

Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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A Message from the President

I often sit and wonder if the reason I am in this world has been fulfilled. I believe we are all here to do something! Help others or in some cases cause havoc with our presence. Right now, as I write this I am sitting on my deck, sun on my face, and looking at the woods behind my condo. It is peaceful and quiet. Currently my schedule includes President of Ventures In People, Secretary of my condo association, teaching piano lessons, and am "Mom" to two aging fur babies. My family and friends are always high on my list of things to do. These activities defiantly fill my days not that I am retired. But could I do more for someone else? Should I do more?

Have you ever thought about helping others in your spare time? Or can you squeeze one more thing into your already busy life? Have you ever thought about being on a board of directors? I can tell you that I never did! Yet, here I am. We are just regular people trying to make a difference in a poor country. We meet 5 times a year. Please come check us out. Our next meeting is September 18th. The Ventures In People website will help you to contact me for more information. www.viphaiti.org
Being on the Board not for you? How about helping with a contribution for a 4-H grant, goat, water filter, or sponsorship for a student to go to school. Still one more way to support VIP is to come to a brat fry! Come enjoy a brat and visit with our directors. What can you do to make a difference in this world.

~ Julie Stauss, President



VIP Brat Fry

It's that time of year again! Come join us for our brat fries this summer to help support Ventures In People!

July 29: Kewaskum

Piggly Wiggly
940 Fond du Lac Ave.
Kewaskum, WI 53040

August 26: Jackson

Piggly Wiggly
W194N16774 Eagle Dr.
Jackson, WI 53037

Student Sponsorships

If you have been sponsoring a child/ children and wish to continue, we would like to hear from you soon. Many of you have already responded, and we appreciate your promptness. Louis is looking ahead to the next school year and needs to know the number of children VIP will be supporting.

Thank You.

-VIP'S Student Education Committee

A Visit with Louis Tenior Guerrier, VIP Education Coordinator



Louis, is there anything that you would like to say to VIP's sponsors of children in our education program?

To all Sponsors...I say thanks from the bottom of my HEART. In the name of all parents who are in deep debt in Haiti, on more time—THANK YOU! This year was difficult for most of them because we are now in a deep economic crisis. This morning (5/15) 40 gourdes has been added on gas prices and every product is getting more expensive. This morning I received 9 people at my home asking me to take their kids in the VIP program in September. I should remind you since three years I have a waiting list of 300 kids who want help from me. It's a way to tell you that you are doing a great job by sponsoring a kid through the VIP Education Program—hope you will continue to support VIP in this mission.



Louis



When the children finish the school year, what do they do during summer months?

Unfortunately kids don't do many things during the summer time. Every summer some organizations organize Summer Camp for kids, but most of the kids can't participate because they charge about \$50 a month to participate. So only a few people who can pay this money send their kids to Summer Camp. And, as you know, the majority of kids that we have in our program come from very poor families so they normally don't do anything after school is out. Some of them go to work with their parents in the garden every day.



Louis

4-H Grants in Action!

Here are some pictures that Bernine, our 4-H Coordinator sent. The clubs have been busy! The pictures show: the repair of schools in Lamarre; the construction of a meeting place for the Desvarieux 2 club; communal toilets in Nansiwel and Boyer; Trianon and Grand Boulage's sewing machines; a well a club worked on (not sure which club is responsible); new doors that Dubisson installed at a church or school; and the Desvarieux 2 children singing the 4-H pledge.



All of these community improvement projects are possible in part to grants that the 4-H clubs receive each year. Grants will be distributed this summer and we could still use a few more sponsors to step up.

Will you help keep the good work going by sponsoring a club with a \$150 grant?

Blessings!

Jocelyn Ritger

Ventures in People 4-H Coordinator

Water Project: Ken Schumann

Two of the weeks I was in Haiti were devoted to distributing water filters. A total of 1,200 were assembled and distributed. This means from 6,000-10,000 people can now drink clean water. A total of 5,250 filters have been distributed in the last four years. We are starting to fund raise for 2018! I have a goal of 600 filters which will cost \$22,000. We can distribute that many in one week easily. This year we distributed up in the mountains well away from Mirebalais. All this work was done by 28 volunteers from Rotary and The Ventures In People Foundation who donated their time and talent and paid their own expenses.



****Don't forget! We'd love to see you at a Brat Fry!!****

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

Date: _____

The dollars you send are put to work as you designate. Please mark the lower left hand corner on your check to indicate your wishes. Undesignated Funds are used at the discretion of the VIP Board to target: Special and Priority Needs as well as Disasters and Emergencies.

- \$160 Sponsor a child in school for one year
- \$120 Salary for an English Teacher for one month
- \$150 Educate a 4H Member on Goat Care and provide him/her with a goat
- \$150 Provide a Grant for a 4H Club for a Community Improvement Project
- \$55 Provide a family with a water filter system

I/WE WISH TO DONATE

_____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other

I/WE WISH TO _____ Remember _____ Honor Name _____

Please Acknowledge to: Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

All donations will be acknowledged—Memorials and Honorariums to recipient as designated.

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