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SPRING 2019 Newsletter



Thoughts on Mission Trip

We are made of people from all over, with different specialties. We all enjoy hard work and saving the world; even if it just one person at a time. But most of all we love these people of Haiti. The people of Haiti have a difficult life. Yet these people will drop everything to help their neighbor. They look at each other's family as if they were all blood. They work hard in humid hot weather on top of mountains without wavering. They walk water paths so steep their toes have learned to curl down to hold on and the path has been molded with foot holds in the rocks. They can make about anything out of basically nothing. They are resilient. They have courage. We have grown to love these people. Our team became a family. This organization was started 30 years ago, and our impact here in Trouin is visible. People's lives here are not only impacted by the work we do, but also by the footprint we create – the income we bring for them, the things we bring for them, the children we support so they can have education and do better for themselves. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity I was given here, for the people I've met, for the lives I've had the honor of impacting and for those who have impacted mine. The Haitian people welcomed into their community with open arms, they've fed me, they've allowed me to lean from them, they've been patient as I struggle to learn their language. They've allowed me to find more love for myself as they have loved me simply for who I am.
Chris Couliette Mission 2019.

Let's Sip & Shop
Thursday, April 11th • 5:30 - 8pm
Barrel House (upstairs)
1321 5th Avenue, Moline
One-of-a-kind Haitian
Craft Items and Art Work

All proceeds will be used to aid our Friends in Trouin, Haiti

A perfect gift for Mother's Day!



A Thank You Hug!



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Mission 2019 – Summary of highlights from team members:

- 7 houses were built or repaired; supplies for 3 others were provided; very good teamwork! David (Haitian worker) has a daughter with Down's syndrome who couldn't walk last year; Tim adjusted her spine and taught David some techniques to maintain her mobility. This year the little girl ran to them giggling and chattering! Wonderful work Tim!
- Paul continued to work on the pipes on the roof for the sun to heat the water and thus provide warm showers. He now has a Haitian co-worker, Jimmy who has a plumber's certification.
- The Jessome House is complete; it has our FOPH logo on the front hall.
- Mary & Luann visited with Sr. Marilyn in Jacmel. Her convent-school-community center is operating well. Mary gave a used laptop computer for St. Anne's and she will follow up about computer classes for St. Anne's students.
- A new parish was added to the diocese; this leaves St. Anne's now has 10 chapels instead of 13.
- St. Anne's church will be restored; planners held their kick-off meeting which Luann attended. The goal is to have the church ready for a Mass on the feast of St. Anne, July 26, 2019 and completely restored by 2020, their 100th anniversary. There are two Haitian women who currently live in the US on the planning team and are very enthusiastic about the restoration. They have plans for fund-raising by asking for supplies from our Haitian friends rather than for money. A topic for later discussion: how much do we want to give?
- Team member, Shelly was amazed how well the teams bonded and worked hard until the projects were done. She and Marlene worked on a home on Day 2 of the mission that was arduous both physically and emotionally. It involved a very steep climb, a very sick old man, a crying tiny baby and a house leaning to one side. Marlene and Shelly fed the baby mashed crackers and water; Augustan (Haitian crew worker) fed the elderly man and then the crew began work on shoring up the house. After emptying her backpack of snacks and toys, Marlene still wanted to do more for this family; she would if she had more time and more to give. Luann will contact Fr. Charles to follow-up on their needs.
- Facebook has many photos of the mission trip.

Welcome New Board Members: Jack Knepp-Treasurer, Denise Musgrove - 1st VP. They join current Board Members: Luann Polissaint - President, Marlene Schattuck - 2nd VP, and Linda Clewell - Secretary. A huge thank you to Peggy Emmert and Hannah Reschke for serving on the board and serving our friends in Haiti.

SAVE THE DATES: Up Coming Events -

April 11th - SIP AND SHOP Barrel House Moline 5:30-8:00pm
June 15th - ROCK & ROLL BINGO Culemans Hall Moline (more to follow)

Next meeting is Monday April 8th, at 7:00pm Butterworth Center 8th Street & 11th Ave., Moline

CANS FOR CANS

Jean Edmunds is still collecting non-crushed aluminum cans. The money raised from recycling these cans is used for building latrines in Haiti. Please drop off at her home at 1739—11th Ave Moline or call (563) 349-1650