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It's been a few months since our last update so there is a lot to catch up on. For those of you with Internet access, we will post regular updates on our website, cleanwaterforhaiti.org, on the Newsletter page.

TRAINING UPDATE!

Three groups of Haitians have been trained since the month of June, 2003. At right you see the second group receiving their Filter Technician Training Certificates. We now have a total of 27 trainees who are fully qualified to build, install and maintain the Canadian BioSand Filters. World Vision has sent 18 men for training from all over Haiti. We are thrilled to be partnering with this organization to spread the use of the filter throughout the country.



In September and October, 2003 we will be training an additional 2 groups from Catholic Relief Services and World Neighbors.

The filter training project has evolved to work more closely with established organizations who will use the trained technicians within their own programs in Haiti. Clean Water for Haiti will focus on continued technical support to these organizations and their technicians. We are also planning to implement a community steward program to help support the filter technicians.

PROJECT BRAVO

Clean Water for Haiti will be involved with the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST), Biosand Research Project for Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The Research Project has 4 objectives:

1. Lab and Field Evaluation of Process Effectiveness
2. Education and Accreditation
3. Systems Development
4. Evaluation of Technical Dissemination Model

We have committed to work with Mount Royal College in Calgary to field test and evaluate the new training and support material. We will also help with supplying filters if necessary for the Haiti Field Tests.

For more information check out the CAWST website: <http://cawst.org/>

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JOHN CHAMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS

John Chambers drove to Florida in June with a load of donated items collected by the VAC Men's Group for Clean Water for Haiti. From there the items were loaded onto the Van der Fliers (CMOM) boat awaiting transport to Haiti. In addition John was able to spend a whole month on the mission base helping out with various projects including the Bush Pump you see at right. For some unknown reason the hand pumps we had been using on the well sites are no longer available in Haiti. So John and Chris Rolling (another volunteer) put together this Bush Pump as an alternative and it works just fine! It may not be pretty but it functions very well. John was a favourite with the workers on base as he gets along so well with people. They called him Gwo Blan (Big White). John used his people skills and expertise in welding to help streamline the manufacturing of the filter molds and increased production from one mold every 2 weeks to 2 per week. Thanks for everything John!



Cup of Cold Water Well Project Update

The new LS-200 drill rig purchased by Cup of Cold Water is now in full operation drilling water wells in Haiti. A total of 6 wells have been successfully drilled. PTL. We had anticipated that Fritz Sejuste would be the drill operator but he is pursuing an opportunity to do studies in Florida so we have Lou Lou Desinor heading the well drilling program. He is doing a great job. As mentioned above in the article about John, we are no longer able to purchase hand pumps in Haiti and are pursuing other options. For now we will continue



to build the Bush pump at the base. LouLou is pictured at right.



STAFF PHOTO

Back left to right: Asny (filter trainer), John (volunteer), Ti Marc (overseer), LouLou (well drilling), Chris (executive director)
Middle row: Finel (assistant fabricator), Kamilla (house boss), Jonesse (house help), Barb (house mom)
Bottom row: Boss Ner Ner (Head fabricator), Egert (assistant well driller), Junior (assistant filter trainer), Jonathon (gardener)
 Missing: Jean (Jack of all trades), Jean Paul (drillers helper)

ADELE IS HOME

As many of you already know, Adele has decided to return home to stay. The stress of the tragedies that have occurred contributed to her decision to move home. Tal is continuing to operate the mission base with trips home every 3-4 months to rejuvenate and visit with family. Currently we have two dedicated volunteers to help with day to day operations of the base. Chris Rolling is assisting with filter training sessions and various other duties and Barb McLeod has taken over household management and looking after teams & the dorms. Huge thanks to them both.

SNAIL MAIL

We can now receive mail and packages in Haiti. We do not pay extra for envelopes but we do have to pay a \$1 US per pound premium for packages. If you are so inclined you may write to us: Tal & Adele Woolsey - PAP13419 7990 15th Street East Sarasota, FL 34243

You can use Clean Water For Haiti but be sure you use the PAP13419 so they know to forward our mail to Haiti.

SUPPORT

Please support this project in any way that God moves you.

In Canada

Cheques can be made payable to:

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