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The first 3 months of 2017 were filled with the joy of serving, developing new partnerships and preparing for continuing projects.

In January we partnered with Rev. Paul Touloutte, Provost of the American University of the Caribbean and arranged for Dr. Herb Nordmeyer to share his expertise with engineering students about safe disaster resistant concrete construction. Everyone wanted Herb to return and he received a letter of thanks from the school.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Weston spent their annual service trip helping Mission:Haiti complete a storage unit, presenting VBS at 3 schools, assisting with construction projects in the village of Jean-Louis. Pastor Tim Hartner taught classes to elders, church leaders and area pastors on Baptism and Holy Communion: supplying each of the 20 participants with a Bible in Creole. Lunch was provided for 200 adults and children

and clothing, shoes and hygiene products were provided for more than 100 children.

Needs for the Colminy/Jean-Louis area:

- Literacy classes for adults (3 month program for 40 participants at \$150 per person)
- Two new pumps and pipe for the irrigation system (\$2,000 per pump and \$500 for addition pipe)
- Village well (\$8,000)



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COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH is a powerful tool and in many ways the centerpiece of our ministry. Primarily focused on health and wellness education while treating illnesses and injuries, the outreach allows us to:

- Share the Gospel with hundreds of adults and children
- Provide parasite medicine and vitamins to hundreds of children
- Teach hygiene, pregnancy care, clean childbirth, and infant care
- Provide clean birth kits and layettes, and hygiene needs.
- Identify seriously malnourished children and needy families for goatherds, chicken or micro-grants
- Connect with the community leaders to discuss further partnership



The January—February team served hundreds of people in 3 communities. Two special moments stood out in our week. Dr. Nancy Swisher examined a 39 year old husband and father of 4 who had a stroke in October of 2016. He was paralyzed on one side and will no longer be able to do the masonry work that had fed his family. After Dr. Nancy worked with him she sent him to talk with Mission Director, Helen Roenfeldt. He said that he was not a Christian but had heard the Good News in our presentation and he now believed. Pastor Jonas was called over and after some discussion Mr. Desiree was baptized into the family of God! He and his family also received a micro-grant and a month of food to help them start a business to support themselves.



The second was an elderly man who came in with a terrible machete wound that he had sealed up with some wood glue that someone had. The wound was in terrible shape. John Rougeux, retired paramedic worked diligently to clean and dress the wound properly. The gentleman was given antibiotic for the infection, This gentleman was on a path that could have easily ended in a loss of his limb or even the loss of his life.



FAITH CHILDRENS' HOME was the first focus of February. Herb Nordmeyer and Scott Conover traveled to Gonaives to supervise completion of the 30 ft. dome being built for the girls dormitory.

Over the course of the two week trip the dome slowly took shape and by the end of the time the dome was pronounce done. The project employed 14 local workers and three of the older boys from the orphanage for 2 weeks. A local carpenter was contracted to complete the doors and windows.

The dormitory will be dedicated in June when the team comes from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX.

Other news from the Childrens' Home

- The kitchen cabinets and counters are completed and the cooks are so happy to have a fully functional kitchen
- All the children have new mattresses.
- The school is being administered by a new organization that is upgrading and attracting more neighborhood students.
- The kids were all healthy and doing well in school. They are always so loving and appreciative.

The last part of the month we spent several days with the Mayor of Jacmel Rev. Marky Kessa and his wife, Sydney. We surveyed the area with Dr. Bernd Raphael and his team. Dr. Raphael has developed a maintenance free water filter. Mission: Haiti will facilitate a 3 month test of the water filter. Presently the water for the city of Jacmel comes directly from the Artibonite River where people bathe, wash clothes and vehicles, or contaminated wells. The water is distributed from trucks, without filtration, obviously a serious health risk. The test is expected to mature into a partnership with the city of Jacmel to provide a healthier water resource for it's citizens.





**NEW AND RENEWED PART-
NERSHIP GIVE US A GREATER
OUTREACH!**

**A PARTNERSHIP WITH LC-MS
WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN
CARE made it possible for us
to provide the funds for a new
roof on the church in Jean-**

**Louis/Colminy. The roof was so severely damaged in Hur-
ricane Matthew that it had to be completely replaced.
The new roof looks great and keep the rain out of school
and church. We are grateful for our partnership with the
LC-MS and there will be more news and pictures of how
this partnership is helping in other
areas of Haiti**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES
support in conjunction of YOUR
GENEROSITY is allowing us to ex-
pand goatherd, chicken raising, mi-
cro-grants, wells, edu-
cation for children and literacy programs
for adults.**



**We do all this to show the love of Christ in
tangible ways and to follow the command
of our Savior to feed the hungry, clothe the
naked, give
drink to the
thirsty, help
those in need.**

**As we help
them do what they so want
to do for themselves we hon-
or their effort and allow
them their dignity..**



**OUR NEW CONNECTION WITH THRIVE COMMUNITY
CHURCH in March gave us the opportunity to work with
an awesome group of students from Florida Gulf Coast
University and their leader Phil Klopke. Their energy, en-
thusiasm, joy and passion made working with them a del-
ight. Benches for the church at Colminy were built: the
raised altar area started by St. Paul Lutheran
Church of Weston was completed and lots of
children and adults saw the love of Jesus in
the presence of the Thrive team. We really
look forward to an ongoing partnership with
Thrive!**

IN OUR NEXT UPDATE:

- **Evangelism and church planting**
- **Chicken flock reports**
- **April Community Health Outreach**
- **Jacmel Water Project Progress**
- **Wells, Irrigation and Literacy Program Up-
dates**

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Our mission statement is:
*"Bringing Glory to God by
transforming lives
through service to the
people of Haiti."*



HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- **PRAY FOR MISSION : HAITI**
- **JOIN A TEAM**
- **SUPPORT WHATEVER PART OF THE
MINISTRY THAT TOUCHES YOUR HEART**
- **DO WHATEVER YOU DO TO THE GLORY
OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS**

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