

If you believe, then all things are possible. Mark 9:23



As in other countries, the beginning of a new year in Haiti is an occasion of big festivities. January 1st is not only the first day of the year but also our Independence Day, a day of thanksgiving and a chance to start anew. In the country we observe different traditions to welcome the New Year. Days in advance people begin cleaning their homes and their neighborhoods. In Terrier Rouge, as in other farming villages, on New Eve's Day the riverbed is crowded with individuals loaded down with piles of clothing to wash. Everybody wants to begin the New Year with a fresh start. In Cap-Haitien people go to the beach on New Year's Eve around 11:00 PM to wash themselves with lime. The vestiges of the old year have to be destroyed. The idea is to break with a negative past which has brought sorrows, suffering and bad luck and to receive the New Year in a clean environment . It is always a day of hope, belief, great expectations, and big dreams.

At Saint Barthélemy, we are very optimistic looking towards the future because we are under the guidance of a powerful God who has never failed to provide the means for the work of educating His children in this part of the world. We are reflecting on our ten years of existence and continuing to dream bigger every day. We will continue to work hard to maintain the high level of education for Terrier Rouge and its surroundings. We will consider the successes achieved in the past and try new approaches to keep the vision alive. We have already taken a series of steps to correct the missteps of the past and to fill holes in our curriculum.

Although 2012 is behind us, we are in the midst of the academic school year full of wonderful promises. We hope to conclude our work in June with 738 students from preschool to 10th grade. By July we are confident that our 6th and 9th graders will be crowned again the best in Northeast Haiti. Why not aspire to the National level? We want our marching band to continue to improve and to be a symbol of a school which has set an example of excellence in the area. Our library and computer lab, once lacking, are fully operational now.

As you know the work is being done because the Lord is working through you. You understand the importance of education in a country where the per capita income is \$425.00 a year and the illiteracy rate is very high. We are grateful to the innumerable persons who keep us in their prayers and have been very generous with their money, time, and talents to support a good cause. Thanks to you the will of the Lord is being fulfilled. Please do not forget us. Continue to be our partners in this field. We need your support to carry out this work. To all of you I wish all the best for a year full of blessings.

This comes with the assurance of my prayers,





Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Shoe Box Ministry this year. Nearly 1,100 shoe boxes were distributed to the children of Terrier Rouge, bringing newfound joy to their hearts (and ours)! We want to take this opportunity to recognize Bill Grow and Joe Myers, friends from Tallahassee, FL who each year receive, sort, pack, and finally deliver all of those Christmas boxes to Ft. Lauderdale where they are flown by Agape Air to Haiti. This special ministry simply would not happen without these two wonderful people. Thanks Bill and Joe!

Clinique Espérance et Vie - Healthcare

Dear Clinic Friends,

Last year, 2012, over 10,000 patients visited the clinic! From general medicine to dentistry, ophthalmology to gynecology, orthopedics to lab work, we did it all! I believe wholeheartedly that the clinic staff is the best in the world!

A matching grant for ophthalmology from The SG Foundation enabled us to conduct mobile missions into the rural areas around Terrier Rouge. As a result, we now have 78 cataract patients scheduled to have surgery with our wonderful Ophthalmologist, Dr. Carmelle Lucien. Representatives from SG Foundation visited our clinic in the first week of January and were welcomed by our Executive Directors, Trey and Anna Scott, who themselves were in Terrier Rouge over New Year's. They had a wonderful time and we hope for continued successful partnership.



The second floor of the clinic will soon be finished so now it is time to plan the furnishings! I've included a furnishing needs list but any contribution is welcome! When our program expands to women's health and orthopedics, we may well have to have some birthing equipment and surgery beds. Stay tuned for our great big dream becoming reality. YOU are the ones who are making all of this happen. Come and see!

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Clinic Needs List:

Cabinetry for Ophthalmology and Dental Rooms

\$2,100

Windows with Screens

\$960

Lab Supplies

\$325/month

Custodian Salary

\$260/month

Clinic Bed

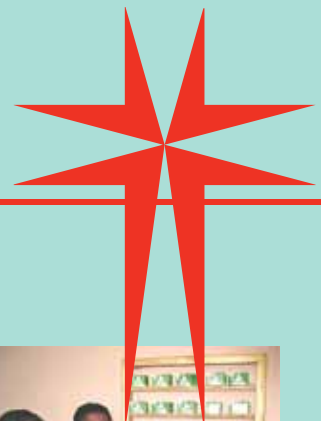
\$200

Cleaning Supplies

\$150/month

Generator Fuel

\$60/month



Jatropha Pepinyè - Sustainable Agriculture



We finished up 2012 in the black and have fulfilled all our financial obligations including bonuses for all of Jatropha Pepinyè's employees. This is no small accomplishment but we don't have financial depth in 2013. This is a serious situation which we are trying to solve. I ask for everyone's support and energy in helping. But there is good news and photographs I took in November highlight this. At the end of October we moved into our new 1800 sq ft building, which was built with an \$80,000 grant from USAID. It includes a 30 kw diesel generator. The new building was built adjacent to our former building which is now dedicated to the agricultural side of JP's operation.

In the 4th quarter of 2012 Jatropha Pepinyè started a push to increase the yields of the 100,000 trees we have in the fields. A fruit production specialist spent a week in Haiti with me and we have begun the process of plant selection and breeding. We have also started placing beehives in our fields, which can double fruit production. The caveat with all of these things is that it will take time. Building sustainable agriculture (plants, cultivation, and farmer skill) is comparable time wise to educating a child. The payoff comes gradually but for Jatropha Pepinyè it will mean stable family farm incomes.

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Teacher Training Tailor Made for St. Bart's



For the second time this year, Elodie Le Nezet and Soizic Bonnet joined a team from Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Houston) to offer training workshops for the teachers of École St. Barthélémy. Elodie is a specialist in teaching French as a second language. She is teaching in L'école Francaise du Maine in South Freeport, ME. Soizic is a pedagogical counselor, training teachers for a network of French American schools in North America. Over the course of 3 days, 27 teachers attended afternoon workshops where they received training in classroom management, using library books in the classroom, and teaching about French verbs. Mornings were dedicated to observing classes and helping with implementing what was taught in the workshops. Teresa Phillips, a Science curriculum specialist from Hous-

ton Independent School District, observed Science lessons in the newly opened High School building as well as in primary classes. She is planning on helping with improving Science lessons, with greater focus on hands-on learning through experiments rather than on textbooks. Training teachers is key to Saint Barthélémy's success and the teachers of Saint Barthélémy are very eager to improve their teaching skills. Hopefully, Saint Barthélémy will become a pilot school, with a teaching college, so that active teaching becomes the norm in the Northeast District of Haiti. Many thanks to Elodie, Soizic, Teresa, and the team from St. Andrew's for sharing their wonderful gifts!



What Matters Most

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling (1 Peter 4:8-9).”

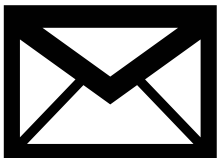


Spending the New Year in Haiti reiterates for us that transformational, sustainable ministry happens in relationship. We go to serve, of course, but we also go and receive graciousness, hospitality, and wisdom from our Haitian friends. We are welcomed into St. Bart’s and Terrier Rouge with open arms and we are blessed beyond measure by the friendships that have developed. This trip our daughter Katie (7) accompanied us. We asked her when we returned home to tell us what she thought about her first trip to Haiti. She responded with, “Everyone was so nice, and everyone took care of me.” Trey and I just smiled at one another. Children see The Way so clearly - even when geography, skin color, or language barriers make it harder for adults. Wonderful things come from sharing our lives with others - from loving one another and from trusting in one another. The wonderful things happening in Terrier Rouge continue to astound me. We are so overwhelmed when we see how your gifts are making the dreams of our friends come true. We would love nothing more than to come and visit with you and your church or civic group and tell you the stories of hope, hospitality, and opportunity you are making possible. Just email Trey and me and we will get it arranged! Happy New Year and the Peace of Christ to you.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Please note our new address - PO Box 48387 Athens, GA 30604. Bethlehem Ministry’s volunteer extraordinaire, Sue Canady, who has skillfully and efficiently overseen our donations and donor database for the past 17 years, is retiring this year. In preparation, Bethlehem Ministry has established a post office box in Athens, the home base of our operations. You may use this new address to send any and all correspondence and donations. Thank you!