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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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TO CHANGE IS DIFFICULT—BUT, TIME CHANGES THINGS---- At the recent meeting of the VIP Board we honored Karen Longrie upon her retirement from the Board. Karen has been involved with Ventures in People since 1990, traveling to Haiti almost annually. She has served on the Board since 1995—seven years as Vice President and as Treasurer since 2007.

It was through her efforts that 4H was introduced to Haiti in 1996, starting with 2 Clubs of 20 members each. Today there are 20 Clubs with 1900 members.

Karen was honored with many commendations from the Board, refreshments and well wishes.

Replacing Karen as Treasurer is Marc Shuter who had been serving as Vice President. Marc is being succeeded by Julie Stauss who has been serving as a Director for 3 years . (Sound like "musical chairs"?)

TRIPS---- It is hard to think about trips to Haiti at this time of the year, but, it is not too early. Much advance planning goes into each trip we take and you know how time flies.

Karen Hintz leads a trip focusing on Student Education. (see Education article)

Some trips focus mainly on 4H Projects--- visiting clubs, checking on projects initiated though VIP \$150 US Grants, teaching new subjects and supporting and encouraging them.

In January there will be a cultural experience trip, hearing from local people about their struggles, dreams and successes. When feasible there will be a "hands on" experiences with Haitian folks.

Deye mon ge mon--- Beyond the mountain there are more mountains !!

The value of a trip is not only what we offer in gifts & supplies, but also what we receive from them. On a recent trip the driver said "thanks for all your precious time. You people changed my view of the world".

Trips are of great value to both Ventures in People and our Haitian friends Past participants have volunteered to serve on the Board---others have gleaned support for education scholarships and 4H projects. Still others have received college credit.

A 10 Day TRIP costs \$750 PLUS Air Fare----- A 14 day Trip costs \$900 PLUS Air Fare.

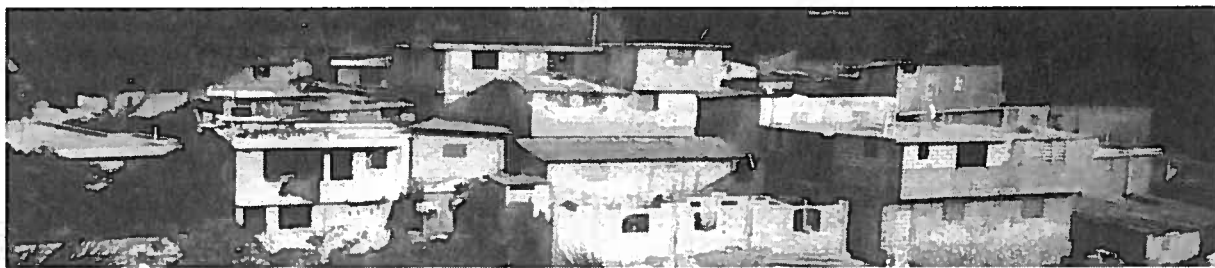
For November Trip contact Karen Hintz--- 414- 355- 3622

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ALSO CHECK THE VIP WEBSITE: www.viphaiti.org

<<http://www.viphaiti.org>>





4H HAITI--- Head, Heart, Hands, Health, & HOPE

HOPE CHANGES THINGS---HOPE inspires people to overcome obstacles, HOPE brings expectations. HOPE involves trust. The person who HOPES uses talents and energies to succeed. 4H brings HOPE !!

70 % of the Haitian population is under the age of 30. Really you say ?? Yes, really.

Youth is the country's greatest resource. Therein lies the future of the country. We think it will be in good hands with help from 4H Haiti and the education program.

4H members and leaders have shown us their resilience, especially since the earthquake (1/10) Cholera Epidemic (9/10) and hurricane floods and landslides (10/10). They have carried out Cholera prevention (sanitation) & treatment programs (serum oral) in their communities—(taught initially by VIP in 1/11.) - They helped launch the VIP Arbor Loo Project, (family latrines). We are pleased to tell you that the initial part of the project, through a Rotary Grant, accounts for the building of 18 Arbor Loos. All the labor was done by 4H Volunteers—only the Project Manager of "Youth Haiti" was paid expenses for travel and initial teaching. When the time comes, an Agronomist will teach gardening and tree planting.

In addition to life sustaining learning such as agriculture, goat raising, making saleable crafts etc., 4H teaches leadership, organizational skills, community awareness & outreach and health subjects.

4H HAITI HAS A 15th BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR !! We HOPE (there's that word again) you will consider a financial donation as a birthday gift to 4H Haiti. There is no "quick fix" to Cholera prevention and your help is needed. An American Missionary friend wrote last week "Although Irene did not directly hit Haiti, the accompanying rains brought on Cholera again. The mission hospital (tent) here had over 400 cases and they have only 40 beds. The staff was overwhelmed and over worked.

VIP has accepted the challenge for providing Arbor Loos as a way of protecting the environment through sanitation. Be sure you designate "Arbor Loos" on checks intended for this purpose.

4H Haiti attests to: APRAN PENDAN NAP TRAVAY--- **LEARNING**

BY DOING !!

BUFFALO COUNTY CONNECTION

Three recent trip participants to Haiti raised awareness of needs to 4H in Buffalo County, WI., --Ruth Shaffner, Karen & Joy Pehler. They gave a "visual tour" of their January experience and challenged the audience to get involved. A demonstration on sewing pillow case dresses was followed by a sewing time for interested people from Homemakers, 4H and community. The County Leader appealed to the clubs for project supplies for pillow case dresses, sewing & school supplies & garden seeds.

In addition they will support a student and a 4H Grant (\$150ea)

We want to thank them for their efforts . It is HOPED the gifts will be taken along on a group trip.

We've said it before, but, it's worth repeating:

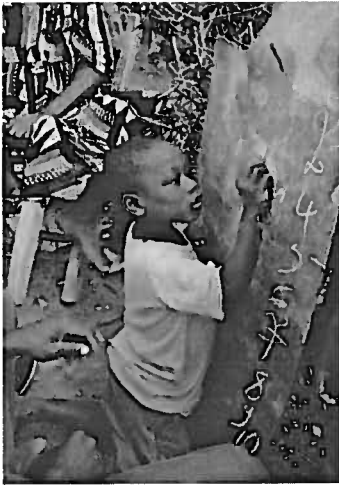
Piti, piti, zwazo fe nich—(Little by little the bird makes its' nest)



Karen Longrie (L) longtime VIP 4H coordinator is "passir the hat" on to Jocely Ritger (R). Learn mo about Jocelyn in a future issue.



STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM



The following is a note we recently received from a family in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin along with a check to sponsor two students:

"School begins September 1st. We are so happy for the wonderful opportunities we have for Madi and Marisa to learn, and would like to make a difference for two kids in Haiti to go to school as well."

Beth, Mike Madi & Marisa Grzesiak

In speaking with Beth after receiving their check she explained that they had just paid \$300 for activity and after school fees for one of their daughters who is a student at the middle school. She said that they decided that if they can give that for one of their children they could certainly pay that same amount to educate two children in Haiti.

From time to time we receive notes similar to the above, and it warms our hearts to hear these stories. We thank all of our sponsors for their dedication to our education program in Mirebalais, Haiti. School began for our students on August 22nd, so you know there are many happy and thankful children in school right now.

Karen Hintz will be going to Haiti in November to visit with the children and take their pictures. After she returns we'll get the information she brings back to you as soon as possible.

We are excited to tell you that our education coordinator in Haiti, Louis Tenor Guerrier, is going to be teaching some of the English classes this semester. Our English program is growing, and we thank everyone who is helping us to increase the number of these classes in our schools.

The hope for Haiti lies in the education of its people. Thank you for your help!!

Karen Hintz

Barb Seefeldt

REMINDER: The June Newsletter presented information on the new option of receiving the **VIP NEWSLETTER** via **EMAIL**.

PLEASE ACCESS the **LINK** by:

<http://www.viphaiti.org/archive.html>

OR

by clicking "NEWSLETTERS" from the **VIP Homepage**.



MEMORIALS:

Joe Looper
Merle Knox
Heather Draeger

Betty Born
Evelet Nowak

HONORARIUMS:

Karen Longrie
Leora Thomas
George Schowalter

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*"NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A SMALL GROUP OF COMMITTED PEOPLE TO CHANGE THE WORLD---
IN FACT, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS..." Margaret Mead*

Ventures In People Foundation Inc. is committed to help change Haiti.
Not with a "HANDOUT" but, with a "HAND-UP"---
VIP hopes you will join in that commitment by sending a financial contribution in the enclosed addressed envelope.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

I/WE Wish to ____ HONOR ____ REMEMBER.
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MY GIFT TO VIP \$ _____

VIP is a 501c3 organization--- gifts are Tax Deductible as allowed by Law.
An acknowledgement will be sent to you and designated persons.

THANKS for CARING ----- THANKS for SHARING !!

ALSO NEW: Contributions can be made via PAY PAL---
www.viphaiti.org/donations.html

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VIP PRESENTS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR "SHARING"-----

VIP has partnered with MARKET AMERICA to launch VIP'S own ONLINE SHOPPING SITE---

<http://www.marketamerica.com/supportviphaiti.com>

VIP will receive a donation as you earn "cash back" shopping at your favorite store.

