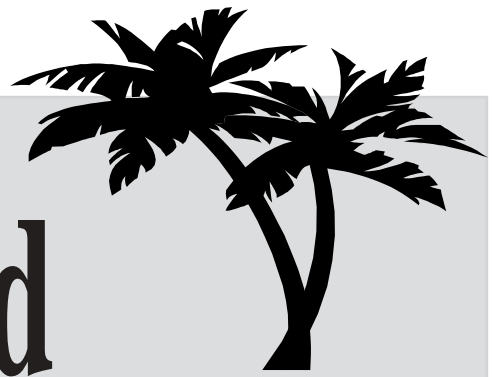


A Haiti Herald



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The Newsletter of Hearts and Hands for Haiti

To God Be the Glory

It's official! **Hearts and Hands for Haiti** (formerly The Haiti Corner of Building Together Ministries) **is up and running** as a new nonprofit ministry.

Operating under the direction of Stan Wiebe and with the assistance of his wife Patty, the Wiebes' newly renovated basement now serves as their office.

To the personal supporters of Stan and Patty Wiebe, we want to say ... "Welcome to *The Haiti Herald* – the newsletter of Hearts and Hands for Haiti." Your partnership with us personally is a huge blessing and it is our privilege to share with you what the Lord is doing in the lives of

our Haitian friends.

To the supporters of the work in Haiti, we want to thank you for your ongoing interest in the work of the Lord in Haiti ... and we look forward to sharing how this affects our lives personally as a family.

God is at work in Haiti and among her people. As we serve with our Haitian friends, may we know the joy of God's Spirit and desire His Glory above all else!



Jonathan, Stan, Patty and Andrew Wiebe.

The Fruit of Faithfulness

Born in a lush, mountainous region of Northern Haiti, Pastor Jeremiah Dorsaint has now served faithfully in the dry Desolate Savannah for over 23 years.

Raised by a Godly aunt due to the death of his parents, Jeremiah became acquainted with the very poor community of Pacot after moving to the Goniaves region (where he later attended Bible College). Since 1982, he has served this desert community by pastoring a church and directing an elementary school. He is truly an example of faithful service to His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Serving as Principal

The LePhare Primary School in Pacot has had enrollment of over 200 students for many years. Amazingly, the school has a record of most Grade Six students passing their government exams while the national average is under 50%. For

the past 11 years, we have been able to provide funds for teacher salaries and in recent years have helped to feed the students several times a week. Currently, the school schedule includes a daily time of devotions and prayer for all students.

Serving the Community

Highly respected, Pastor Jeremiah has strong community support. He is also very caring and watches for opportunities to help. Some years ago, after seeing so many of the community in need, he established a goat project for the poorest families. The recipients of a goat return the first healthy offspring, which is then given to another family and the cycle continues.



Pastor Jeremiah

Wiebe Update

The transition for us (Stan and Patty) to working full-time for Haiti has been exciting and we anticipate great adventures in the years ahead. In review, we can see how the Lord has prepared us for this journey.

From 1983 to 1988, I (Stan) had the privilege of serving in Haiti, primarily in the role of accounting for two different ministries. Many good friendships were formed during those years and I continued to visit regularly while serving with BTM, an urban ministry here in Raleigh, NC.

In 1994, I made a personal commitment to assist Pastor Jeremiah and the Pacot community, as well as providing for seven orphan children in another community. From there, the ministries have grown to what they are today.

I first met Patty in Haiti in 1995 and we have been married eight wonderful years. Our two lively assistants are Jonathan (ti-Jean), age four, and Andrew (ti-Andre) who will soon be two. *The doctors say a wonderful surprise package in pink is due to arrive around June 10th.*

As of January 1st, we have been working full-time for **Hearts and Hands for Haiti** and count it a real privilege to work alongside our Haitian friends. Thanks be to God!

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The Fruit of Faithfulness *(Continued from front)*



New church at Pacot

Recently, to assist the Pacot community, a Haitian pastor friend of Jeremiah's drilled a well down the road from the school. Also in 2005, we forwarded grant funds to build a new church building for the growing group of believers worshipping at the school.

Serving with Them

How do we partner and find funds to support Pastor Jeremiah and the

school at Pacot?

This is done by many people joining together and sharing resources in the following ways:

- Foundation Gifts or Grants –

Construction and special projects are often funded in this way.

- Pastor/Program Leader Sponsorships – Sponsorships serve as their monthly financial support.
- Student Sponsorships – \$15/month helps pay for teachers salaries, school supplies and the feeding program. (As sponsorships increase, so will the number of meals.)

- Donations of Goods – Jump ropes, soccer balls, school supplies, etc. bring great delight! (Keeping our tradition, Outdoor Provision has graciously provided the graduating Grade 6 class with their gift of a brand new backpack for the past few years.)

Will You Help?

Would you consider partnering with Pastor Jeremiah and this community by

praying, sponsoring and/or collecting needed items? Please contact us for more information.



Giving Thanks!

- The HHH Board of Directors, with their willingness to serve and their expertise, is such a blessing! Thanks to each one!
- The Presidential elections in Haiti were relatively peaceful with a good voter turnout. We trust this will mean greater stability for the country of Haiti!
- Receiving financial support and words of encouragement during these early days of **Hearts and Hands for Haiti** has been such a blessing! How grateful we are!

Please Pray About ...

- ... the health of Madam Jean Francois as she battles an ongoing physical problem.
- ... the continued development of the vocational school, including construction, funds, etc.
- ... sponsors needed for school students @ \$15/mth and pastors/leaders @ \$50/mth.
- ... support for the stateside HHH expenses and Wiebe family.
- ... Haitian President Rene Preval and other officials, that they will lead and serve Haiti well.

Upcoming Events

- Stan plans to travel to Haiti in late April for a work trip, accompanied by a few people from Christ Covenant Church. Please pray for the Lord's direction as to how they can get involved.
- The next team mission venture to Haiti will probably be in late September 2006. Please let us know if you want to join the group.

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