

The Privilege of Skilled Training

Young Widner remembers the joy of growing up in the rural mountains of Haiti with his four younger brothers.

Though the boys did not know their father, they were lovingly provided for by their mother and relatives. The boys enjoyed playing in the mountain stream, eating mangoes from the trees when in season, working the family garden and taking care of the goats. Widner felt very fortunate that he was able to complete school thru the 6th grade ... a real accomplishment in Haiti!

In 1987, life suddenly changed for Widner. His mother died just before he reached the age of 20. His younger brothers were taken to live with other families. Widner was sent to a local mission to learn a trade. Widner was grateful for the opportunity to work hard and learn the masonry trade, even though he was living with 19 other young men in a mere 2 room mud hut. It was at this mission that he met his teacher and mentor, Jean Pere – the present founder and director of the

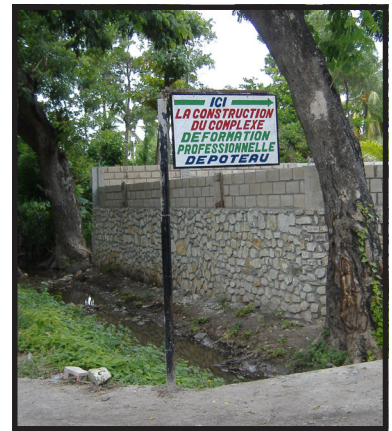
Children's Training and Nutrition Center. Jean Pere had come from the mountains to this mission where he had learned the masonry trade. Now he was in charge of all the construction projects and mentoring other young men to learn the trade. Being under the leadership of Jean Pere was life changing for Widner.

He later moved to town where he found various jobs as a mason. As he mastered this trade, he became a

boss and mentor himself. He has trained 25 men over the past 16 years.



Widner got married in 1992 and he and his wife have 5 children. With a trade in hand, he not only provides for his own wife and children but he also provides for his brothers' education. A true example of his generosity is that he has 11 people



Sign announcing the construction of the vocational school.

living in his house at the present time. He is also a minister in the Deliverance of Christ Church.

Over the past 11 years as Hearts and Hands for Haiti has constructed various buildings at the Children's

Training and Nutrition Center, Widner has been the boss mason. Currently, he is leading the construction of the vocational school for the rural community of Poteau, Haiti. (see photos)

Just as Widner was mentored and taught a trade, we pray that this vocational school will offer thousands of young Haitians a

professional trade. A trade with which they can support themselves, their families and others with dignity. A trade with which they can provide a quality service with integrity.

Stan Wiebe, Director of HHH



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The Vocational Training School of Poteau

*The construction boss knows the value of
this project ... first hand!*

A Haiti Herald, June 2007

Giving Thanks!

- We thank the Lord for the **opportunity** to radically affect the lives of many young adults in Haiti by teaching them a trade and sharing with them the love of Christ.
- Our **three-year Home Economics class** has successfully operated at the home since the fall of 2000 and recently celebrated its 5th graduation with 14 graduates.
- Thanks to CarQuest, the computer lab is equipped with with **laptop computers**.
- The **computer lab** has held several classes and we look forward to further development of this program.
- Construction of the 2nd floor of the **vocational school building** is nearly complete.
- How grateful we are for the **many donors** who are making the new vocational school possible.
- The Dearborn Hills United Methodist Church in Indiana collected and shipped the **woodworking tools for the school**.
- CarQuest has collected **tools for the mechanics and welding shops** and we hope to ship them to Haiti soon.
- Director, Jean Pere Nadieul now has an **advisory committee of Gonaives Christian and business**



Future Vocational School Students

- **leaders** who are very excited about this new trade school and are eager to assist.
- The **team of electricians and workers** who went to Haiti in February plan to return in late July to install the wiring for the 2nd floor.
- We are honored to receive **gifts in memory of Bill Erickson** who was a supporter and encourager of the vocational school and the ministry in Haiti.

Please Pray For ...

- the **personnel needed** to efficiently operate this Christian vocational school.
- the **additional funds** needed to complete the construction as we are going over budget. Thankfully, we have created employment for 146 men!
- school **operating funds** for the first few years. The goal is for this school to be self-sufficient within a few years - funded by the tuition collected from the students.

- **wisdom** for the leadership team as they decide which trades to teach and when to begin the classes.
- for the **students** who will be forthcoming, that they will be eager to learn a trade and about the love of our Lord and Savior.
- the **sale of two large box trucks** used to ship the woodworking tools to Haiti.
- for our **primary and secondary students** as they write their year-end exams.
- for our upcoming **summer Bible camps**.



One of the box trucks we need to sell

Upcoming Events

- An **electrical work team** plans to go to Haiti in late July.
- **Pastor Jeremiah Dorsaint** of Pacot will be in NC for two weeks in late August. Let us know if you want him to speak at your church, Sunday school class, etc.
- **Having summer Bible school?** Consider collecting school supplies or funds for the children in Haiti to prepare for school.

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