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Meeting needs through church planting in Haiti

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Annual Report July 2006-June 2007

I am continually amazed at what God accomplishes in the face of seemingly formidable odds through his people who seek to serve Him. I must confess that as we make our plans each year and look at what we hope to accomplish I find myself saying, "Yes, Lord, but we don't have the resources." Then as I sit down to write this report and look at what He does accomplish I'm amazed!

Year in review:

Eglise Evangelique Libre de Berard(Berard EFC Church)

We have laid plans for several years to build the church in the village of Berard near Pastor Henoc's home. This year the church home became a reality with the help of our church family both in Haiti and the USA.

- Winter 2005/2006-Berard EFC member raise funds and make concrete blocks for the church.
- Winter 2006-First MIM (Men's International Mission) arrives to work alongside Haitians to build the foundation and the walls of the new church.
- Summer 2006-Three Lakes EFC organized the loading of a 40' container. This container held building supplies for the church provided by Argonne Lumber at a reduced price and purchased with funds donated by MIM. School desks, chairs, and chalk boards donated by the Northland Pines School district were also loaded into that container.
- Winter 2007-Three Lakes EFC team headed up by Fran Schmitz builds the trusses for the church using the lumber sent in the shipping container the summer before.
- Winter 2007-A second team from MIM arrives in Haiti to put the trusses built by the Schmitz team on the building and finish the roof. They also built the church pulpit and platform.
- Spring 2007-Funds raised by the MIM team paid for hired Haitian labor to finish the stucco plaster and floor.
- Summer 2007-A team of teenagers and their chaperones from the Berean Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio arrived in Haiti to build the pews and paint the church. This team conducted the first VBS to be held in the new building.
- The first Sunday morning worship service in the new church was held on July 29, 2007 with 480 in attendance! The church will be officially dedicated Nov 4th with many who worked on the church in attendance.

This project points to the way we at VOHM want to work in Haiti in a partnership between teams from the US working along side our Haitian brothers building for the Master.

Eglise Evangelique Libre du Cap-Haitien (Cap Hatien EFC)

The Cap-Haitien church continues to have an impact in the lives of people in the city. During this past year one of the greatest accomplishment has been the development of our youth group. About 80 young people meet every Sunday evening for youth gathering. They play games, learn the Word and have a time of worship. 12 received baptism in May during the time of the celebration of the anniversary of the church. Fabolon Paul is now the Church Chairman.

Eglise Evangelique de la Grace (Grand Riviere du Nord EFC)

The church continues to grow, eight people were baptized during the third Sunday in August . God is at work in the city. The church voted to have deacons and elders in the church for the first time in 2006. The church chairman is Fetiere Jean Baptiste. A group of business people from the church are planning to develop a sewing factory if funds become available. During the summer of 2006, the church at Grande Riviere du Nord held an evangelistic crusade. Pastor Henoc along with Pastor John Pedro a preacher from Washington D.C. were the main speakers. 15,000 attended the seven day crusade. Many came forth in baptism as a result of this outreach.

College Susan Schuenke-

Our Christian school continues to grow. The 2006-07 school year had 480 students enrolled. We added a complete third story of classroom space onto the school structure in Cap Haitien. This addition provides us with classroom space for every grade. The chalk boards, desks and chairs from Eagle River were put to good use. Ten new computers and network cabling were provided by Pat Santoro and Ron Bagnato for the technology center. The leadership at the school is maturing with the new principle Thelus Wilson. The nutrition program is well funded. Generous contributions enabled the school to provide two meals/day in the spring of 2007 which we expect to continue for the 2007-08 school year. The number of students identified as needing scholarships was fully supported for the first time in the history of the school for 2006-2007 . We praise God for this. Several of our student graduates are going on to higher education and are doing very well with the preparation received through our school. The College Susan Schuenke received outstanding recognition from the Haitian education ministry this past year.

Short term missions teams-

In addition to the construction teams listed above, VOHM was blessed this year by a six month internship. Grant Ruccio, a Bible college grad from the Free Church in McKeesport, Pennsylvania was in Haiti January to June 2007. He taught English at the school and assisted with the youth groups at our three churches. He also assisted the VOHM/US office in the administration of the scholarship program by providing pictures of students to be distributed to donors. Another small group visited Haiti for a few short days in January bringing musical instruments and helping with the hot lunch program at the school. This group has since been able to raise extra money that will benefit the Nutrition program at the school this year

Ministry Accomplishments

The VOHM board continues to work with Pastor Henoc in laying plans for leadership development and incorporation into the leadership structure of the ministry. Pastor Henoc would like to eventually have a pastor for each church and he would stand alongside each as an overseer helping, encouraging and equipping as needed. Presently, Henoc is working with Bible students Tholem Mesadiou in GRDN, and Charitable Phanerd in Berard . We are praying for the Lord to bring a full time administrator to work with Pastor Henoc in Haiti.

A Toyota Hilux truck was purchased by the ministry and placed into service March 2007.

City power for the Cap Haitien church/school complex was energized through the purchase of a new transformer, poles and line.

Fabulon, Church Chairman for the Cap Hatien EFC, was able to come to the states with his wife and Pastor Henoc for a visit in May 2006. They visited several of our supporting churches.

Economic projects;

VOHM is a holistic ministry seeking to meet needs both physically and spiritually for those we serve. Developing an economic base for those we serve so they can support themselves and their families is a part of our mission. To that end, VOHM is starting to look at micro enterprise projects and funding options for these projects. VOHM president, Greg Schuenke, conducted an exploratory vision trip with these micro enterprise projects in mind in November of 2006.

- Coffee Export- Greg examined the feasibility of reviving the coffee farming business in northern Haiti. FACN, a federation of local coffee associations, markets Haitien Bleu specialty coffee in the U.S. Individual local farming associations own FACN. We are exploring the feasibility of developing a local association in northern Haiti and affiliating with FACN.
- Sewing Factory-Greg met with a group from the church plant in Grande Riviere du Nord to discuss the feasibility of developing a sewing factory to employ many from the church community in the manufacture of various garments. VOHM was the recipient of 30 new sewing machines which will be used in the factory.
- Medical/Dental Clinic: We have a hope that we can build a clinic in the future in Grand Riviere du Nord. Very preliminary discussions on this project have occurred with the members of the church and community in Grand Riviere du Nord as well as with dental teams who have visited Haiti to practice dentistry.

These projects are pending subject to further development and funding.

2006-07 Budget vs. Actual report and discussion

	Budget income	Actual Income	Actual Expense
Operating expenses	\$127,200.00	\$127,279.39	\$128,605.98
Capital Projects Fund	\$40,240.00	\$46,052.00	\$45,810.00
College Susan Schuenke	\$61,100.00	\$58,434.42	\$56,909.17
Total	\$228,540.00	\$231,765.81	\$231,325.15

Discussion

-Operating expenses include the normal expenses we incur in running the ministry and include Pastor Henoc's salary, the part time salary of an administrative assistant salary, as well as ministry related travel, vehicle expenses, etc.
-Capital Projects Fund covers board approved building projects and large purchases such as vehicles and generators.
-College Susan Schuenke expenses cover scholarships, the nutrition program and any subsidy to the school's operating income to cover parent tuition/scholarship shortfall. The school has a separate operating budget of approximately \$180,000.00

Operating Expense: The 2006-2007 fiscal year was the best year to date for our operating income fund. Thank you for your generous support.

Capital Projects Fund: We exceeded our projected income by 14.44%. Major expenditures included the Berard church building project, the third story on the school, purchase of a new Toyota Hilux 4WD truck, and new bathrooms to better accommodate our short term teams.

College Susan Schuenke (CSS): The income stream for CSS remains our biggest challenge. The parents who send their children to CSS scrape together what they can to pay tuition. They are not always able to pay their full bill. This year parents contributed 89% of the full tuition budget and VOHM made up the difference by contributing \$13,477 to cover the parental tuition shortfall (\$11,722 for FY 06-07 and \$1,755 for July/Aug of FY 07-08). We have been in a capital building phase for the school over the past four years. Trying to fund building expansion of the school using operating funds has been very difficult. We feel our major capital building (except for additional bathrooms) is now finished. We hope in the coming years the school will be self sustaining from parental income and the scholarship program. **The 2006-07 school year marked the first time the number of students identified as needing scholarships were all supported!** We are so very thankful to you for making this a reality. VOHM hopes our supporters will continue to fully fund this program as the mission continues subsidizing school revenue due to parental tuition shortfall and capital building . **The nutrition program in which we try to feed the students and staff one full hot protein rich meal each week is so well funded we are planning to continue 2 days/week in the 2007-08 fiscal school year.**

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who supports or is involved in this ministry. Without you and your prayers VOHM would not flourish. We are looking forward to our continued work for Christ and his kingdom in Haiti and want and need your continued support.

Thank you and may God richly bless you.

Greg Schuenke
President Vision of Hope ministries, Inc.