



Merry Christmas from Terrier Rouge!

The King will reply: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

When we opened the doors of St. Barthélemy School in September 2002, we had a single kindergarten class of 30 children. Every year since, we have added one grade until those first students graduated from the sixth grade, just this past spring. We then faced the decision to either expand our school to include a 7th grade or to limit our school to the elementary grades.

While we were asking the Lord for guidance, the 24 sixth graders passed their official examination with very high marks. There was no doubt that our request to the Lord had found an answer and the expansion began. Creating a seventh grade means creating a new future for those children who have been with us since they were toddlers.

We now have a student population of 585 with a complete staff of 46 people. Two Montessori teachers, recently trained in Port-au-Prince, joined the staff in September. And our adult education program has been so successful that some of the students wish to take the official examination. Mothers and fathers of our children are taking advantage of this project to learn how to read and write so they are not left behind. Finally, this past month the Haitian Government recognized us as a partner in the development of Haiti by granting us the status of NGO (non-governmental organization). This good news is a stimulus for us to work with more enthusiasm and energy for the people we are serving.

Our aim is to minister to the Lord's brothers and sisters in a loving, compassionate, and cooperative way. We believe God works through each of us, individually and collectively, to fulfill His work. Thus, the seasons of Advent and Christmas invite us to think seriously about our mission and how it reflects God's hopes for us.

In an effort to help sustain our work in Haiti, we ask that you consider giving a gift in any amount to the St. Barthélemy School this Holy season. A present to any of our projects will be a blessing for you and your family and the opportunities to help are numerous. Providing a uniform, tuition, hot lunch and school supplies for a child in elementary school costs just \$200 a year. If you wish to sponsor a seventh grade student, it will be an additional \$50. You may also make a general donation in any amount for education as we also support young men and women in vocational and secondary schools.

I pray every day for each one of you who, by your generosity, have allowed us to keep alive the dream of access to a good education for the children of Terrier Rouge. Year round, we receive visitors from all over the world who come to work and learn with the people of Haiti. If you feel called to work in Haiti, sharing your skills and talents, let us know.

May the Lord refresh your mind and your souls in this Advent. The children, their parents, the staff, my family and I wish you all the best in this Holy Season. May you have a blessed Christmas.

This comes with the assurance of my prayers,



A Visit to St. Barthélemy School by Awty International



Ms. Bonnet surrounded by teachers from her seminar

What began as a donation of books to the St. Barthélemy School library developed into teacher workshops for the staff there almost five years later. Ms. Soizic Bonnet, a long time educator in charge of curriculum at the Awty International School in Houston, TX, organized the second series of workshops for our teachers at St. Barthélemy School. These workshops covered such topics as student comprehension of oral teaching, differentiated work, use of the library, discipline, and the role of the educator in interactions with the students. Ms. Bonnet generously awarded top prizes for the teachers most dedicated to their work and to the implementation of the ideas given.

Accompanying Ms. Bonnet were Marie-Caroline Lepoutre and Marjolaine Sciard, also of Awty International. These women provided assistance in the school library - sorting, cleaning, covering, and registering a large portion of the collection. Ms. Lepoutre and Ms. Sciard also read books to the children in the afternoons and worked closely with the school librarian. We are so blessed to have the continued support and involvement of friends such as Awty International. Thank you!

Christmas Comes Early for Clinique Espérance et Vie

Hallelujah! We asked and you gave! Our campaign for solar electrification of Clinique Espérance et Vie was successful beyond our wildest dreams – and we dream big! Funds poured in from individuals, organizations and churches throughout the United States. Warrenton Presbyterian, St. Augustine's Episcopal, Fort Hill Presbyterian, St. Stephen's Episcopal, First Presbyterian of Athens, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran held fundraising campaigns of their own, donating over \$15,000 to our cause. Unbelievable! We are already in the process of coordinating installation of the solar panels and hope to have the project completed by the beginning of 2010. Your generosity ushers in the New Year with hope and thanksgiving. Many thanks and blessings to all of you and a very merry Christmas! Berry+



Berry meets with staff of Clinique Espérance et Vie

Warrenton Presbyterian Lights Up the Clinic with 5K Run

On October 24, 2009 the little town of Warrenton, Virginia made a difference in the little village of Terrier Rouge, Haiti. Over 150 runners and walkers tied up their shoe laces and said a few prayers as they dashed down Main Street, hitting the pavement for the first annual Light Up the Clinic 5K run/walk. The race was run at dusk in order to bring awareness to the needs of Clinique Espérance et Vie and the course was lit up with luminaries and the light of Christ. The race came about as the Warrenton Presbyterian Church learned of the Clinic's desperate need for electricity and felt called to help fill that need. Our original goal for the race was \$3000 but God had other plans. In the end we raised over three times that amount!

A mission team from Warrenton Presbyterian Church will be visiting Terrier Rouge in January to assist with the Clinic's needs. We will be bringing two doctors, health care professionals and those that just feel called to serve. God is doing amazing things in Haiti and in the hearts of those He loves. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve Christ in Haiti!



Carrie B. Evans, Pastor, Warrenton Presbyterian Church

Record Donation Given for Shoebox Ministry!



Thanks to all of you who gave a record 750 shoeboxes to the children of Northeast Haiti. Your gifts show these children they are cared for by a community that extends beyond what their eyes can see. Together, we have created a community in Christ that loves, ministers to, and prays for these children each and every day. **Together, we are making a difference in Haiti.**

Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2010 from your Friends at Bethlehem Ministry!

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