

NOVEMBER, 2010 MISSION TRIP REPORT

STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

Some Team members met with the elementary level (K-6 grade) students, interviewed and photographed each of them. There were a few students who were not able to get to school because of rain and swollen rivers.



We have three sponsored students who are in the 13th grade (Philosophy) and must attend school in Cap Haitian because that grade cannot be offered at St. James. Students must complete this grade to be eligible to enter university. This is the first time we've been able to provide this opportunity to a St. James students and, in the future, we hope to be able to help more students complete their secondary education.



SCHOOL REPAIRS

Because part of the school's concrete roof was damaged during the January earthquake, the rooms that were able to be used. When the team arrived they found that the concrete roof had been removed and construction had begun on a replacement roof.



By the time the mission team left, the new metal roof was in place and the repairs were nearly completed. These repairs were made possible from money our Haiti Special Projects Fund.



THE HOME ECONOMIC SCHOOL

The Home Economics School is making great progress. We were able to distribute money to the students from the purses that were crafted by them and sold my mission team members at various craft shows and other venues here in the Tri-State. Team members have been working with the students to increase their skills and the variety of merchandise they can offer. The students are beginning to realize the benefits that this program is bringing to their lives. The Home Economics Program is a result of the dedicated



efforts on the part of Lea Elliott, Susie Head and Diane Moll. They are doing fantastic work

with these students and the program.

DENTAL and MEDICAL CARE

Another member of the mission team, Sheri Powers, spent much of her time working with patients cleaning, filling and pulling teeth. She also put on her painting hat to help paint the dental room. Multi tasking is a must on these trips, which keeps things very interesting. Sheri's ability to offer this much needed dental care is a blessing to the people of St. James. Other members of the mission team spent time inventorying the medical supplies, assessing the need for additional medicines, unpacking the remaining crates from our spring shipment and organizing the storage building.

MAINTENANCE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



There were several repair projects accomplished by members of the mission team. The large generator that we sent previously to provide electricity for several buildings, needed to have the muffler redirected. This was done by two energetic men on the time, Chris Emmert and Alex Smith. They also worked on the treadle sewing machines, which was no small task since they were not even born when treadle sewing machines were being used in the United States. Using schematics they found on the internet and machine parts that Lea Elliott was able to obtain, they were able to repair several of these sewing machines.

There are many major repairs still remaining that need to be done in the schools, rectory and convent buildings. These repairs will be completed by the folks in Haiti with funds provided by our Haiti Special Projects Fund. This gives much needed employment to the Haitian people. We think you can see that a lot of what is happening in Haiti is indirectly a result of the student sponsorship program which helps to keep the school open. That's a wonderful gift that our student sponsors are giving to the children and the people of Haiti.

ST. JOSPEH CHAPEL

The new mission chapel is finished! It looks beautiful. It was dedicated on the Sunday before the mission team left, so the entire team participated in the ceremony.



The only items still needed are benches for seating. Currently everyone brings chairs from their homes to have something on which to sit when they gather for Mass. Our hope is to be able to provide benches for the mission chapel sometime in the future.

