

Haiti will mend and recover

I returned from Haiti earlier this summer. Effects of the crushing January earthquakes can be seen everywhere. Bent buildings ready to collapse are one sign of the dangers to the people of Haiti in their long recovery from this disaster.

The most troubling sights around Port-au-Prince and other communities are camps where temporary tents are no longer able to protect the people from heavy downpours in the rainy season. I observed trucks hauling debris. However the work of rebuilding Haiti has not begun. United Nations officials acknowledge that only 2 percent of \$10 billion promised to Haiti has been received.

Nonetheless life goes on.

One can only be amazed by the unquenchable hope driving Haitians. It's visible at the 5:00 AM morning prayer I attended. This hope strikes me as well in the streets where vendors show such determination to sell all kinds of merchandise, their packages bulging from brightly painted and crowded tap-taps blasting music. These scenes rekindle my determination for FLM to reach out and touch as many lives as we can.

With Building Goodness Foundation (BGF), we are working to construct 30 new houses in the next several months and move now homeless Haitians into them. Our partnership with BGF to rebuild Boutilliers Church has completed demolition of the collapsed structure in which several people lost their lives and reconstruction is starting in this month of September.

Our recent summer medical and educational mission also brought hope to many Haitians in the process of rebuilding their lives. The pain and psychological burdens from the earthquake are overwhelming. Pastor Molly Golando, who discusses earthquakes with one of our students in the picture at the left above, and her team worked really well with our 500 students at College Mixte Devaise Pamphile, named for my father whose work we continue. Her team helped them to understand and integrate this terrible cataclysm into their lives. Dr. Bridget Joseph and the rest of our medical team delivered desperately needed



Leon Pamphile and father, Devaise Pamphile, working together with FLM-Haiti

attention and treatment to more than 500 patients, making the mission's clinic one of the most successful.

Thank you too to Caroline Russ, FLM's devoted Treasurer and great builder of our organization. She will leave our board of directors after 10 years of tireless service but never our hearts.

We're beginning a campaign to raise \$725,000 needed to build the Excelsior Technical Institute, where young Haitians will be trained to rebuild their country. Fortunately, we have already a generous commitment in matching funds of \$265,000 from the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band, a connection made through BGF. Read more about this partnership to build skills as Haiti rebuilds in this newsletter.

Haiti will mend and recover. Please continue to be part of the rebuilding effort with prayers and faithful contributions.

Leon Pamphile
Executive Director, FLM Haiti

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Sue Robinson

Earthquake workshop and eyeglass clinic highlight Summer Mission Trip

Sixteen volunteers made FLM's June 26 to July 3 Mission to Haiti a great success.

Our visiting medical team and Haitian medical staff provided care to more than 550 patients during five very successful clinics -- four at FLM's House of David Community Health Center in Thomassin and a fifth at a church in Kenscoff. A returning team member, Dr. Bridgett Joseph enjoys a wonderful working relationship with Dr. Dieudonne Catulle, the Haitian doctor for the clinic. Two 3rd-year medical students worked with patients under Dr. Joseph's supervision. Two other students, who hope to become health care workers, kept the clinic running smoothly by categorizing the needs of patients.

The medical team also evaluated vision problems and dispensed reading glasses to 150 patients. With goals set, the mission increased enrollment for blood pressure monitoring to more than 200 patients and measured important progress in lowering blood

FLM's Summer 2010 Mission to carried a talented team of 16 volunteers focused on medicare, lessons for students at College Mixte Devaise Pamphile to relieve the emotional traumas left by the January 10 earthquakes, and music to celebrate the spirit of rebuilding among the people of Haiti.

pressures through this ongoing project. The team's skilled lab technician Jean Claude Charles (who was born in Haiti) set up a testing laboratory for the clinic.

Individual medical attention to more than 550 patients, improved vision for

150, expanded blood pressure monitoring to 200 people in the communities that FLM serves, a testing lab for House of David, introducing a new

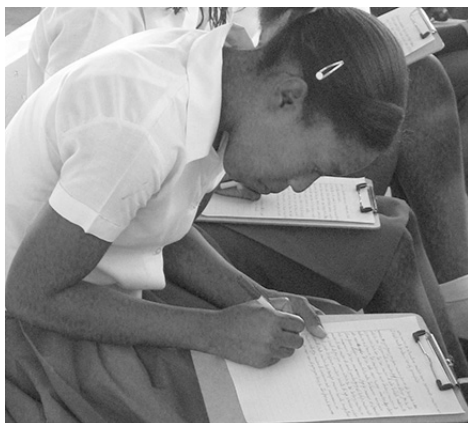


Education volunteer Maggie Hill talks about earthquakes



News of the medical mission drew patients to House of David Community

Health Center in Thomassin from as far away as Port-au-Prince.



Students shared many harrowing stories.

generation of medical students to the rewards of helping the people of Haiti -- 6 days of dedicated volunteer effort offer satisfying evidence of a strong relationship with the Haitian medical staff and a growing payoff for years of hard work in building FLM's House of David community health center.

Led by Pastor Molly Golando, the education team of six taught science lessons, music, art and reflective writing to students in pre-school through 12th grade. The curriculum included an Earthquake Workshop for 500 stu-

dents at FLM's College Mixte Devaise Pamphile.

The team taught students about earthquakes while the children used music, art, and creative writing to share personal stories and create pictures and quilt squares of homes, family and friends after the January 2010 earthquakes. The children were also taught to protect themselves during an earthquake and learned ways to build safe homes.

Their stories and artwork will become a book for the school library (continues next page)

Linda Ross Brown

My FLM Mission taught me that Haitians live with a song in their hearts

It was an awesome experience to travel to Haiti and teach music at the College Mixte Devaise Pamphile, the school founded by FLM Haiti in 1983, and to attend church services there. The school students were joyful and enthusiastic as they sang with their whole body, mind and soul. Young and the seasoned voices alike sang wholeheartedly in church services. Yet, I wondered how can this be when the people of Haiti have so little? Without musical instruments or electric fans, every song by the congregation echoed beautifully throughout the church as an occasional breeze came through a window with no glass. Remarkably, the congregation recited all of Galatians Chapter 5 from memory. Widespread illiteracy and scarcity of bibles do not stop Haitians from



Older students set the beat of a song.

memorizing scripture and worshipping God. The church service was further enhanced by a stirring sermon delivered by my fellow team member (and spouse) Rev. James E. Brown.

As a member of the Mission's education team, some of my classes were taught at the House of David clinic. While waiting for hours to see staff and the visiting medical team, patients were entertained by the choir learning songs. Some patients even sang along.

After school I conducted a choir of 140 rich voices that could be heard down the road and across the cornfield. The choir sang in Creole, French, Swahili and English while older students accompanied the songs with African drums, shakers, and claves. Inspired by the percussion ensemble and swaying to the beat of drums, the singers seemed to forget about their plight, and freely expressed themselves by praising God in music. At week's end, ensembles large and small and soloists poured all of this talent and creativity into a program of soul-stirring songs for family and friends -- all of which was possible with the help of excellent interpreters.

The presence of God, FLM's impact, and music in their lives helped me understand how the Haitians can live with hope while in abject poverty.

FLM volunteers carry medical aid, music and classroom tools to Haiti



Two friends create scenes of a trembling landscape.

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and the quilt squares will be made into wall hangings to be hung at the school. What better evidence can be found that the education team enabled awareness and self-expression to ameliorate the many traumas from the cataclysm for 500 students?

But that's not all. After school each afternoon, volunteer Linda Ross-Brown, a very gifted teacher, taught students in choir, an experience she describes in the article above.

Sue Robinson directs FLM's Mission visits to Haiti.



Maestro Brown leads chorus

FLM's life-giving assistance in the form of kits to clean water for the school and clinic, meals for hungry students and lessons from dedicated school-teachers all help young Haitians to build a future. And the work continues.

More food is needed, classrooms are overcrowded with students who want to learn, and all K-12 grade levels need supplies and French textbooks—necessities and gifts that will bring encouragement to more than 500 young scholars making progress against hard odds. Coming home I realized our Haitian friends take to heart the words of a hymn they often sing, "Mesi Segne" - "Thank you Jesus, in the end everything will be all right."

FLM volunteer Linda Ross Brown teaches music in Pittsburgh.



Students learn to seek protection in case an earthquake strikes again.

Earthquake January 2010

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?" Psalm 121

On January 12, 2010, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake and the heavy shocks following it, now famous in Creole as 'Tranblemanntè 2010 nan peyi Ayiti,' shook Haiti to its core. The country and the people will never be the same. However they're determined to rebuild, and Project Nehemiah will aid the reconstruction.

People without shelter need homes



The earthquakes killed more than 300,000 Haitians and left 1,000,000 people homeless.

Few nations face more suffering from the woeful inadequacy of basic education, nutrition and public health than Haiti. Yet the people of this tested land live with a spirit of hope. Haiti needs the love and generosity of people around the world as it recovers from the natural calamity of January 2010.



At least 300,000 were injured

Haiti, our Caribbean neighbor, faces a long and arduous generation of rebuilding after the collapse of 30,000 government and commercial buildings and the destruction of 250,000 homes.

To scenes of earthquake destruction, Project Nehemiah brings together three partners with proven and results-oriented organizations to create a major tool for

Haitian communities heavily damaged by earthquakes.

The Excelsior Technical Institute will help Haitians to help each other to recover. Its program for learning plumbing, electric, carpentry, computing and business skills will train Haitians to be builders as well as leaders and coaches in the skills that others will also need.

Join FLM Haiti, Building Goodness Foundation, & Bamaworks Fund of Dave Matthews Band in creating a tool for rebuilding the future of Haiti, the Excelsior Technical Institute.

Through Christian service, **Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti (FLM)** of Pittsburgh, PA, has empowered Haitians for nearly 30 years with education and health-care to people in Port-au-Prince and communities nearby, including Laboule, Boutilier, Kenscoff and



Thomassin, where it will also operate the new trade school.

The **BAMAWORKS Fund of Dave Matthews Band** of Charlottesville, VA, will match all donations to the construction of the Thomassin Trade School dollar-for-dollar, up



to \$265,000, towards an estimated total construction cost of \$725,000.

Building Goodness Foundation, Charlottesville, VA, has an exemplary record of design and construction - while employing and training local workers and materials - in many underdeveloped regions.



Project Nehemiah 2010

"...Let him send me to the city... so that I can rebuild it." Nehemiah 2:5

Earthquakes

January's earthquakes struck at night and turned homes and buildings to rubble across vast areas of Haiti's mountainous southwest peninsula, the region where FLM Haiti has focused its ministry of education and community health for 27 years. Now 9-million of the world's poorest people face years to rebuild from catastrophe.



Design concept for Excelsior Technical Institute

Training Haitians to rebuild a devastated country

FLM Haiti has formed a partnership with the Building Goodness Foundation and the Bamaworks Fund of the Dave Matthews Band to create a training center where young Haitians can learn to rebuild their country.

Earthquakes destroyed more than 75% of buildings offering education to Haitian children.

As the Prophet Nehemiah engineered the reconstruction of Jerusalem, Project Nehemiah will create a technical school among earthquake-ravaged communities to train young people of Haiti to rebuild the country.

In the region around Port-au-Prince, the people of Haiti face the immense challenge of rebuilding their capital city and communities for years to come. Project Nehemiah will provide a tool for reconstruction in the communities where *Nehemiah then ...*



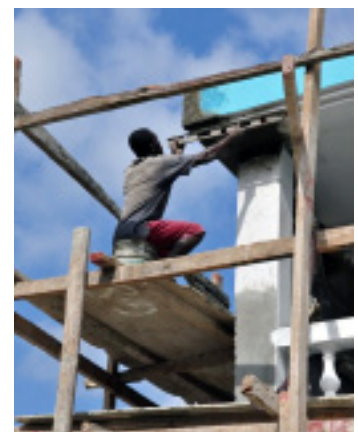
we concentrate our ministry. Haiti has a tremendous need for training workers for Haiti's reconstruction.

The Excelsior Technical Institute will offer training in carpentry, construction, plumbing and other trades that young Haitians need to reclaim a future in heavily damaged regions. The FLM-sponsored Excelsior Technical Institute will fill a void in the aftermath of destruction of trade schools in Port-au-Prince and two other communities.

Building Goodness Foundation provides financial and technical support for construction of the Excelsior Technical Institute, continuing a partnership begun during construction of FLM's House of David Community Health Center in

Thomassin. Matching the generous incentive of Dave Matthews Band, friends of FLM Haiti have a very important opportunity to provide a much needed educational tool for the rebuilding of Haiti.

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