

Winter 2005

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NEWSLETTER

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2004 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year this has been! A year ago the political situation was extremely volatile with armed opposition forces and rebels taking over several cities and wreaking havoc on an already unstable country. The government was eventually overthrown when President Aristide left the country and UN forces moved in to restore order. The country barely returned to a sense of normality when it was struck by a series of natural disasters. The first flood struck near the Dominican border in May. It was followed in September by Tropical Storm Jeanne that caused extensive flooding and loss of life in the city of Gonaives and the surrounding countryside north of the Clean Water for Haiti base. It has been reported that over 5000 lives were lost due to these floods.

Clean Water for Haiti was able to rally to the aid of the people of Gonaives with an enormous water filter project. Because Chris Rolling and other workers were already in-country and established in Haiti, they were able to quickly respond to the situation and immediately organize the production of filters for the area. Funding by World Vision, CARE, Pure Water for the World, Children's International Lifeline and Crossroads Family of Ministries made this lifesaving project possible. To date over 2000 filters have been constructed and installed with hundreds more still to come. We estimate 50,000 people already have access to clean water because of our ability to respond quickly. If you are interested in Chris' story about our disaster response see the Newsletters link on our website.



Biosand
Water Filter
in use in
Gonaives

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Reynold Maines

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2005 Focus on Technician Support

Developing Community Organizers

We would like to see filter techs better supported in their communities. To accomplish this we are developing Local Organizers in established organizations to mentor trained technicians in business skills. The techs will be trained as Community Stewards who will educate people in areas of health/hygiene/sanitation and will promote filter use in their communities. This is going to take a lot of work coordinating but we believe it will produce positive long-term results and help to grow the life saving filter programs even more.



Small Filter Production Training

We are now training existing technicians how to build the new light-weight filters! There has been a lot of interest in the light filters. Previously our 330 pound standard filter had to be carried by 4 or more men up steep mountain roads. Now technicians can deliver the lighter 160 lb filter on a donkeys back. We have no doubt but that the light filters are a large part of the reason why the Gonaives project is so successful.



Gonaives 2000 Filters Installed

Over 2000 filters were installed during phase one of the Gonaives disaster relief project. In phase two we return to our mission of sustainable development. Gonaives filter technicians are now successfully marketing filters at a low subsidized cost. [Photo credit: Ben Rolling]

Property Purchase

We now have received donations of \$55,000 toward the purchase of our property. If you would like to help you may designate your donation to "property purchase"

We are very grateful for your ongoing prayers and support.

VISIT US ONLINE @
cleanwaterforhaiti.org
&
waterforkids.info

SUPPORT

Please consider supporting this project

In Canada

Cheques can be made payable to:
Clean Water For Haiti
Mail to:
c/o Vernon Alliance Church
2601-43rd Ave.
Vernon, BC, V1T 3L1

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Donations are tax-deductible in Canada*

In USA

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PO Box 273
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Non-profit corporation registered in Washington State (UBI 602-370-428) US 501c3 has been submitted to the IRS and we are awaiting approval. (We are not yet able to issue tax receipts in the US, but we do expect all 2005 donations to be deductible. Contact us for more info.)

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Goals for 2005

- Find and train full time volunteers to supervise existing programs
- Support and sustain operations and program through fundraising and grant writing
- Purchase property
- Support existing technician through development and training
- Improve our training program
- Restart the well drilling program
- Obtain government recognition of Non- Profit status (US & Canada)
- Improve our security situation to a sustainable level