



School children



Vehicle repairs

Updates on St Therese Parish, the School, and Clinics:

The water filtration systems have been delivered and training from Water by Women is complete. The training included not only how to use the system but also the importance of clean water and the diseases that can be prevented. The Water by Women staff reported that the women seemed motivated and happy to receive filters. The committee should be receiving information on usage and impact in our next meeting. Thank you to all who donated and prayed for the water project. We would also like to thank the ladies making protective coverings for the filters. While Father Julio was transporting the Water by Women staff there were breakdowns with the vehicle. We were able to cover the extra expenses incurred with your generous donations. Remember the vehicle is the only one in the parish and due to age and poor road conditions it often needs repaired.

Please see the next pages for additional photos.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti. If you are able to offer financial support to the mission, you may do so through the Haiti envelopes, or just write Haiti on an envelope and drop in the collection. You can also mail a check to the office noting that the donation is for Haiti, or you may set up an EFT to donate monthly.

Batteries were purchased for the clinic, when used with solar panels they provide electric to power equipment and keep vaccines and medications at approved temperatures. Father Julio has indicated that he will need more solar panels.

There were nurses at Jean Clair for a mobile clinic this quarter as well as a doctor in Gaspard. Father stated the lab technician has refused to come due to distance traveled and pay. We are praying that another technician can be found at a reasonable rate.

Father Julio is working on repairing the generator that provides lighting for the church, the hall and some street lights. We hope to have a positive report on this at our next meeting.

The teachers have been paid through June. Father Julio reported that the children are making "great progress" in school, and he feels that the books and supplies that St Ambrose provided are part of this improvement. Father has asked that we consider increasing funding to provide supplies for additional students next school year.



Our sister parish, St. Thérèse, is located in Gaspard, Haiti, on the North side of Haiti, in the mountainous area. St. Ambrose parish supports a medical clinic in Gaspard, and a second remote clinic in Jean Clair. St. Ambrose also provides incidental support to fund a portion of school teacher salaries and school expenses, educating over 350 students. Gaspard is home to a rich culture, beautiful landscape, and Caribbean weather. Gaspard is also very vulnerable to natural disasters, extreme poverty, and political instability. Haiti has been declared an unsafe travel destination due to its political instability and rampant violence. And still, the hope of God shines through Father Julio and through the support that St. Ambrose provides to the St. Thérèse parish.

Want to learn more? Come to a meeting, watch the bulletin for upcoming meeting dates. For information please email John: john.a.rennkamp@gmail.com

Water by Women training

A home filtration system to provide clean water



A total of \$14,558 was raised for the water project. Thank you! This provided 125 systems and training on the importance of clean water and proper use. Each system will supply clean safe water to four families.



Training dates May 13-16





Each system needed a “leash” and a filter cover to add another layer of protection. Thank you to those who lent your handiwork, making not only enough for our project, but also donating a surplus to Water by Women for use at other sites. You can see the filter cover in use during the training in this photo sent by Father Julio

