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MESSAGE FROM THE VIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Preserve our natural resources by reducing use of paper
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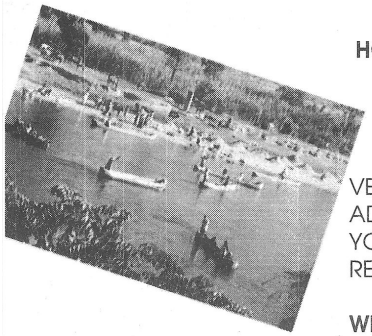

HOW DO I SIGN UP??

- IT'S EASY – simply visit the **VIPHAITI.org** website
- You will be asked to enter your first and last name and email address.
- Starting with the NEXT issue you will receive an email notifying you that the Newsletter is available on line.

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WHAT IF I WANT TO CONTINUE BY POSTAL MAIL??

- NO PROBLEM!! Recipients of the Newsletter who do not want electronic delivery will continue to receive paper copies in the postal mail.

Ventures in People is grateful for your support. We appreciate your interest in our website and the time you spend visiting VIPHaiti.org Stay tuned for more quick and easy ways to support Ventures in People in future newsletters.

THANKS .

4H HAITI--WHAT'S AN **ARBOR LOO**?

I was excited about 4H—helping so many who can't afford school-learning skills to improve lives of self, family, community and yes, country.
-- January trip participant

An Arbor Loo is an outside pit toilet that can be placed in the backyard of rural homes to improve the sanitation for that family. Most rural areas don't have toilets to use.

4-H in Haiti has received a Rotary District Simplified Grant from West Bend Noon Rotary to build a number of Arbor Loos in the backyards of 4-H families in the Mirebalais area.

HOW ARE THEY CONSTRUCTED?

A pit is dug in the ground, a cement lid with a hole in it is placed over the top, and a privacy curtain is placed around the toilet. A squat toilet best describes the finished product. The pit is treated at times with lime to prevent odor and facilitate decomposition to sterile fertilizer. When the pit is full another pit is dug and the cement lid is transferred over to the new location.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE OLD SPOT?

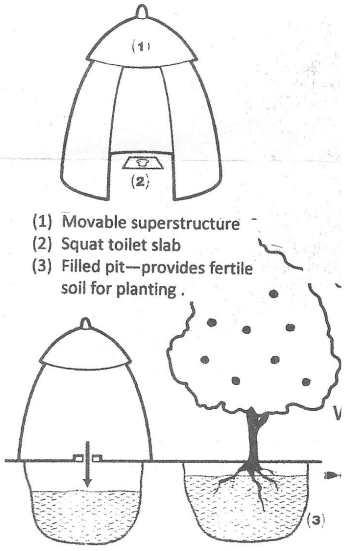
The old pit is covered over with dirt and a fruit tree, vegetables or other plants are planted. What's under the soil serves as fertilizer for the new plant.

4-H youth will be working together with an instructor to construct the Arbor Loos. Instruction will be given as to how to manage them.

They are affordable for the Haitian people costing only about $35.00 US dollars to construct.

One of Haiti's main issues is sanitation and the Arbor Loos are just one way to address that issue.

Karen Longrie VIP 4-H Coordinator.



(1) Movable superstructure
(2) Squat toilet slab
(3) Filled pit—provides fertile soil for planting .

STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Louis finally realized his dream of visiting the USA--- doing some sightseeing and especially visiting with the folks of Ventures in People

As the 2010 – 11 school year draws to a close, we are already busy preparing for the 2011 – 12 school year.

The renewal notices have gone out to our sponsors and many of you have already responded.

WE THANK YOU !!

Included in those responses some of our friends added another student to the one they already have.
When we hear from you, we are encouraged to continue the work, knowing that we have such great support for this VIP Program.
We have 14 new sponsors awaiting to be assigned a student.
Again, thank-you.
This is always an exciting time of year as we enjoy hearing from you as we prepare for the fall school term.
We appreciate the part you have taken and the dedication you have shown in trying to educate as many children in Mirebalais, Haiti as possible.
THANK-YOU from Karen and Barb and the VIP Board

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> If everyone rejoiced in song and loved others like the Haitians do, our world would be a better place.
> -- January trip participant

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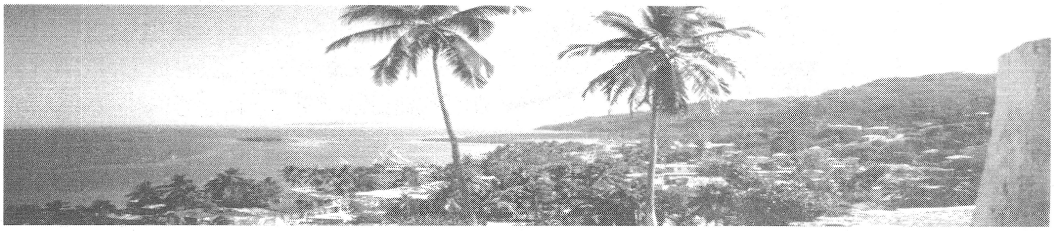
In the last few months......

MEMORIALS :

Frank Uttech, Ervin Terlinden, Melvin & Edna Lorch, Norman & Chloe Schaffner
Florence Thomas, Harriet Gross, Dr. Joanne Dyer

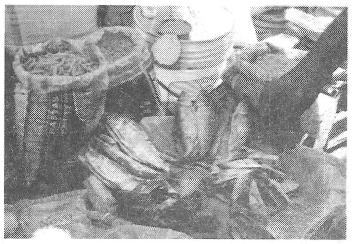


REFLECTIONS FROM TRIP PARTICIPANTS OF JANUARY 2011

* My trip to Haiti was life changing. It not only opened my eyes but my heart as well.

* I appreciated the opportunity to experience the people and the culture traveling about.

* My first trip to Haiti I found the poverty overwhelming, but it stood out that there is no poverty of SPIRIT. They are gracious, hospitable & generous people.



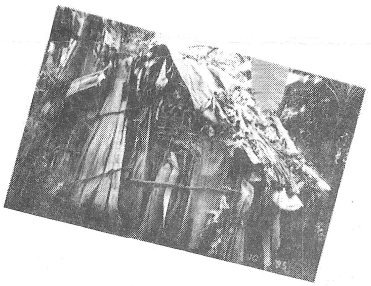
* Because we traveled around I was able to experience Haiti from city to countryside—mountain to seashore.

* Struck by the widespread poverty, I was encouraged to see large groups of people at 4H health care presentations

* I know I made a difference talking with people, going to visit 4H, dropping off supplies etc. But anyone could have done that. What the Haitians taught me was TO LIVE !

* I was most moved by the impact that a smile, a wave or a simple "bonjou" had on people. Never once was I afraid.

* I felt as though I was meeting family at a family reunion.



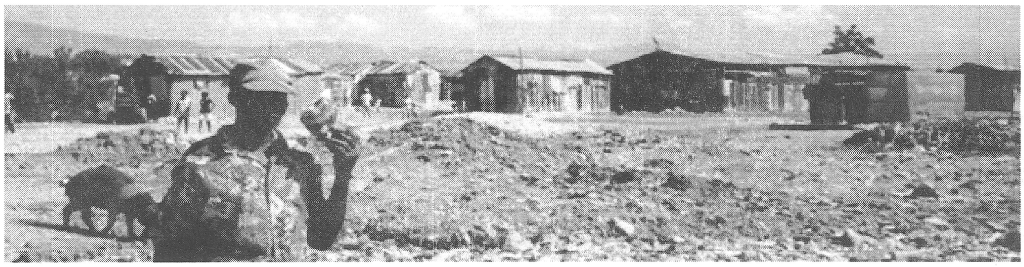
* THE DEVASTATING EFFECT OF THE EARTH QUAKE CONTINUES!

* It was heartwarming to see the care and nurture pouring out to those in need from their neighbors and friends.

* I renewed my friendship at St Joe's Home—CAN'T WAIT 'TIL THE DANCERS COME TO WEST BEND IN SEPTEMBER TO PERFORM.

* I saw many dedicated people such as Ventures in People that really stand out as bright spots in the midst of a lot of hardship.

* Rubble—poverty—garbage—more rubble. What could we possibly do to change that? We met Haitians who had faith and hope in a place that seemed impossible. My eyes saw rubble and garbage—my heart saw HOPE & LOVE for each other, but, most of all FAITH.

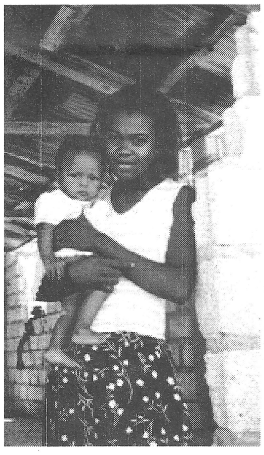


CHOLERA NEWS

We know that Cholera had not been reported in Haiti until October 2010. The EPIDEMIC that hit then rapidly spread from its' beginning in the Artibonite region throughout the general population. The end of the Epidemic did not stop Cholers.

Therefore, preventive measures will be ongoing formany, many years to come.

The disease has gone from EPIDEMIC to ENDEMIC (restricted areas) and SPORADIC (occurring occasionally)However, the spring rainy season brought with it a marked increase in cases of Cholera throughout Haiti.



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR VIP??

Our efforts are quite clear:

*Promote sanitation through such projects as the 4H ArborLoo building (See 4H article) That will continue as we can fund it

*Promote personal hygiene thru making "Tippy Taps (see Feb. Newsletter)

*Promote procedures for Treatment/ Serum Oral (also started in January)

*Continue water treatment project through purification systems

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.....Thank-you.

NO ORGANIZATION GETS TO WHERE THEY ARE WITHOUT HELP FROM OTHERS. VIP hopes you will continue helping us "HELP HAITIANS TO HELP THEMSELVES".

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