

Through your generous donations, the Clinic received the container from MedShare valuing over **\$400,000** in medical equipment and supplies! Thank you!

The unloading of the container was a community event, with everyone pitching in to get the items into the Clinic in one afternoon. This equipment will be used by the Clinic staff and visiting medical teams. It will really help us expand our services to the people of Terrier Rouge and the little villages nearby! The Clinic will be adding an emergency medical vehicle to the many services already offered, having received a generous donation specifically for this purchase. This vehicle has finally cleared customs and should be in operation soon. We look forward to being the emergency go-to for our area.

The second floor expansion is now complete and ophthalmology and dentistry have moved upstairs which allows for a surgical suite on the first floor. Dr. Bendson Louima, Medical Director, has added a general surgery clinic one afternoon a week, and several surgeries have already taken place. We are grateful for his leadership in this area. Our U.S. teams look forward to using this space as well!

Best wishes to our social service nurse, Ms. Madeleine Adele Pierre. She will be missed. Unfortunately, due to budget restraints we can no longer retain her services. We hope she pursues her dreams of midwifery!

*Berry Rice*

The Clinic grows in importance and size every day, and it takes donations to make it happen. Here are some initiatives which are on the way, just waiting for an angel like you!

	<b>*NEEDS UPDATE*</b>
\$2.50 bottle	Glaucoma meds
\$20.00	Box of scalpels
\$50.00	10 Blood Tests or
\$50.00	50 Diabetic Test Strips
\$100.00	1 Cataract Surgery or
\$100.00	100 Malaria Test Sticks
\$200.00	Centrifuge for Lab
\$250.00	1 month/100 patients
\$320.00	1 box testing cap tubes
\$450.00	RN's Salary for 1 month
\$500.00	1 month AR Plus test tubes
\$600.00	Plumbing fixtures
\$1,000.00	Dr.'s Salaries for 1 month
\$1,500.00	Microscope
\$2,000.00	Ultrasound
\$3,000.00	Auto Refractor

**\*SMALL AMOUNTS MONTHLY HELP A LOT!**



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**MY PERSPECTIVE NOVEMBER 2014**

Smith Wilson, Board President



We have been having the most beautiful days here in Georgia. Cool nights with clear blue skies during the day, which seem to be so common in Haiti. Those clear blue skies were there in November of 2008, when the Clinique Espérance et Vie was dedicated and opened with lines forming that first day. Thousands of people have benefited from the clinic services since then, all provided by dedicated staff and guest medical friends. Their challenges always remain the same—the demand for services always exceeds what the clinic can provide with available funding.

The other partners, Barthélémy School and Jatrofa Projenou, continue to make a difference in the lives of many in Terrier Rouge. The school, now with a high school, has meant so much to the kids in the community. Admission applications always exceed the school's ability to serve. I remember so vividly the smiling faces of children, outside the fences of the school, who could not attend because of the cap on enrollment. I have always wondered of their fate - were they admitted, or did those children continue looking in, unable to get the education that is the primary factor, in all countries, which enables youth to rise up the economic ladder.

Jatrofa Projenou continues to create jobs through innovative ways to process and sell Jatropha oil. Who would have guessed, Jatropha hair oil is now a major cash crop for them. Start with a locally grown product and find ways that locals can use the hardy plant. JP is doing that and much more with the oil that we thought was only going to be used as biofuel.

Pray that this good work continues and remember to put the Gala date of February 13, 2015 on your calendar.

*Smith*

p.s. Would you like to hear more? Email our Directors at [bmindirector@gmail.com](mailto:bmindirector@gmail.com) and invite them to speak to your church or civic group or even to a group of your friends! They would love to hear from you!

*Save the Date!*

**Double the LOVE you give - A Matching Grant Challenge**



**We are kicking off a matching challenge grant we recently received from one of our wonderful donors. Here's how, through this grant, you can double the funds raised for the people of Haiti:**

- **Invite new donors. All funds (with the exception of scholarships) given by new donors over 2014 will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000!**
- **Give above and beyond what you gave in 2013. Any increase in giving from current supporters is matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000!**

**This is a rare opportunity to double your donation and we hope this energizes you to give in a way that is meaningful to you. Spread the word and encourage your friends to give to a cause you are already passionate about. Let's double the love we bring to Haiti in 2014!**

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Send Donations to:  
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*Making a Difference in Haiti*



**Love and Laughter in the Classic City  
A Benefit for Haiti**

Friday, February 13, 2015  
Classic Center, 300 N. Thomas St., Athens, GA  
6:30 - 9:30 pm

The Evening's Festivities will include:  
Cocktails and Dinner  
Silent Auction  
Entertainment

*Invitation to Follow*



*Making a Difference in Haiti*

Try on these shoes. They're from a recent analysis of north-east Haiti by USAID. You're 18, you've finished school in Terrier Rouge, you stand at the threshold of beginning your adult life. You're excited to strike out on your own. You look for a job, there aren't any, you look harder, there aren't any. You take a taptap to another town, there aren't any there either and you're an outsider there, so you come back. In the meantime you're doing what it takes to survive and help your family too. You find that takes a lot of time - about full time - just to subsist.

Nobody told you, but you're one of 10,000 people of work force age in Terrier Rouge who are unemployed and one of 22,000 living there on less than a dollar a day. Welcome to life in a subsistence rural economy. You can now step out of those shoes but young people in Terrier Rouge can't. This breaks my heart - to see the bright spirit of young people dimmed by circumstances beyond their control. JP (Jatrofa Projenou) is incubating opportunities for them to take control of their lives with agriculture and micro-enterprise, because everyone deserves the chance for a decent life.

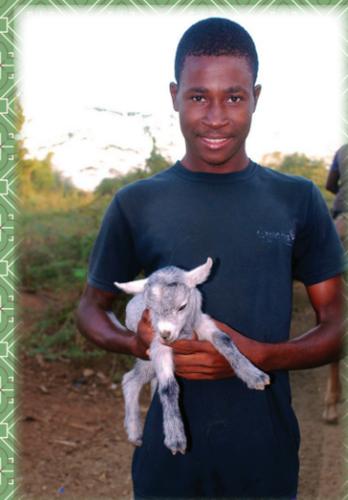
Terrier Rouge has 20,000 acres of empty or under utilized land that is challenging but not without agricultural potential; JP has demonstrated this. Pumping life into a rural economy is not an overnight affair but with Bethlehem Ministry's characteristic stick-to-it-ness, JP is doing it. See how Jatrofa Projenou is incubating opportunities at [www.peopleandplace.org](http://www.peopleandplace.org). Thanks for your support.

- Rob Fisher, Director of Jatrofa Projenou



*Farmers head to fields to plant trees from JP's nursery.*

**SPECIAL NEED: The farmers of Phaeton need a solar pump. Their food gardens are totally dependent on rainfall, which in Phaeton is spotty at best. Three years ago the U.N. drilled a deep well for them but there's no power for the pump. Their vegetables languish while there's water 200 feet below. The cost of a solar pump system is \$2500.**



**For Christmas we're offering a GIFT OF A GOAT (\$25) and GIFT OF A TREE (\$10).**

*For unto us, a child is born.*

Dear Friends,

With the grace of the Lord, and your continued and generous help, École Saint Barthélémy's academic year was crowned with great success. Our enrollment has reached the unexpected number of 910 children from kindergarten to 12th grade.

A team of 53 qualified teachers supported by a staff of 18 devoted workers develop the students in academics, enriched by Christian and Civic principles. At the regional and national levels our students are considered among the best. Recently Terrier Rouge was flooded after intense rain fell on us leaving many people without shelter and food. Our sixth and twelfth graders packed food and distributed it to the victims of this natural catastrophe, accomplishing their mission as good citizens and Christians.

The second floor of our high school building was inaugurated in the course of this year making more spaces available for the students. Our marching band is making good progress. Thanks to some good and charitable friends who gave some very good instruments and supported our music program, our band is growing and performing much better.

Some years ago at Christmas, two friends of mine offered their two grandchildren a surprising present. The exchange of gifts in this family takes place on Christmas Eve when they return home from the Communion service. After the traditional meal, everyone gathers around the Christmas tree, artfully decorated in the center of the living room. Gifts of different sizes well wrapped in beautiful Christmas paper are waiting at the foot of the majestic tree. It is a sublime, joyous moment full of emotion.

As is their tradition, the children went first, taking their gifts and presenting them to Grandmother and Grandfather, then to Mom and Dad with great reverence. It is quite a ritual. Then it was the parents' and grandparents' turn. The latter picked up their two big boxes and gave them to their two grandchildren who unwrapped them. It was a surprise when they found inside a tiny envelope with a picture of a student from St. Barthélémy. At first they believed it was a joke but when grandpa and grandma, who had just returned from Haiti, explained what it was, the two children broke into tears of joy and one said that it was the most precious gift they ever received in their life. They were enlisted as sponsors. Each one has a companion to pray for and to think about.

Like those friends of mine, offer a gift to a friend or a family member this Christmas by sponsoring a child to attend school. It costs \$225 - \$275, a wise investment of your money. Help us give an opportunity to those brilliant children who are living in the rural areas awaiting their turn to disclose their talents. Invest in the preparation of the future citizens of Haiti and the world. This will please Jesus, the most precious gift of God to mankind.

May all of you have a blessed Christmas.

