



"At the sound of a loud trumpet he will send his angels to bring his chosen ones together from all over the earth". Matthew 24:31



Twice a week our marching band gathers for the flag ceremony. As the band plays the national anthem, the entire school sings along in unison. Songs continue as the children move in perfect order to their classrooms. It is exciting to participate in a flag ceremony at the school - the prayers, the psalms, the national anthem, and especially the sound of the trumpets generate joy, hope, and life.

Saint Barthélémy School is a joyful community where the concept of the Resurrection is understood by everyone, even our youngest students. We live the Easter drama every single day and trust in our hearts that life will never go back to the way it was.

Everything is new. We are moving forward. We are dreaming big.

Since the beginning of our school year, we have been on the right path. As it is every year, we have seen an increase in the number of students registered. The school has reached 703 students, from kindergarten to 9th grade, in ten years. To accommodate this growth, we have added one more class every year, expanding the size of our school from one story to three. Everyone feels good about the work that has been done.

As many of you know, one of our first priorities is the building of the High School which will create more space to house our library, our computer lab, the music room, and the new science lab. We want our students to have the best education so that they can compete at the college level. The building is under construction now. God willing, it will be completed and functional by the end of August, just in time for the new school year.

We thank all of you for your continuous support of the school. We appreciate your aid and we still count on your prayers and generosity. Our needs are great but we have some urgent ones which consist of:



- More scholarships. We have launched a campaign so every single child may obtain a scholarship which costs \$250.00 a year.
- A donation for Montessori materials and School supplies.
- Contribution to the building of the new High School. We have raised \$85,000 of the \$200,000 needed for the completion of the first floor. You can help by "purchasing" a bag of cement for \$7.00; a student's desk for \$50; a five gallon bucket of paint for \$90.00. You can also fund the building of an entire classroom for \$20,000.

Please remember that any contribution will be appreciated. The students, their families, and the school staff join me in wishing each one of you a Happy Easter.

This comes with the assurance of my prayers,



Jatrofa Pepinyè

economic and environmental sustainability



In Haiti, getting a new crop in the ground and a new business off the ground means putting trust in a handshake and knowing the first names of a lot of kids and elders. Who is going to pay serious attention to us if we don't pay serious attention to them?

Call it community relations or just plain being a good neighbor, here are some of the things we do:

Meet regularly with the leadership of farmers associations –

“What’s the best way to divide up a field so everyone knows whose patch is whose and but still keeps it open for the tractor plowing?”



Support community events, like the annual Patron Saint Festivals of surrounding towns – “What can we do to help make this year’s festival better than the last?”

Work one-on-one with folks who have never farmed before.

Socialize and have fun with our different communities of farming families – “I didn’t know your brother plays Kompa (music).”



Teach certificate courses for local Ag students - “What nutrient in the soil is critical for Jatropha fruit production?”

Give How-To Demonstrations to local groups– “Here’s how the fat comes out of the oil, making biodiesel.”

Help individuals learn to manage money – “A gourde saved is a gourde earned.”



Survey consumers at local markets – “Do you like this soap fragrance, or this?”

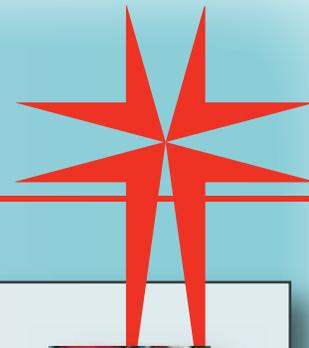
Teach kids to swim – “For tomorrow’s farmers, the fun is free when you live by the sea.”

The point is, when you’re asking people to invest their hard work in something new, it is their relationship with you they put their trust in. At Jatrofa Pepinyè we know this and seek to earn it every day - just like we seek your trust as our contributors.

Rob Fisher



Clinique Espérance et Vie healthcare



Visits by Health Professionals

Already this year we have hosted a number of nurses, physicians, and other professionals who have worked with patients, assisting our staff in providing quality health care.

One group from Athens Orthopedic Clinic performed 25 surgical procedures in the hospital at Ft. Liberté and treated 10 more in our clinic. Followup was provided by another member of their staff who came a month later. More visits of this kind are planned for the future.

This program blesses us in many ways – patients get special treatment, the visitors gain an appreciation of our work and our staff gains experience working with other trained professionals.



Recognition by the Ministry of Health and Others

Our clinic has been designated a Social Service clinic, which means that new doctors may serve their required year of service here. This has resulted in the placement of Dr. Saint-Vil at our clinic, where he works alongside Dr. Gustav, our faithful physician. In addition, a new nurse is volunteering at the Clinic to gain experience in her new profession. Of course, our friend Dr. Roudy Durand, an established Ob/Gyn, continues to offer his services once a week for free. It seems that we are meeting multiple needs - not only do patients get quality care, but Haitian professionals gain experience, and even relish the opportunity to work with us because of our high standard of care and our caring spirit.



Program Growth

Our programs in Ophthalmology, Dentistry, and General medicine are strong and growing. Other special services are provided occasionally by visiting professionals. We saw almost 6,000 patients in 2011, and it looks like we will double that in 2012.

We are beginning to expand into "distance medicine," where x-rays and other test data are sent to US-based professionals who then advise on treatment options. This depends on a rather weak internet service, but it is working.

As the staff grows more experienced, they are taking on more demanding tasks, such as maintaining detailed records on our computer and developing a quality financial reporting system. We maintain a number of high tech devices in the lab and a high-output generator, and we handle routine service on these items ourselves.

Physical Improvements

A good security fence has now been installed and the space inside the fence is now in use for raising vegetables and herbs. A room once planned for patient screening has been improved to serve as a surgical room. Plans are in place to add an apartment for use by the director and/or overnight stays by doctors; an office for the director; and storage rooms for our expanding collection of equipment.

Growing Pains

Due to the quality of care we offer, we are struggling to keep up with the demand for our services, specifically:



- We see an average of 33 patients each Thursday for ophthalmology, and we need to add an additional day for eye care to handle the demand.
- We could easily keep another dentist busy.
- We need to add another lab tech to handle increased demand for tests.
- We need to add another nurse to help work the patient load.
- We are in desperate need of a new vehicle to replace our old and very used Isuzu Trooper.
- We must regularly replace failed equipment with new purchases.
- And, most urgent of all, our regular monthly income does not meet the salary needs of our physicians.

But these needs are balanced by our increasing ability to pay our own way, specifically:



- We now earn enough from fees to pay all salaries of non-professionals.
- The increased income from lab tests will likely pay the salary of another lab tech.
- The increased fees from selling glasses can go a long way to offset the cost of adding another day of Ophthalmology services.
- Our reputation for quality service draws even more people who can afford to pay for their care. (But, of course, we continue to give service for little or no cost to those who cannot pay.)

Dear friends, we value your support and what you have done has made all of this progress possible. Our needs have increased with our success, so we need you help even more than ever. There is an African proverb I'd like to share with you - **If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, join with others.** Join with us in this journey. The goal is a great clinic that will stand as an example for all who want to serve in this wonderful country.

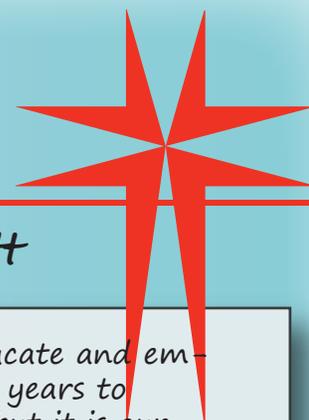


Berry Rice



What Matters Most

by Co-Executive Directors, Trey and Anna Scott



Bethlehem Ministry began with the simple idea to educate and empower Haitian children. Our outreach has grown over the years to include Clinique Espérance et Vie and a Jatrofa Pepinyè, but it is our school, Ecole St. Bartélémy, that is the cornerstone of our ministry, the foundation upon which our other projects are built. Now our school is expanding. In its 10th year, St. Bart's is educating more children than ever and a new high school is under construction. To celebrate this 10th anniversary, our Board of Directors has chosen to make securing scholarships the top priority of 2012. Our ambitious goal is that each of our 700 students receive funding from a sponsor like you. If you have already made a commitment to educate a child in Haiti, THANK YOU. Please encourage others to make the same investment. If you haven't made the leap, this is the year! For less than \$25 a month a Haitian child benefits from a great education and free access to quality health-care. Perhaps just as important is that with each of these scholarships comes a powerful sense of hope. We remain so thankful to you, our partners, and invite you to come down to Haiti with us and see the transformation YOU are making possible!

Follow our progress as new scholarships are awarded, online at www.BethlehemMinistry.org.

Trey and Anna



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