

# THE INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE OF HOPE

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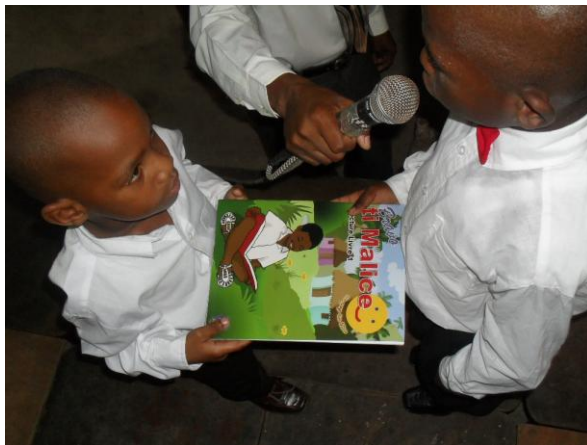
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**June 2011**

## MARECHAL AND HEROES OF SAVANNAH SCHOOL NEWS



Kindergarten Graduation at Marechal School.



Pastor Gasnel Anilus reports that the 43 children in the sixth grade at Marechal school will be taking the Government tests for graduation on June 21 and 22.

Forty-two children graduated from kindergarten on Friday, June 10.

Heroes of Savannah School will expand to grade 4 next year and will need another classroom.

## NEW LIFE ORPHANAGE NEWS



Sue Witt wrote on June 7.

"It is very difficult in Haiti at this time. It has rained and rained for days. This morning we have six inches of water in our front yard and no place for it to go. In the past two weeks the children have played outside just one day. So you can imagine what life is like for those living in tent cities. I have no room to complain. We have a roof over our heads. However, it looks like the sky is falling in at our house. We have leaks and the paint on the ceiling keeps falling off. I'm looking forward to the day that we can go to bed with sheets that are not damp.

My generator gave up the ghost two weeks ago. We now have a new one. What a blessing to have lights and water again!

Please pray for these children: Jennifer (10), Arline (10), Samantha (8), Michaelle (7), Son Son (8), Peter (7), Betchina (4), Juliette (4), Scheelanda (3), John (2), Jessica (1), Diana (1), Son Son (1), baby (7 months). Two of the children have malaria and the rest have colds. We have tons and tons of mosquitoes because of all the rain. We are buying all kinds of sprays and coils to burn at night.

Six of the children are being adopted. God is good and gives us the strength to care for these precious children.

Jennifer is a lovely ten year old. She came to live with us shortly after the earthquake. She was living with her aunt but like most in the Christianville area, her aunt lost her home. Jennifer's father came and asked us to take her. Jennifer's mother had died giving birth to a little baby boy over three years ago. Jennifer's father brought the baby to us and he has been adopted and is living in the States with a wonderful Christian family. Jennifer loves to cook and help do the chores around the house. She understands English and is speaking some. Her father is very ill and would like for her to be adopted just like his baby.

Most of our little ones come from tent cities. Their mothers are exhausted and see no future for themselves or their children. In the past I only took babies if their mothers had died. It is very difficult for us to take children from their mothers to be adopted.

Please continue praying for us as we strive to love and nurture our children."



**Water. Clean water. The gift of God. The gift of life itself. We turn on the faucet, and it's there--instantly. We take the gift for granted.** But in rural Haiti clean water is precious. It is bought with enormous effort, and sometimes it is unavailable at any price. Children in Haiti die of diseases—tuberculosis and malaria--carried by polluted water.

There is a community on the side of a mountain near the Haitian town of Ganthier where water is anything but free. The women of the village of 500 souls must walk five miles down the mountain and then five miles up again each day, carrying every drop of water their families use. The road is steep and rocky. The heat can be intense. The effort is endless and back-breaking. But it is the price of water in this part of the world.

There is a well in the village—deep and hand-dug at the cost of enormous effort and danger. But the well is covered so the children won't fall in. There is no pump to bring the water to the surface. Since there is no electricity in the village, the pump must be powered by solar energy and there is no money. A tank is also necessary to store the water for use. The people wait and the endless effort of carrying water up the mountain goes on and on.



The community has other needs. The school is a lean-to affair made of sticks, tin and plastic sheeting. The roof leaks. The cinderblock church, which was intended function as a school during the week, remains unfinished and roofless. An American church made a promise to build it and then didn't come through.

The history of Haiti is a history of promises made and then broken. But the International Village of Hope would like to keep the promise of clean water to the village without a well. With your help we can.

The cost of finishing the well is estimated to be roughly \$9000. Thus far we have raised \$4500 for the project--half of what is needed.

If you would like to help bring the gift of clean water to a community in Haiti in desperate need of it you can give a gift of any amount to The International Village of Hope. It should be marked clearly—for the well in Haiti.

To the woman he met at the well of Samaria Jesus says, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water" And the woman replies, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water'" (John 4:10). She knew the endless, backbreaking labor of carrying water. And we, who have tasted the living water which is Jesus Christ are called to share the gifts of God with people around the world. In Christ everyone is our responsibility. Join us in sharing the water of life.

Pastor Bill Roen presented a slide show about the trip he and Martin Horeis made to Haiti after the earthquake to the Mary-Martha Circle of the Women of the ELCA of First Lutheran Church of Nashville TN in May. The women of the Circle made a generous donation to The International Village of Hope.

All of the monies needed to pay the rent for the New Life Orphanage house in Port au Prince have been received. The International Village of Hope has been richly blessed in being able to pay the orphanage's rent.

### **Financial Report.**

Income, January – April 2011.....\$ 22,588.73

Expenses, January – April 2011.....\$ 31,390.78

Balance, April 30, 2011..... \$ 47,650.56

Submitted by Ernst Horeis, treasurer.

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