



LUTHERAN MISSION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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NORTH DISTRICT CHURCHES OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HAITI



1. Cap Haitien (south suburb of Cap Haitien, Madeline): Church, School, Sewing Center, Clinic, District Office; two acres (plus four acres outside city for Self Sufficiency Project – chicken & vegetable farm), wells
2. Cap Haitien (Gloria Dei): Church, School (no building yet); lot, well
3. DonDon: Church, School (building not completed); lot
4. Grande Riviere du Nord: Church (building not completed); lot
5. St. Raphael (Rocker): Church, School, (building still needs floor, plaster; two acres of land, well

Self Sufficiency Project



THE CHICKENS HAVE ARRIVED!

Four hundred chickens have been purchased from the Dominican Republic for the new chicken project at the land near Cap Haitien and the business is underway. The chickens are young, and are just starting to lay eggs. As time goes on, several roosters will be purchased and brood hens will hatch out eggs, giving the folks replacements and butchering chickens.

Only two buildings have been completed, however, and there is need for two more to be completed. Foundations are there, but walls and roofs are not. The cost to finish each of the two buildings is about \$5000. Any donations would be welcome; just contact Lori or Lil at the addresses at the bottom of this newsletter.

There is a wall around the chicken yard, but none around the vegetable land, and the vegetable part is not in operation yet. Nonetheless, the church folks will plant corn and soy beans for chicken feed.

Shipping Container

The container full of things for Haiti is still in Bemidji – still in the semitrailer LMA purchased for storage. Orphan Grain Train has promised us that it should be on its way sometime in



October, and we are hoping for a sunny Saturday to transfer the goods from the trailer to a 40' shipping container. When we get the word of the day of shipment, we will let as many folks know as soon as possible so we can get plenty of strong bodies to do the heavy work. And, we'll take lots of pictures for our next newsletter.



Rain Closes School/Church

Heavy rains have caused a big problem at the church/school in DonDon. The building in which they have been holding church and school is only about $\frac{1}{4}$ covered by a metal roof, and when the rains came, the floor became a sea of mud. Thus, there was no school or church held. They needed about \$3000 to finish the roof, and LMA had sent them \$1000. We have another \$1500 to send, and are looking for donations to help with the other \$500.

The folks at the DonDon Lutheran church are willing volunteers, so any time there is need of labor, they all pitch in and work. The church has an attendance of about 100 people each Sunday and the school has about 50 students.

Ohio Group Works in North District

A group of about 10 folks from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Canton, OH went to Cap Haitien the end of September, 2011, and worked at the compound in the clinic and also with the orphanage children in Ounaminthe. We have been told that Pastor Daniel Paul and his wife, Cleone now operate TWO orphanages in Ounaminthe, one for girls and one for boys. There are about 25 girls at the original orphanage and an additional number of boys at their new facility, a few blocks away. All the children are cared for and educated at the orphanages.

Adopt A Student



LMA's Adopt A Student program continues to thrive and provide tuition for many students at Haiti's North District schools. Twenty-eight students have been adopted by LMA, along with twenty-two by churches in Ohio.

The cost for adopting a student is \$250 per year, and LMA will send you a picture of one of the Haitien students if you generously contribute.

Clinic

The clinic continues to operate with a nurse as the main provider of services. As the Haitiens who come there seldom have money to pay for services, the clinic cannot afford to hire a physician. Difficult cases are referred to St. Justinian Hospital in Cap Haitien or the hospital in Milot, Haiti. A group from LMA plans to have a US nurse visit in February and we hope to find out what is needed to keep the clinic in operation.

FUNDRAISERS

Lefse

Pepper Jelly

Swedish Almond Rusks

**Available at a church
near you – or call Lori @ 218-
935-9016**

We send \$1500/mo to Haiti's North District to support schools and churches, and are running low of funds.

LMA Fundraiser DINNER

for work in HAITI

SUN, NOV 13, 4-7 PM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

(GREEN MEADOW) ADA, MN

MENU:

ROAST PORK LOIN

MASHED POTATOES/ GRAVY

VEGETABLE

SALAD

CORNBREAD MUFFINS

PUMPKIN DESSERT

BEVERAGES

COST: \$8 ADULTS

\$5 CHILDREN UNDER 12

PRESCHOOL FREE

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

What LMA does . . .

Lutheran Mission Association promotes mission activities among the congregations of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in northern Minnesota and other locations in the USA. LMA promotes and maintains relationships in a substantive and “hands-on” way for support in the work of bringing the Gospel to the World. The work is done between LCMS members and Lutheran churches around the world which are in altar and pulpit fellowship with LCMS. Our current project is to help with the churches and schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti in the North District of Haiti.

Organization Status . . .

LMA is a 501c3 non-profit organization. There is virtually no overhead and all proceeds go directly to the mission in Haiti. We visit Haiti at least once a year, and find our brothers and sisters in the ELCH very accountable for the money sent to help fund the mission.

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