

## Remembering & Recovering From the Storms

Last fall, two major storms hit Haiti hard.

Water, over 10-feet high in places, flooded homes and businesses in the Gonaives area of Haiti.

Displaced, around 1,200 people found refuge and temporary housing in four HHH buildings.

Immediately, HHH sponsored communities reached out to help their neighbors. As well, HHH in NC received relief funds from 185 generous donors from across North

America! The blessings that have resulted are truly immeasurable. Yet, in this letter, we would like to share a glimpse of what your donation has accomplished.

As we do, please note the difficulty and the delay, yet, please rejoice with us in the answers to prayer, the love of Christ extended and the recovery that is coming to our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

*Stan Wiebe, HHH Director*



### Recovery in Sous Raille

Longing to escape the flood plains, community members in Sous Raille waited patiently as HHH leaders negotiated the purchase of higher ground. While waiting for the land title for a hillside (where we were to build 15 homes), the land owner decided that our purchase price of \$5,000 U.S. was too low. As he repeatedly raised the price (inspite of the initial agreement), we realized that we had to abandon this plan.

Thankfully, the government has trenched out the river bed in the flood plain, creating high and wide dikes on either side. This has made it safe for us to rebuild stronger houses with higher foundations on the families personal property once again. Thankfully, the Red Cross has also built houses in this area and, now, we can assist those who are still in need.

### One of Many Finds Hope

Back on September 18, 2004, Edette clung to a tree as the raging flooding waters from Hurricane Jeanne rushed by her. Her 2-year old daughter Alandie tenaciously sat on her shoulders for hours and would not let go as she was in deep water. Her 5-year old son was swept away with their house. Edette lost two children that day, her house and all her earthly possessions, just as so many other families in the Sous Raille community.



*Alandie, now almost 7 yrs. old*

community church (an outreach of the Children's Home in Poteau),

Edette asked if there was any way that her daughter could live at the children's home, nurtured by the staff, away from the horrors of the flood. The answer was yes.

Later that year, HHH gave building materials for Edette to build another small house for her family.

Now, in September 2008 – both Hurricane Hanna and Ike descended on the same Sous Raille community five days apart with nearly double

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Alandie was traumatized for weeks as they lived under the branches of a mango tree. As part of the small

#### 2008 Hurricane Fund Review

- \$17,000 Cash distributed to over 650 families to purchase essentials needed for immediate relief
- \$ 7,500 Two houses built in Poteau (with assistance of the CFNE youth during Christmas break)
- \$10,500 Assistance to six families in Dolan including 4 one-room homes, latrine, house repairs and two years of rent for a family who owned no land (Overseen by Pastor Jean Francois)
- \$12,500 Assistance to fifteen families in Tarasse including construction, materials and repairs (Overseen by Cherismond Delva)
- \$23,700 Assistance in Sous Raille including construction of 3 homes and a small convenience store with a loan for inventory (Failed land purchase deposit to be repaid)
- \$52,744 For continuing house construction (10 @ \$5K ea.) and well drilling (\$3K) at Sous Raille
- \$123,944      Total Relief Funds Received**

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*Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,  
all ye that hope in the LORD. Psalm 31:24 (KJV)*

A Haiti Herald, October 2009

### One of Many ... *(Continued from front)*

the volume of flooding water. This time, Edette and her family were better prepared and hurried to our church that was constructed on a hillside, along with nearly 500 other people. Thankfully, Edette and her family were all safe, though once again, she lost her house and earthly possessions. For the past year, they have lived under a canopy surrounded by tin collected from the hurricane debris. Just last week, Edette was very grateful to move into a new, solidly built, raised 2 room block house with a front porch.

Thanks to your donations, Edette and thousands of others have been grateful recipients of temporary refuge, food, emergency funds and new houses.

We at HHH are truly grateful for your partnership as we minister in Sous Raille and other Haitian communities. Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

### Please Pray For ...

- Our **students and teachers** during this new school year. Enrollment at the primary schools is up over 10% - with more than 1,000 current students.
- Funds to expand our school lunch program (the **hunger has increased** significantly due to lack of rain and irrigation canals still in disrepair).
- **Pastor Jeremiah's** continued recovery from a very low blood count and **Madam Jean Francois** who had another stroke.
- Approval of **HHHC's non-profit application** that has been filed with the Canadian government.

### Giving Thanks!

- We have received sponsors for

our **three university students** from the home.

- During **Pere's** visit to NC & IN, we got nine new sponsors for children's home youth, had many opportunities to share of God's provision and accomplished a lot of work.
- **Creole devotional materials** have been purchased for all grade one students and for the teachers in each class. CRECH hosted a one-day seminar for our primary teachers. Our goal is to be able to purchase these materials for every student in coming years.



### Celebrate Christmas with Haiti

*... by "giving" one of the following gifts!\**

Creole Bible or Song Book @ \$10/each

Sponsorship of a school student for 1 year @ \$240.00 (\$20.00/mth.)

Collection/Donation of money for school Christmas parties

8-foot, hand-built church/school benches @ \$80/each

Donation for Primary School Devotional Materials

Unique note cards available through a special Haiti Card Project\*\* (suggested donation of \$10/pack of 10)

\* A Christmas card can be sent to acknowledge any gift given in honor or in memory of a loved one.

\*\* See [www.heartsandhandsforhaiti.org](http://www.heartsandhandsforhaiti.org) for designs.

### Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2, 2009 - 7:30 PM **Monthly prayer meeting** at Wiebe's home
- November 2009 - **HHH trip** of folks from NY, IN, NC and FL plan to do eye exams and glass distribution, sponsorship photos, share and encourage the Tarasse ministry and celebrate an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday
- January 2010 - **HHH Board** trip, followed by a group from **Christ Covenant Church** of Raleigh, NC

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