

A Haiti Herald



November 2005

The Newsletter of The Haiti Corner, a program of Building Together Ministries

Growing up & Moving Out

The Haiti Corner is spinning off!! Following the Lord's leading and with the blessing of Building Together Ministries (BTM) the time has come for us to leave the 'nest'.

With the change has come a new name. *Hearts & Hands for Haiti* was

incorporated this fall and will function as a non-profit charitable organization. All local members of the BTM Haiti advisory committee have agreed to serve on the new board of directors and the official spin-off is scheduled for January 1, 2006.

This new entity will allow for better partnership with our Haitian communities and allow my wife Patty and I to dedicate more time to these efforts. Looking back, it is great to see how God has prepared me for this new adventure.

1981 As a young adult, I took a mission trip to Haiti and sensed the Lord's calling to return and serve with our Haitian brothers and sisters.

1983 I moved to Haiti where I served five years, primarily in the field of accounting.

1989 I moved to Raleigh, NC to serve with BTM, a newly founded urban ministry. Most years, I returned to Haiti to visit my Haitian friends. (During a 1995 trip, I met Patty - my wife since March 1998.)

1994 I saw first-hand the tragic effects of the US embargo on Haiti's poorest citizens, including many of my friends in ministry. As a result, I committed to help a school in the desert and to support seven orphan children

near where I used to live.

Upon my return, the BTM Board asked me to share about my trip. They decided to give a tithe of BTM's NeighborStore sales to the needs in Haiti.

Over the past eleven years, the Lord has blessed the ministries in Haiti with a team

of dedicated national leaders and the Haiti outreach has grown to include the following programs:

- Three Christian schools
- Six churches
- A Children's Home



New church under construction on higher ground in Sous Raille.

- A Vocational School
- Small Business Ventures
- Adult Literacy Programs
- Annual mission trips
- Emergency Relief

Exciting! Encouraging! Those words describe what it is like to

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Christmas Giving Ideas

Collect and donate money for school Christmas parties

Sponsor a student at \$15/month

Collect money for a Creole Bible or church song book at \$5/each

"Buy" a goat at \$40/each to assist a needy family

Collect toiletries and/or school supplies

Donate linens for the children's home

Help build church benches at \$70/each

A card will be sent if a gift is given in honor of someone.

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**A Gift that Gives Twice!
 See Christmas Ideas inside.**

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serve with our Haitian friends and to see God at work. I am continually challenged in my personal walk with the Lord through this partnership and it is such a privilege to be trusted with this new adventure.

On behalf of the team in Haiti, Patty and myself, **we thank you** for your support and encouragement **and**



invite you to journey with us as we continue to serve in the Lord's Kingdom - linking HEARTS and HANDS of the Christian community here with those in Haiti.

Merry Christmas to each of you as you celebrate the birth of our Savior this season.

Stan Wiebe, BTM's Haiti Outreach Coordinator

For tax receipt purposes - please note the following:

- Any support given this year (2005) needs labeled for "Haiti" or "Wiebes" and written to:
Building Together Ministries
 1116 N. Blount St.
 Raleigh, NC 27604
- All support given as of January 1, 2006 should be written to:
Hearts and Hands for Haiti
 2013 Midwood Dr.
 Raleigh, NC 27604
- All Canadian supporters can continue sending contributions to:
Treesbank Community Church
 PO Box 112
 Wawanesa, MB R0K 2G0



Giving Thanks!

- A new church of students & families is meeting at Tarasse.
- Daily student prayer meetings are being held at Pacot.
- The new school year for our children has started well.
- Stan Wiebe (NC) & Harry Lyness (IN) went to Haiti in September and visited some existing vocational schools.
- Bruce Hansen (FL) recently visited the adult literacy class that began in Aux Poteaux this past summer. He was thrilled to report great progress of the students and excellent teachers at work.
- Jean Pere Nadieul, Director of the Children's Training & Nutrition Center, visited NC, IN, NJ & FL this month. How good it was to hear first-hand updates on what God is doing in Haiti and his vision for the growing ministries.
- The oldest young man who was living at the children's home,

Anthony Edmond, has now moved to the D.R. where he is taking Spanish lessons and hopes to enroll in medical school in May. We praise the Lord with Anthony is this new step. (Please keep him in your prayers, as he faces many challenges in this new country.)



Anthony Edmond

- leaders.
- ... sponsors needed for the children's home @ \$25/mth and school children @ \$15/mth.
- ... the launching of the new entity **Hearts & Hands for Haiti** and the additional support that will be needed for Stan & Patty Wiebe and overhead expenses.

Upcoming Events

- As of January 1, 2006, *The Haiti Corner* will spin off from Building Together Ministries and operate as the new non-profit **Hearts & Hands for Haiti**.
- The next mission venture to Haiti will probably be in late March 2006.

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Please Pray About...

- ... the upcoming presidential elections in Haiti - to be held in January and February.
- ... the continued development of the vocational school, including construction, funds, etc.
- ... a house father/leader for the Boy's home. This is greatly needed.
- ... strength and wisdom for the