



*"Let not your heart be troubled. Have faith in God. Have faith in me." John 14:1*



Dear friends,

In the midst of crises affecting our country and the world, our ministry of service to the people of our community is growing stronger and stronger by the grace of God who is using you, our faithful brothers and sisters, to support the work. The love you manifest for the people of Haiti cannot be measured. We have been blessed by your prayers, your generosity, your constant visits and your hard work in securing funds to maintain the ministry.

Thanks to you Saint Barthélemy School is flourishing. Our past academic year was crowned with success. In June we closed the session with 665 students from kindergarten to 8th grade. We graduated 78 kindergarten kids who will move to the elementary level. All our twenty eight sixth graders passed the national exam, another success cherished by the whole community. This school year we registered 75 new students and opened a 9th grade, bringing our total enrollment to 740 students placed under the care of 45 teachers and 5 members of the administrative staff. To this number we have added 12 people to our support staff. As we run out of space, we take down walls to make adjustments for new classrooms

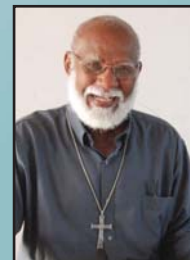
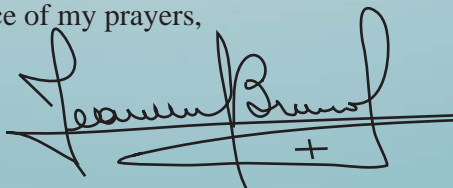
Many activities took place at the school through the year. We would like to point out a very important one: the music camp realized during the summer with 150 people hosted by Saint Barthélemy School and sponsored by a music school in Cap-Haitien. The members of our school marching band participated fully in the camp which lasted two weeks. Their high performance was noted by the music teachers who gave five of them the opportunity to play with the symphonic orchestra in front of an audience of more than 300 people in Cap-Haitien.



At the beginning of each school year, we face the challenge of new students who need scholarships and old ones who would like theirs to be renewed to continue their studies. This fact has never been more apparent than this year. We call on your generosity to maintain the program. Please pass on the word to family members, friends, colleagues and invite them to invest in education in Terrier Rouge, Haiti by sponsoring a child at our school. It costs just \$200.00 a year to educate an elementary school child. This covers a uniform, books and substantial lunch every school day. You can ask for a boy or a girl. When your request is received, a photo of the child will be sent to you along with a history of the child. Or you may wish to sponsor a middle or high school student by providing \$250.00. This simple gesture which will bring hope to a child and their family in this part of the world.

Remember the words of Jesus: "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how important they seemed, you did it for me" Matthew 25: 40

This comes with my best regards and the assurance of my prayers,



## Clinique Espérance et Vie



*Participants at Progress through Cooperation Conference practice emergency preparedness.*



*Orthopedic Nurse Donna Henson stands with a young patient at the Clinic.*

Clinique Espérance et Vie has already had a most wonderful year. We have hosted many volunteers - physicians, physician assistants, physical therapists, RN's, pharmacy helpers, social workers, x-ray techs, as well as people who just plain love us. The latter group painted our newly developed procedure room, worked on electricity, kept our pharmacy storage room in order, built a labyrinth, and on an ongoing basis provide us with honey and fresh fruit and vegetables from a nearby farm. Furthermore, we are truly blessed to have a photographer who loves us enough to document this. There will be more of his work coming out in late Fall.

Our clinic is at the forefront of the Northeast Haiti medical community, in great part because of the Progress through Cooperation Conference that we, along with EMEDEX and our NGO partner, sponsored last May. Healthcare professionals want to work in our clinic. Our manager, Richard Estimable, is a first rate liaison to staff, patients, townspeople, and the director. He is the person that the locals invite to meetings. He knows about the importance of credentials. He is my eyes on the ground in Terrier Rouge.

I am constantly reminded of how our Lord manifests Himself as the light of life. We have a wonderful opportunity right in front of us for the Clinique to do the same. The SG Foundation ([www.SGFoundation.org](http://www.SGFoundation.org)) has awarded us a matching grant of \$10,027 so that we might give people blinded by cataracts the ability to see again. We still have \$7,000 to raise in order for us to meet the requirement set forth in their granting offer. This is the moment for us to take action, to make miracles happen in Haiti. Dr. Carmelle, our wonderful clinic ophthalmologist, has agreed to perform the surgeries at Hospital Justinian in Cap Haitien, transportation has been worked out, and we already have patients on a waiting list. All we need is for YOU, our supporters, to say, "YES! We will help restore a person's sight by giving to the Ophthalmology Campaign." With your help Clinique Espérance et Vie is ready to move!

Come and See! Be one of the lights of life. If you are interested in the possibility of visiting Clinique Espérance et Vie, call me at the Bethlehem Ministry office, 706 353-2083.



*- Berry Rice*

## Jatrofa Pepinyè

This newsletter brings you milestone news for the Jatrofa Pepinyè (JP) Project. And that is Cash Flow - probably not what you were expecting me to say, but hugely important to economic development. Through a lot of hard work the team at JP is earning and returning - earning money from the products it makes and returning it to the farmers who grow the Jatropha. This is the sustainable balance we've been aiming for. For the first time in this very dry area there is a reliable crop that lets people earn a living beyond subsistence. Remember, annual rainfall in the dry northeast of Haiti is less than half of that in Atlanta - and for year round agriculture in the tropics that's desert status. Compounding that, the rainfall comes in distinct rainy seasons, leaving the long months in between with none. This prevents year round production of food crops but it's not a problem for Jatropha, which is native and adapted to this place.

The JP team is now producing 3 products for the Haitian market: a high quality bar of soap, hair oil for women, and skin oil for men and women with several different fragrances. We produce products that are useful to Haitians and which are otherwise imported to Haiti, because we want hard-earned Haitian money to stay in Haiti and not get sent overseas to import products like soap, oil, and diesel fuel. That's the sustainable way.

But dear friends, as positive as all of this is, Jatrofa Pepinyè (JP) is currently in a vulnerable position because to develop markets, develop products, train farmers, and expand cultivation all at the same time is like juggling with all the attendant possible mishaps. This comes at a time when our money is at an all time low. For me it is scary but thrilling at the same time, because we're proving our model for economic development works.



*- Rob Fisher*



*Our soap-makers proudly show their soap in front of Jatropha.*



*Our new soap and personal care oil products. The labels are in Creole because our market is Haiti.*

*Making a Difference in Haiti*

# Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

*This is one of the most joyous ministries we offer, heralding in a season ripe with anticipation. Your treasure filled shoe boxes have brought so much love and joy to children who have so little and now, in our 6th year, the children eagerly anticipate their arrival. But your gifts are much more than the playthings inside. Your gifts tell a child that he or she matters, that they are remembered and cared for by a community in Christ far beyond the impoverished world around them.*

*To participate in this ministry, just follow the simple guidelines below. And please remember that the children live in small houses with large families, no electricity, and usually very little in the way of toys.*

**THE CONTAINER:** A plastic box, called a "shoe box" in some stores, which is about the size of an actual shoe box. Please do not use an oversized box - they are very hard to pack and ship.



**THE DIRECTIONS:** **1.** A few nice toys, not lots of small toys, and please no fragile items. We have included a list of suggested items below. **2.** Do not seal the box, but if the lid refuses to stay on, use a small piece of tape or a rubber band to keep it in place. **3.** Mark each box according to the sex of the child and age range (3-6, 7-9, 10-12). If you want a particular scholarship child to receive your box, clearly label the box with the child's name. **4.** Pack shoe boxes in a shipping box which is not too large. Big, heavy containers break in transit, damaging the contents. For bulk shoe box shipments please ship in a standard 18x18x16 shipping box which holds 9 shoe boxes perfectly. If possible, please pack boxes with loose rolls of toilet paper, Dollar Store/Goodwill balls and/or SAFE lightweight items that Pere Bruno can use to hand out to the children in Terrier Rouge who do not attend school and therefore do not receive a shoe box. You may also use crumpled newspaper but **PLEASE DO NOT USE STYROFOAM PACKING PEANUTS and do not allow UPS to use them if they will be packing your boxes.**

5. Ship boxes to: Bill Grow 3012 Brookmont Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312

**THE SHIPPING COSTS:** Shipping items to Haiti is costly so we are asking that you please send \$5.00 to offset some of the shipping costs. Mail your payment (not the shoe boxes) to Bethlehem Ministry, 105 Rocky Road, Morganton, GA 30560-3886. Please note in the memo line of the check that it is designated for the Shoe Box Program.

## Suggested Items for Shoe Box

- Crocs or flip-flops
- Hats and sports caps
- Balls of all sorts
- Toy cars, trucks, and planes
- Legos
- Binoculars
- Tattoos and stickers
- Dolls and stuffed/plastic animals
- Ponytail holders and barrettes
- Jump ropes
- Sets of beads to make jewelry
- Music boxes
- Musical instruments
- Kitchen sets
- Makeup kits
- Nice church socks with lace/ fun clothes
- Small bars of soap and washcloths
- Art supplies and coloring books
- Games such as dominoes and marbles

*If purchasing items for older children, please consider including calculators, compasses, protractors, and other school supplies.*

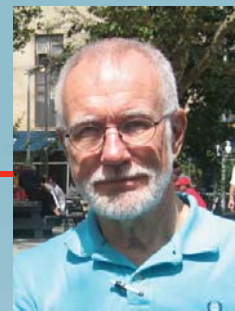
**THE DEADLINE:** The deadline: Please schedule your boxes to arrive in Tallahassee the last two weeks of October, **between October 16 and October 31, 2011. It is preferable that they do not arrive earlier than October 16th.**

## What NOT to Include

- Used items
- Guns
- Liquids, including shampoo, lotion, liquid soap, and bubbles
- Perishable food items
- Chocolate or any type of candy - it is HOT in Haiti and candy melts
- Medicines: vitamins, cough drops, ointments, etc.
- Breakable items such as mirrors and snow globes
- Animals that "grow" when placed in water (these often come in candy shaped capsules that children like to eat!)



# A Conversation with Peter Rice



*Feeding the poorest in Paulette, Haiti*



*A reunion with his "grandson"*



*Pere Bruno, Peter, Berry, and Bob Gore*

**Julie Phillips, Bethlehem Ministry Administrator:** Peter, with your 26 plus years of service, how has the work of Bethlehem Ministry changed the lives of Haitians?

**Peter Rice:** In many ways, but the most obvious and enduring changes are the now grown and growing children with a proper education. Many are now parents of families, leading enlightened and useful lives. We have enabled a large number of talented people to realize their potential, and we are still doing that.

**Julie:** What has been the biggest surprise resulting from your work in Haiti? Biggest blessing?

**Peter:** The biggest surprise and blessing is the astounding perseverance of our supporters, some of whom have been with us all the way from the beginning 25 years ago. One might expect a giver to make a few gifts and move on to other needs, but our experience is that these amazing people keep on giving. I owe them my deepest gratitude.

**Julie:** Why did you choose this time to retire from the position of Executive Director?

**Peter:** After 25 years of leadership, I discovered that the ministry needed more than I had to give, and the time had come to hand off this baton to younger, more energetic leadership. I am very pleased with the promise our new leaders bring to the task. God bless them.

**Julie:** What is your biggest hope for Bethlehem Ministry?

**Peter:** Things are changing in Haiti, and our venue, Terrier Rouge and North Haiti, is undergoing a transformation. I hope that we can continue to lead in developing sustainable projects that help these lovely people achieve their dreams.

**Julie:** Thank you Peter. It has been a blessing for me to have worked for you over the past three years. I look forward to working alongside you for many years to come!

*In an effort to honor Peter's dedication to Bethlehem Ministry, we ask you to consider making a gift in his name to the Ophthalmology Matching Grant. You can visit our website at [www.BethlehemMinistry.org](http://www.BethlehemMinistry.org) for more details. Remember, just \$100 can pay for cataract removal surgery and give a Haitian the gift of sight! But that \$100 now goes even further. With the grant offer from SG Foundation matching each dollar, it pays for two cataract surgeries!*



*This request is one of the many ways we will celebrate Peter's work over the coming year. Help us to say, "thank you," by becoming part of a Haitian's miracle.*

*Trey and Anna Scott, Co-Executive Directors*



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