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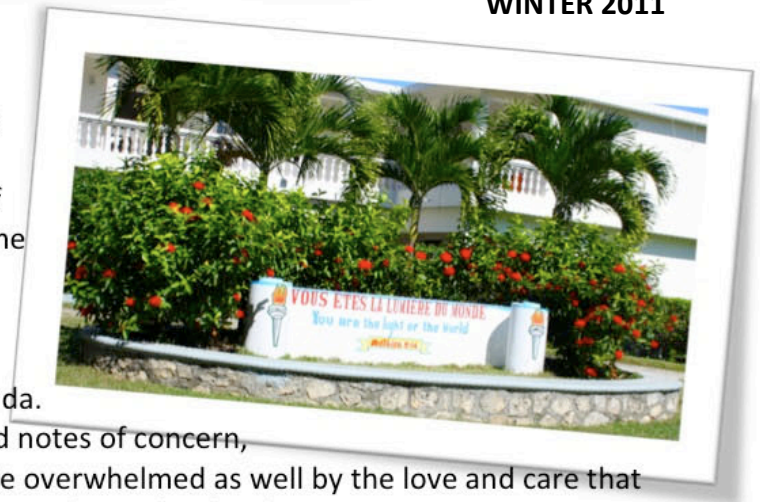
M I N I S T R I E S I N C

WINTER 2011

Hello Friends!

We send you our greetings from Haiti! We thank God for you and your friendship and support to our family and our work here in Haiti. As most of you know, these past few months presented some challenges to us, but we are grateful for God's care and would like to report that we are doing well. We were blessed to be able to spend the holidays with our children, meeting them in Florida.

We want to thank you for your prayers, calls, and notes of concern, which we received after the kidnapping. We were overwhelmed as well by the love and care that we received from our Haitian friends and colleagues during that hard time.



Thankfully we have been able to continue our work. The winter months are usually our busiest time of the year, with many volunteers visiting us and working on projects. This winter has been no different.

Again, thank you for your support to LHM and your love for the people of Haiti.

Let us update you on some of the things happening here at Hope Center.

Wilbert and Meg



Volunteers Complete School Addition in Roches Plates

With the school at Roches Plates bursting at the seams, volunteers from LifeTouch Inc. and Somerset Anglican Fellowship worked tirelessly to complete the school addition there. Another group from LifeTouch worked to provide funds for the new school in LaLomas, St. Michel de l'Atalaye. Thank you to all who have made it possible for these children to have a clean, safe place to learn!

Ground Breaking for New Church at Jacqueszyl

One of the blessings we've had in staying in Haiti for a long period is getting to see the growth of the local church. We are happy to see that the church in Juchereau is now ministering in the community of Jacqueszyl, where Pastor Nelson Jean, who was discipled and mentored by Pastor Samuel Mathieu, is leading the church there. They have outgrown the small building where they started and LHM is blessed to be able to work with them in the construction of a new church building. Work began in January 2011.



Fifi and Malene



Jocelyn and Klenel

LHM Staff and Associates:

Those of you who have traveled to Haiti and worked with us here at Hope Center know that LHM is greatly blessed by wonderful staff and associates. Each person contributes in his or her own special way to make the work we do move forward. We all feel a strong sense of community and family, from the night watchmen, to the cooks, to the agriculturalists, to the laundry ladies. Many of the connections we made in remote areas come through local pastors and friends who help us find locations where our resources can be used to build up the Kingdom of God. We always knew that we were especially blessed to work with such folks, after going through the trauma of Wilbert's kidnapping, we became even more aware of this blessing. Thank you for your continued prayers for our staff!



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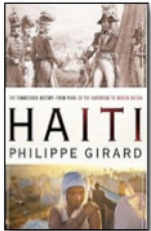


Frantz and Doudou



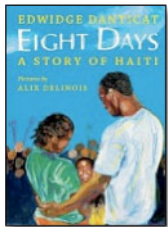
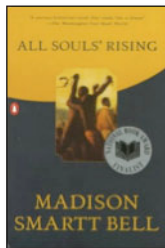
Suggested Reading:

Many people ask if we know of interesting books related to Haiti. Here are just a few:



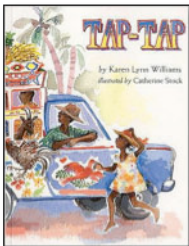
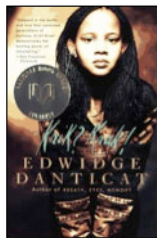
Haiti: The Tumultuous History
By Philippe Girard

All Souls Rising
By Madison Smartt Bell



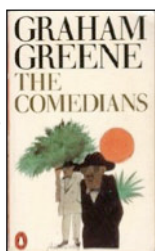
Eight Days
By Edwidge Danticat

Krik? Krak!
By Edwidge Danticat



Tap Tap
By Karen Williams
(for kids)

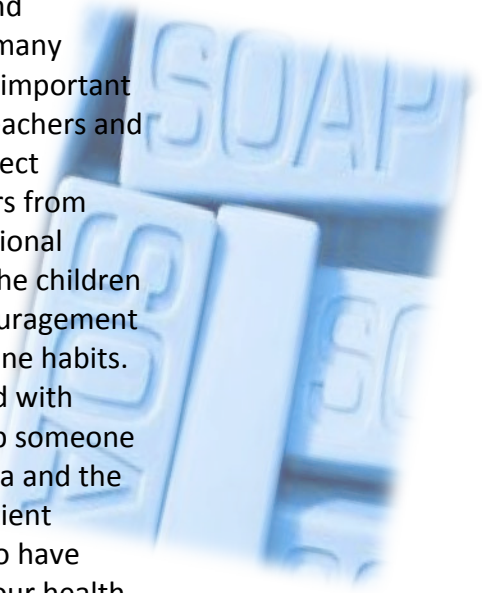
The Comedians
By Graham Greene



Health Ed. Program Focuses on Cholera Prevention



Our health educator, Chantal Hilaire, was very busy during November and December working to visit as many schools as possible to provide important information to the children, teachers and administrators on how to protect themselves and their neighbors from cholera. LHM provided educational pamphlets, chlorox, soap for the children to take home, and much encouragement to be careful about their hygiene habits. In addition they were provided with information about how to help someone who is showing signs of cholera and the importance of keeping the patient hydrated. Thank you to all who have provided financial support to our health education program!



LHM Intern Lends a Hand

We are very happy to have Emily Lane, of Oakwood Baptist Church in New Braunfels, TX, volunteering with us here at Hope Center during these busy winter months. Emily is helping in the office, working with volunteer teams and impressing us all with her quick learning of Creole. Thanks Emily for your willingness to serve!



Thanks to all of you who made contributions to Holiday Parties for the kids. Parties were held at Bluehill, Fosse Capois and LaLomas.



LHM Well Project Continues to Provide Clean Safe Water

These past few months, LHM's well drilling and pump repair team has been very busy and blessed with a drilling rig loaned to us by Lifewater, Canada. Since September, 13 new wells have been drilled. With the cholera outbreak, access to clean drinking water is more important than ever. Together we are working to provide clean and safe drinking water in more and more communities in the Northeast of Haiti. Thank you to all you who continue to support this important work!



BE STRONG, AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE, ALL YOU WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD! – PSALM 31:24