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## HOM Visit to Mirebalais Haiti October 21 - 24, 2011

Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews M. D. and Bill McNeece traveled to Haiti in preparation for the 2012 Mission trip. They met with Dr. David Walton, M.D. of Partners in Health to discuss how Haiti Outreach Mission may best utilize our resources in view of the new PIH hospital under construction in Mirebalais.



Construction continues on the new Partners In Health hospital in Mirebalais



Dr. David Walton, M.D., PIH construction administrator, and Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews discuss Mirebalais medical issues.

We visited St. Pierre clinic and discussed operations with HOM physician Dr. Beudelaire Cadet and HOM dentist Dr. Joseph Anthony and delivered dental supplies. We also visited the St. Blasé orphanage where we viewed the water purification systems. We then checked on room availability at the Mirage Hotel for the Feb. 2012 mission trip.

A primary purpose of the October visit was to meet the new Catholic priest, Pere Lévêque Bien-Aimé, newly assigned to St. Louis Parish in Mirebalais, to introduce him to HOM and discuss his vision for our partnership. (Unfortunately, our Episcopal priest partner, Pere Joseph Jean Jeannot, was not in Mirebalais).



Pere Lévêque Bien-Aimé



HOM gave Pere Lévêque a new lap top computer to facilitate communication.



The orphans at the St. Blasé orphanage with Dr. Dominique, Pere Lévêque, and their caregivers.

## Haiti Outreach Mission Board Meeting, November 7, 2011, at St. Blasé

The meeting was held concurrent with a General Membership Meeting. In total, 33 persons signed in. The opening prayer was led by Pastor Kit Carlson, All Saints Episcopal Church. Bill McNeece presented a video introduction from Fr. Bien-Aimee Leveque, the new priest at St. Louis parish in Mirebalais, who replaced Fr. Faublas. Fr. Leveque speaks excellent English, and he sent warm greetings to HOM. He is anticipating working with HOM. He has traditionally started high schools in parishes, and is considering this for St. Louis. He has been active in Caritas, a Catholic relief, development and social service organization that promotes justice and peace. Jim Schairbaum, HOM Secretary distributed the minutes from the last Board meeting (7 November 2010). He noted that an effort will be undertaken to confirm/update HOM's Board Member listing. Treasurer Marvin Ciemniak distributed and discussed Sources/Uses of Funds through fiscal year-end 30 June 2011. Overall income in the fiscal year was \$113,317. "Seed Money" contributions from 8 churches totaled \$24,500. Uses-of-Funds was \$178,919. Two donations were made to Habitat for Humanity International from the Earthquake Relief account—one for \$26,500 to provide upgradeable temporary shelters in Leogane, epicenter of the earthquake, and one for \$25,000 for construction of small houses as part of the Carter Work Project, also in Leogane. Three HOM volunteers also participated in the Carter Project from November 4-11, 2011. The Episcopal Prayer Book fund has a balance of \$481. In April, John Little organized a one-day retreat for the HOM Executive Committee to foster team building and goal setting. John donated his services, valued at about \$2,000. For 2011/2012, the budget for St. Pierre Clinic is \$43,450, St. Blasé Orphanage is \$19,800, and school Internet access is \$2,160; for a total of \$65,410. **Thank you to all volunteers who donate time, talent and treasure.** We can be proud that 98.5% of HOM's expenditures in 2010/2011 went directly to support of mission in Haiti. Fr. Andrew Shirota, Associate Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church led the closing Prayer.



## Danielle Desroaches-Sanon Presents the Haiti Outreach Mission Story at Wellspring Church



HOM Executive Committee member Danielle Desroaches-Sanon gave a presentation about Haiti Outreach Mission Nov. 6, 2011 at the Wellspring Church in Farmington Hills, MI as Pastor Rev. Jane Moschenrose listens.



A church member and Danielle behind HOM display at the rear of the church.

## All Saints Church, East Lansing, MI Participates in Rice Bowl 2011: HOM Benefits

### Rice Bowl for 2011: Caring for Children

Each year, parishioners at All Saints are invited to "give up" something for Lent, then put the monetary value of what they have given up into the Rice Bowl each week. The Rice Bowl was set out at each service, and members were invited to make offerings as they come forward for communion. In 2011, the Rice Bowl collection and Easter offering supported two children's clinics -- the pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic of MSU, and the **St. Pierre Clinic in Mirebalais, Haiti**, supported by Haiti Outreach Mission.



*The Corpus Christi Parish  
Social Justice Committee  
cordially invites you to its*

*Twelfth Annual Benefit Dinner*

*Please come and enjoy  
Haitian & American Food and Friendship!*

*Saturday, February 4, 2012  
6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Towne Room  
5000 Town Center, Southfield, Michigan*

*Suggested Donation — \$100 per person*

*Proceeds will be used to assist  
the medical and building teams  
of Haiti Outreach Mission*

*Please make your check payable to  
Corpus Christi Haiti Fund*

*Reservations Required  
Space is limited to 30 persons  
Please respond by Friday, January 27, 2012*

*The favor of a reply is requested by January 27, 2012*

*I/we will attend the dinner*

*Name(s):*

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*I/we cannot attend the dinner; enclosed is a  
contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Return your response card and/or donation to:*

*Attn: Haiti Dinner Committee  
Corpus Christi Parish  
49800 Pembroke Ave  
Detroit, MI 48219-2145*

## The “First” Case of Cholera in Haiti: Lessons for Global Health

Louise C. Ivers\* and David A. Walton

Cholera is an acute watery diarrheal disease caused by infection with *Vibrio cholerae*. The disease has a high fatality rate when untreated and outbreaks of cholera have been increasing globally in the past decade, most recently in Haiti. We present the case of a 28-year-old Haitian male with a history of severe untreated mental health disorder that developed acute fatal watery diarrhea in mid-October 2010 in central Haiti after drinking from the local river. We believe he is the first or among the first cases of cholera in Haiti during the current epidemic. By reviewing his case, we extracted lessons for global health on the importance of mental health for overall health, the globalization of diseases in small communities, and the importance of a comprehensive approach to the health of communities when planning services in resource-poor settings.



Photograph by  
Valerie McNeece

The first Haitian to get [cholera](#) at the onset of the 2010 epidemic was almost undoubtedly a 28-year-old mentally disturbed man from the town of Mirebalais. The man was known as the village “moun fou” — Creole for “crazy person” — Although his family had clean drinking water, the man often walked naked through town to bathe and drink from the Latem River just downstream from the Meye River, into which raw sewage drained from an encampment of United Nations peacekeepers from Nepal. Haiti’s outbreak was of a Nepali strain, and that encampment is considered the source. The man developed severe [diarrhea](#) on Oct. 12, 2010, and died in less than 24 hours. Two people who washed his body for a week fell ill 48 hours later. Haiti’s first hospitalized cholera case was in Mirebalais on Oct. 17. The epidemic has since sickened nearly 500,000 people across Haiti and killed nearly 7,000. The man’s habits made him the first known victim, said Dr. Louise C. Ivers, one of the new report’s authors. But because of the “infamous living situation” in Mirebalais, which is desperately poor and was swollen with refugees from the devastating earthquake nine months earlier, the epidemic was inevitable. “Plenty of families drank from that river, and still do despite the risk,” she said. (The New York Times 1-9-1212)