

Welcome 2008!

Another year is upon us and we are already busy, busy, busy!

After a good break in Washington with family in December we returned on January 2nd to get things into full swing for 2008. We have a lot of projects and things planned, on top of continuing the work with our filter project, so we were eager to get started.

It's always encouraging to look back and see good progress, and that's exactly what everyone at Clean Water for Haiti is doing right now. 2007 was a great year and we feel incredibly blessed that God is growing and changing things here every day.

Haiti as a country is constantly improving, and it's encouraging. We are seeing the beginning stages of a major road project that will open up a good portion of the country and make travel faster, smoother and safer. You never really appreciate those things until you don't have them!

There are many organizations that are

A Financial Update

One of the most challenging things about working in the non-profit sector is funding. Will you have enough to keep working at the pace you are? Will you have enough to plan for the next stages? Will you have enough to grow?

We have definitely had our share of growing pains in this department. Many times we've had to meet with our staff and tell them we may be laying them off. There were times when we didn't know if we could make rent payments. Sometimes we weren't even sure we had money to buy materials to actually build the filters.

We were in that position at the end of 2006 and had one of those very meetings with our staff before taking a Christmas vacation. It was discouraging. But, through several large donations we found ourselves sitting in a much different financial position come January 1st, 2007. Since that time we haven't had any more of those staff meetings and we haven't worried about whether the funds would be there. In fact, it's been quite the opposite.

are working towards stabilizing Haiti and we're seeing their efforts pay off. It's now safer than it has been in years. It makes our work and life here much easier than before.

One thing that a person learns over time while living and working in a place like Haiti is that you need to be flexible and willing to shift and change as needed if you want to see growth and development. That's becoming an underlying theme here at Clean Water for Haiti and we're seeing the positive impact of that.

We're excited about seeing all the growth and change that ministry will bring this year and we hope that you'll look forward to hearing about all of it.

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~Chris & Leslie Rolling
CWH Executive Directors

At the beginning of each year we like to take stock of our financial position and do our planning for the year based on that. This year we were completely blown away to find that we were only short about \$5,000 of our *entire* 2007 operating budget in Haiti! Talk about feeling blessed.

We want to thank each and every one of you that have given a financial gift to Clean Water for Haiti. Your giving really does save lives. It enables us to not only give people access to clean water, but also to provide stable employment to local people—something that is very rare here.

It's tempting to read good news like this and sit back and feel like the job is done for another year, but it's not. Far from it. We have some big projects planned for 2008 and big projects mean more financial needs. We hope you'll take a look at some of the information on the back of the newsletter and consider giving a gift to help us carry those out. They are all part of helping Clean Water for Haiti grow and change.

our mission:

To demonstrate our love for the Lord and our neighbors by providing support and expertise for sustainable water projects in Haiti.

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Vernon, BC
V1T 3L1

A registered non-profit organization
Charitable giving # 83462 6673
RR001

In the US:

CLEAN WATER FOR HAITI
4606 NW Grant Place
Vancouver, WA
98663

A registered non-profit organization
IRS 501(c)3

Please make all checks payable to:
"CLEAN WATER FOR HAITI"

CREDIT CARD DONATIONS
www.cleanwaterforhaiti.org

All donations are tax deductible.
Tax receipts will be issued at year end.

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looking to volunteer?

Contact us via email or visit our website to download our Staff Application Package.

2008 Projects

Solar Panels:

Thanks to the generosity of Canadian Humanitarian, a Medicine Hat, Alberta based non-profit organization we will be seeing the installation of solar panels at Clean Water for Haiti.

In 2006 we spent over \$5000 US just for fuel for the generator to run it the needed 5-6 hours each day to charge the batteries we use for our power source. That's about one months operating expenses for the mission! The solar panels will reduce the generator running time down to about 30 minutes a day—a BIG change that's not only better on the pocket book, but also the environment. We are starting work on the steel structure to support the panels, and will see them installed with the help of a few volunteers from CH in May. We're very excited about this project!

A New Passenger Vehicle:

If you have ever visited us here at the mission you have probably had the experience of riding in the back of the truck, and not because it was fun, but because it was necessary.

We have been very blessed over the years to receive the needed funds to purchase the work trucks that we have. They are big and strong and great for the work we do with filters—but not wonderful for hauling people. Not only is riding in the back of a truck not ideal from a physical sense, it's not always the safest option either. With Haiti's troubled past we are always concerned about the well being of our staff and guests. We are currently looking at our options and will be making the purchase in the early part of this year. Thank you to the Mary Tidlund Foundation who have already provided a portion of the funds needed for this project.

Dorm Upgrade and Expansion:

Our current dorm building is used to host students for training classes and visitors to the mission. With the anticipated growth of CWH we are also having to plan for more volunteer staff to come on board.

This year we will be structurally upgrading the current dorm building and adding a second level with a staff apartment for our volunteer staff. The estimated cost of this project is \$23,000 and we are hoping to do it in stages throughout the year as finances and weather permit.

If you would like to give specifically to one of these projects you can designate your donation in the space provided. Thank you for helping to make this important growth possible.



Construction of the solar panel support gets underway.

Haven't visited us online recently? Check out our website at:

www.cleanwaterforhaiti.org

Get past newsletters and sign up for our monthly email updates.

Christmas Campaign Update

In November we announced our 2007 Christmas Campaign.

Through mail out newsletters, emails and several fundraising events we were able to raise over \$30,000 making this year's campaign a very successful one.

Thank you to all those who donated to CWH over the Christmas season. Your generosity has put us in a great financial position and allows us to move into 2008 with the funds needed to continue our work and to expand and grow the mission.

2008 Vision Trips:

We have been very encouraged by the interest in our **Vision Trips**. Dates for next years trips are:

**March 22-29 ~ April 5-12 ~ October 18-25
November 1-8**

These one week visits to our mission base in Haiti are a wonderful way to see the work that we do first hand. If you would like more information or to register, please contact:

Leslie at office@cleanwaterforhaiti.org

We would encourage you to register as soon as possible as spots are first come, first serve and the are already being filled!

CWH Donation Form

NAME: _____

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Please find enclosed my donation of _____

I am designating my donation to:

General Fund

Other _____

All donations are tax deductible. Tax receipts will be issued at year end.