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LAZARUS IN HAITI
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Meet Our New Clinic Director

The dream of opening a health clinic at Village of Hope became one step closer with the employment at the beginning of October 2008, of Debbie Berquist, as the Clinic Director. Debbie a Registered Nurse, originally from Hamilton, Ontario has nearly 20 years of International experience, 17 of which have been spent at Hopital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) in the Artibonite Valley of Haiti. Debbie has been married for the last 8 years to Wilner Jules, a Haitian gentleman, she met while working at HAS.

Debbie has begun to lay

the groundwork for the clinic by visiting other health providers in the area; making contact with various government officials; obtaining the guidelines for obtaining authorization to start a medical clinic in Haiti and preparing various documents to maintain inventory reports and statistical information.

Her duties also include those of a school nurse, providing basic care and follow up to the students and the staff. Clinic days are held 2-3 mornings a week and Debbie never lacks for students or staff members requiring her

attention. She is following a number of staff members for problems of hypertension and several women who have accepted Family Planning.

We are delighted to have Debbie on Board. She looks forward to the challenges and rewards of this work and to providing future updates as progress is made toward the establishment of the Village of Hope Clinic.

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Pastor Wolber is on the Go!

Congregations visited by Pastor Wolber in recent weeks: **Holy Spirit**, Juno Beach, FL, **St. Philip**, Mount Dora, FLA, **Old St. Paul's**, Newton, NC, and **St. Matthew's**, Wood-bridge, VA. Coming up: **Lord of the Seas**, Big Pine Key, FL, **St. Andrew**. Homestead, FL,

Grace, Miami Springs, FL. If **Pastor** Wolber has never visited your church, or hasn't been there for some time, **please do whatever you can to arrange another visit for him**. As he tells the story of Haiti's suffering, and begs for help in Jesus' name, many hearts are

opened and hands are moved to support our ministries in Haiti. It is a great blessing for both those who receive and those who give. You may email him at keyswolber@juno.com.

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HOPE HOUSE HOSTS SOUGHT

The Lazarus Project is searching for someone to help sustain our ministries in Haiti by serving as **"Hope House Hosts,"** thus relieving Pastor Bollinger of a substantial part of the load of oversight and supervision.. We see this is a wonderful opportunity for a retired couple . or individual, looking for a productive way to invest some of their "twilight tears" in meaningful service to God and society. The "job description" is rather flexible, but would definitely include such things as hosting and supervising work teams, taking care of their physical and transportation needs, caring for the Hope House property, the maintenance of vehicles, and overseeing the maintenance of the Village of Hope property. Pastor Bollinger would still be the chief administrator of the school, handling all personnel issues, such as hiring and firing, payroll, etc. Pastor Bollinger would split his time between Haiti and the US, assuming certain Lazarus Project duties on the domestic scene. The **Hope House Hosts** position will be non-salaried, but will provide for travel, housing and certain other amenities. A commitment of at least one year's service is required, with the hope of a longer period of service. If interested, or for more information, contact Pastor David Wolber (see contact information elsewhere in this

newsletter) or Pastor Ron Qualley (Qualley@lordoflifelutheran.com, or at 1-703-323-9500), or Pastor Bollinger (villageofhope@hughes.net).

If you have not already seen this information in your church bulletin or newsletter, please ask that it receive appropriate publication.

PHOTO TEAM DOES IT AGAIN

Marni Maree and Tom Lambaise (Peace, Alexandria, VA), Darrell Pfeffer and Angela Bollinger Kahan (Advent, Boca Raton, FL) made up this year's picture-taking team. In spite of the school's late starting date (October 6), the team made the most of their time and managed to photograph all but 38 of the 660 students enrolled at Village of Hope this year. They also photographed all 12 of our university students plus all of the former Notre Maison children now at the Little Children of Jesus facility, and all of Marie Major's orphans. And they had time left over to visit Food for the Poor. It was a special treat for the Bollingers to have their daughter Angela as a member of this team. Pastor Larry says, however, that the whole team seemed more like family than visitors. He says, "This is the one of the real joys of this ministry – enjoying the relationships that exist among

God's special people. We thank God for each one of them and pray that He will use the results of their labors for the upbuilding of His kingdom.

SIGHT FOR THE BLIND

Two of our girls at the Little Children of Jesus have enjoyed the miracle of new sight. Monu and Myriam were in dire need of cornea transplants in both eyes. On Friday, October 6, a team led by Dr. Andrew Moyers from the Moyers Eye Institute in St. Louis arrived in Haiti with all the transplant materials. Dr. Moyers examined both girls at the general aviation airport to make sure they were good candidates for the procedure. Then they were off to the "the eye clinic in "St. Louis de Nord," flying at Village of Hope expense. On Saturday they both had transplant surgery in one eye and initial reports were that were both doing well. Pastor Bollinger flew up to Port de Paix on Tuesday and brought them back to Port au Prince. Before the photo team left on Thursday (October 9) they stopped in at Little Children of Jesus for the latest update. They found the two girls being their usual bubbly selves, eagerly jumping into the arms of their visitors with big smiles. Both were very interested in the photos that were taken of them, and were so happy to be able to see them with their corrected eyes! What a blessing!! We all thank God for

Mission Team Visits

GEORGIA MEDICAL TEAM VISITS VOH

Ten people from Pitman Park United Methodist Church, Statesboro, GA, plus three nursing students from Leogane, Haiti, and one pre-med friend of the Bollingers (Brett Hoffecker, who is spending the rest of the year in Haiti), and our newly-hired clinic director at VoH, Debbie Berquist, made up this great team that did some marvelous work for our children at VoH. Arriving a day late (October 12) due to delays in Miami, they were still able see all of the VoH students plus a number of adults from the local community at their Monday through Friday clinic. All in all, they found the students remarkably healthy – except for their teeth! The dentist on the team pulled around 200 teeth – and left much work unaddressed. Without doubt, we need, and pray for, a dental team!!

The relationship with this group started last year when our Summer Enrichment team was having lunch at a local hotel and over-hear a group of people “talking southern.” Ensuing conversations revealed that the group was about ready to give up and go back home – all their meds had been confiscated at the airport and they had nothing with which to work. When Pastor Bollinger offered them all the meds left by the Sarasota medical team, they decided to come out to VoH and hold a clinic. They went home so excited that they have come again, and plan another visit next June! Another example of how God

took a bad situation and redeemed it as only He can do, and used it to bless our ministry, the people of Haiti, and the team members themselves. This team also enjoyed moving visits to Food for the Poor and the Little Children of Jesus. Before departing they divided their remaining meds between VOH, FFP and LCJ!

Team participants were: Dr. Randy Smith, Sandy Smith, Jamie Ward, Nancy Waters, Dr. Les Kicklighter (dentist), Lin and Lois Roberts, Maria Smith, Donna Bradley, and Linda Davis, plus the nursing students James-Pierre Louis, Louis Rigan, and Merodes R. Domeus.

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA

It was a family affair plus a few extra friends as Pastor Dick Hafer, Sara Hafer and their son, Andy Hafer were joined by Faith Dunn, Joyce Carroll, and Shirley Ketterer made an early December visit to the Lazarus Project ministries in Haiti.

They travelled much like the wise men of old, bearing wonderful gifts to our grateful students and staff:

- 650 Christmas Packets were prepared for the Village of Hope and

other ministries

- 550 pairs of socks were collected and delivered to Hope House for distribution through the appropriate ministries
- 5 used laptops were donated and delivered to Hope House where they, plus two more were configured and/or upgraded for use by the University students or other children.
- Two chalkboards were painted and installed for the Village of Hope
- Several boxes of clothing was collected and delivered
- Medicines and medical supplies were delivered to Food for the Poor and Little Children of Jesus

The team visited a number of Lazarus and Christian ministries as well. One participant noted, “Seeing, first hand, these places and purposes, will give us plenty to evangelize to the folks back home. Over 2,000 pictures and hours of video will help, too!”



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the ministry of Dr. Moyers and his people, and for the miracles God works through them. We pray that God will continue to open our eyes to His marvelous healing presence in our midst. This story is one of many that illustrates the extension of our minis-

try in Haiti beyond the Village of Hope school.

How Can You Help?

Are you already a child sponsor? Please keep your sponsorship payments current (\$30 a month, \$360 a year). The Lazarus Project does not bill sponsors. We rely on you to keep your vital support current. Sign up to be the sponsor of a child-OR-send in your one-time, or occasional gift. In any case, clip this form and mail with your check (payable to Food for the Poor) to Darrell Pfeffer at 3551 SW 23rd Street, Delray Beach, FL 33445.

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