

SEAS JOINS PROJECT H.O.P.E. – A SEASON OF HOPE!

SEAS Outreach Mission



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for the people of Borgne, Haiti

SEAS PROJECT H.O.P.E. VISION

*Like Project H.O.P.E.,
we envision a Borgne, Haiti, where every child can count on
food, clean water, healthcare and education,
living in a safe environment.*

SEAS PROJECT H.O.P.E. MISSION

*SEAS will partner with Project H.O.P.E.
to support the people of Borgne, Haiti,
in promoting and sustaining community well-being
through health, education and economic initiatives.*

September 2014 — Update

*NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2014
Please come and join us—everyone's help is needed!*

LETTER FROM THE HOPE CORE TEAM

To all of our supporters,

I am happy to report that the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, on recommendation from the HOPE Outreach Team, has decided to continue our support to the people of Borgne, Haiti for another year. This is accomplished in a number of ways. First, we will continue to tithe at \$2600 for the year. These funds come from our parish tithing fund and are given to HOPE on an unrestricted basis. The generosity of people who have made contributions via the Blue Envelopes and other means continues to be strong, and raffle proceeds have been substantial. This has allowed us to donate an additional \$9600 over the past year. These funds are largely used to support the critical needs of the hospital and mobile clinics in Borgne. In July an additional \$3000 was donated to support these efforts. Besides supporting medical needs, we also conducted a Book Drive this spring with a substantial contribution. It is a big step in expanding the reading selection for the children of Borgne. *(Please see the related article on page 2.)*

In May, Ed Parrone, HOPE's Chairman of the Board, with help from our own Jerry Clement and Laura Coriddi, hosted a reception at his home for HOPE Board members and supporters. It was a pleasure to meet others who share in the vision of HOPE. Guest of honor was Dr. Thony who manages all things medical (and much more!) at the hospital in Borgne. He is a soft spoken man with a genuine passion for helping the people of his community. He is much loved and instrumental to the success of the hospital and an inspiration to all. I couldn't help thinking that rather than spend much more time in Rochester, he wanted very much to get back to work in Borgne!

Our Outreach team continues to meet quarterly. We thank those who renewed their commitment via the Time, Talent and Treasure campaign, and we welcome any new members. Please contact any HOPE Core member for additional information.

And finally, please keep the people of Borgne in your prayers as we do each week at Mass.

Blessings to all,
Cathy Newell

IF NOT SEAS, THEN WHO? IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?

DYE MON, GEN MON. (Beyond the mountains, more mountains.)

Book Drive for Borgne Library

Our Book Drive for the library in Borgne was a huge success! Following guidelines provided by Kate Conway-Turner who is coordinating the library assets, and with help from Erica at french-booksonline.com we selected 38 titles for young pre-readers through early teens covering a range of topics. All books are in French. We ordered a sample set for people to review and purchase for shipment to the library. From this set orders were taken for 92 books, including duplicates of some titles to offer group or classroom sharing opportunities for the children. With additional cash contributions from parishioners, the title selection was expanded and another 59 books were ordered. On top of all this the Youth came through with \$341 from their scrap metal drive to purchase an additional 62 books of their choice.

Our stated goal was to ship 150 books. In the end, we purchased 253 books at a total value of \$2231. Many thanks to all who supported this Book Drive, including Erica at frenchbooksonline.com who offered a substantial discount to us and has been very supportive throughout the selection, purchase and shipping process and donated an additional five books to the cause.

Of course the big winners are the people of Borgne who are receiving these books to expand their library. The future of Haiti relies heavily on educating the children. Teaching them to love reading and learning is essential, and we applaud all efforts that help to make this a reality.

We expect to make the Book Drive an annual event, so practice your French for next year's selections!

Thank you for using the **BLUE ENVELOPE** in your collection envelopes! As you can see in our financial statement (on page 4), you're making a very significant difference!

PICTURES FROM OUR LAST SEAS HOPE ANNUAL RAFFLE



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: WINNERS OF THE LAST H.O.P.E. RAFFLE

- \$5000 - Peter and Kathy Pastecki
- \$1000 - Jerry Barlow and Father Bill
- \$500 - Jim and Eileen Joyce
- \$500 - Peter Harr
- \$500 - Dick Duffy

Our NEXT BIG MONEY DRAWING will be held NOVEMBER 22 - tickets go on sale October 11!

The raffle proceeds totaled \$5300— and several of our very generous winners donated \$1300 from their prize money so we were able to donate \$6600 to HOPE as a result of this year's raffle!
Thank you to ALL who participated in supporting HOPE!

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SEAS HOPE TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)

Beginning balance \$ 4,808.68

Revenue

Blue Envelopes (& interest):	\$ 3,315.45	
Fundraisers (raffle):	\$ 6,600.00	
Donations (Scrap Metal):	\$ 341.00	
Donations (Book Drive):	\$ 1,571.00	
Prints/Cards:	\$ -	
<i>Total Revenue</i>		\$ 11,827.45

Expenses

Mobile Medical Clinics:	\$ -	
Hospital:	\$ 9,600.00	
Library Books:	\$ 1,319.10	
Postage, Raffle Thank Yous:	\$ 47.53	
<i>Total Expenses:</i>		\$ 10,966.63

Revenue minus Expenses \$ 860.82

Total Funds at end of period \$ 5,669.50



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- According to the World Bank:**
- 78% of Haitians live on \$2 per day or less, and
 - life expectancy in Haiti is 58 years.

Haiti has 8.3 million citizens and is slightly smaller than the state of Maryland, which has 5.7 million citizens.

SUPPORT HOPE WITH CARDS

Why not support the people of Haiti while doing your Christmas shopping? Our lovely note cards and picture prints will be available by contacting Laura Coriddi at:

733-2661 or lauracor@rochester.rr.com.

They make very thoughtful gifts, or keep them for a beautiful way to keep in touch with loved ones throughout the year.



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THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI



ALL ARE WELCOME, AND ALL ARE NEEDED!