234

- The clinic distributes Rise Against Hunger fortified rice packages to qualified applicants each month, a total of 1,152 boxes were distributed in 2023, providing over 41,000 meals.
- Work on the new expanded laboratory is complete, and we are just awaiting equipment to be delivered.
- The work on an improved and expanded waiting area for patients has been completed.
- We have been able to send limited quantities of hard-to-get or very expensive (in Haiti) medications and small equipment/supplies to the clinic when Leon travels back and forth to the U.S..

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLINIC?

Contact Janet Horton, FNP at medtrips@haitiom.org. Clinic donations are always appreciated at haitiom.org/donate.



TEAMS

- Currently, there is no change in team trip status for our clinic in Terre Noire. Please continue to share the good news about the work our clinic staff is doing and the need for continued support.

PARTNERSHIPS

- MASTAS (Healthy Moms, Healthy Children), the Curamericas/HOM project to provide community based maternal/child health education in the Repatriote community continues to make progress. The MASTAS teams have conducted a community survey to collect baseline data on behaviors related to key maternal-child health metrics (ie, # of pregnancies, # of births in a medical facility, etc.). Once complete, the project will move into the next phase, offering education tied to these metrics. Fourteen “Mother-Educators” have been trained and educated about a variety of maternal-child health topics. They will then share this knowledge with “Care Groups” made up of local women from Repatriote. Training topics have included cholera prevention & treatment, breast cancer, cervical cancer, malaria, and others.
- During the massive floods last June, the MASTAS staff led by Annaus Franckel, coordinator, delivered water treatment packets to affected households.
- We are exploring two options for our medical teams to serve, either in health facilities near Cap Haitian or in mobile community clinics serving displaced Haitians in the Dominican Republic. We should have enough information to determine if these are viable options by late spring and team trips could start to these locations as early as fall 2024.

Clinic Wish List

- Dental suction machine (\$250)
- Pediatric scale (\$50)
- True metric glucometers and test strips (\$80/\$15)
- Adult scales (\$25)
- Cavitron (teeth scaler) (\$900)

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