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*"Blessed By God—Motivated To Serve"*

## SEPTEMBER 2010 UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN HAITI

### **MAJOR COMPUTER CRASH**

**In mid-August the HH4H computer went down hard. All files were lost. We were backed up at the end of May so we lost some of our more recent communications. If you contacted us with updates to your address, or e-mail before August would you please tell us again? Also, if you have contacted us by e-mail anytime in the recent months would you please resend your request so we can make sure we did not lose it? THANKS!!! and sorry for the**

### **OUR "2" NEW VILLAGE'S**



As we promised in the August newsletter, we would be announcing the name of our new village. Well.... God had a different idea. He has asked us to not stop at one. So it is with great joy that we share His plan. **LePina** (close to La Chapelle). About 20 miles southeast of Jumelle is the rural community of LePina. Fritz was first led there in 2009. Our first home visits with a team were in January 2010. Fritz and I returned in May, and were led to a small church. The church was started 15 years ago in the

pastors' home. The congregation is now over 100. The church where they worship is in bad shape. Walls are made of mud and rock, floor is dirt, no benches to speak of. The Pastor is trying to supply schooling to the children in the area with limited resources and is struggling.

Our tasks here will be to start with a church council. With them develop a plan for infrastructure and operations needed to get the school on a sustainable future. This will include the need for some kind of structure. The November team will be building benches and church altar here. We will also start a school lunch program soon.

Helping Hands for Haiti will be working in LePina with you, our partners, for many years.  
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**Pte Riviere** Just a few miles from Jumelle is the city of Pte Riviere. This small city is home to a large market where Jumelle operates its rice mill.

Between the Artibonite River and the canal rests a church that is not new to HH4H. We last worked there in 2005, when a team built benches for the Christian school. Funds were also supplied to add a concrete floor and secure the walls. A feeding program was started at the school also. Over the past year, due to many parents unable to pay the tuition for their children, the school has shut down. We have continued the feeding program and now we will restart the school. We hope to have classes started again by the time you read this newsletter.

Our tasks here will be to work with the existing church council on developing a business the school can run to fund the operations costs. We will be supporting them with funding for these operating costs as this plan is developed.

## **AND NOW WE LOOK TO YOU**

As I looked at a blank sheet of paper, I pondered on how to ask for your help. Do we tell you the plight of a Haitian child or family? Do we tell you again of all the positive things your donations have done, and continue to do? Do we go over projects we have planned and point out all the important facts?

Maybe.....Maybe NOT.

You are all friends of Haiti and Helping Hands! Many of you have been by our side for years!

Friends deserve honest straight talk. So here it is. WE NEED YOUR HELP. In this and previous newsletters we have outlined our current and future goals. We believe God is asking us to expand our missions in Haiti GREATLY. For that to happen it takes PRAYER and CASH!! Jesus, his disciples and apostles were always frank and open in their discussion on these two topics. They were also not afraid to mix the two together. All of us at Helping Hands for Haiti believe that prayer needs to be at the root of all we do. It must come first. So will you pray for the people of Haiti? Will you pray for God's guidance in all we strive to do there? And then pray for how **He wants you to help.**

Thank you for your help. May God continue to bless you richly.

**CURRENT GOAL \$40,000**

### ***Full Time Missionary/Executive Director???***

As you may or may not know, in April of this year I began working with Helping Hands for Haiti full time. So what does that mean for the organization? Our overall goal is to expand our ministry; add more villages, help more people, add more teams, and find more friends like you that want to be involved...you get the idea...

**Grow where we were planted...in Haiti!!!**

The ability to grow beyond where we were is very difficult for volunteers with other jobs. I know I was created for this purpose and feel so blessed to be in this position. Now as for the funds to make this possible, they are coming from a different account set up for that purpose. None of the donations you give will go to fund this account, unless that is your wish. If you do desire to help support our work and livelihood, please indicate "Missionary/Executive Director" on your gift so your gift will go into that account. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you for helping to make our mission work expand and GROW!!!! Dave & Tammy Oswald

***Thank You for your continued interest & support!***  
***The Helping Hands for Haiti Team.***  
***Please remember to PRAY!***