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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Resignation

I have been involved with Ventures In People and Haiti since 1991. I have had the opportunity to be part of our annual work camps for over 20 years. During this time I have also served as President of the VIP Board of Directors. It has been and always will be an important part of my life but my life is changing. A year ago April I was diagnosed with cancer. While I am happy to report that the cancer is under control, in more recent months I have discovered I am suffering from the after effects of the radiation and chemo. This calls for a major surgery on June 9th and a radical lifestyle change. I have many months of recovery ahead of me therefore I am resigning as President of the Board of Directors of Ventures in People. I will continue to work with the board in whatever capacity I am able to. It has been a joy and privilege to have served all of these years. I just want to say one last thank you to all of the supporters of Ventures In People. We could not do anything we do without you. Thank You!



George Schowalter

SPONSORING A STUDENT???

We appreciate having heard from many of our sponsors renewing your student sponsorships for the school year 2015-16. However, there are several from whom we have not heard and would like to hear from in regard to your decision. Louis is beginning to put together the class lists for next fall, and we need to know which children will be able to attend school. Please let us know your intentions. Thank you! You can send information to us at: Ventures in People, P.O. Box 1062, West Bend, WI 53095. Thank you!

EDUCATION PROGRAM By: Louis Tenior Guerrier, Coordinator in Haiti

Education in Mirebalais, with the great help of Ventures in People, about twenty years ago started with its Student Education Program to help kids around Mirebalais to go to school. In Haiti 80% of the schools belong to the private sector, so parents should pay to send their kids to school. In a country where 85% of the population lives in deep poverty, it's easy to understand why so many kids can't get an education. So for two decades Ventures in People is working with several schools and helping parents to do this finest work—trying to educate the youth that we believe are the future of the country.

These days we have about two hundred kids in our program. We provide uniforms, most books and we pay tuitions for them each year. My goal as the coordinator of the Student Education Program is to have in the next two years 300 kids in the program. To fulfill that goal, Ventures in People needs to find more people who are willing to sponsor a child. I have a waiting list of more than 300 kids. I hope that VIP will be able to touch more people's hearts so we can send 100 more kids to school in the next two years.

I say a big "thank you" to all our sponsors. Without your help our program would be a disaster. Ventures in People also has an English Program. We started this program six years ago and we have about 450 kids that we provide English classes for. But we need more friends to help spread the program to all the schools. This is a new challenge, but I think we are making progress. We believe more people are going to bring help to improve our English Program.

Louis Tenior Guerrier (Education Coordinator-Haiti)

4-H News Flash!

Just Released... Video Tells the Story of 4-H in Haiti

WATCH
NOW!



***If you do just one thing this month... PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE
check out the new video on our website or Facebook page!***

We have worked tirelessly to put together a video that tells more about 4-H in Haiti, gives firsthand testimony from 4-H members and leaders, and explains our plans for the upcoming youth leadership conference that we'll be holding in Haiti in 2016. Take a virtual field trip to Haiti and learn more about what our organization is doing there. Won't you please spare a few minutes of your time to support our cause? Thanks in advance!

On our website: <http://viphaiti.org/4h>

On Facebook: 4-H Haiti National Youth Leadership Conference

(While you're there, be sure to "Like" us!)

SAVE THE DATES! Come visit us for the Ventures in People Brat Fries!

Sunday, July 19th

10am-4pm
Ries' Sausage Plus
1435 W. Washington St.
West Bend, WI 53095



Saturday, July 25th

9am-2pm
Piggly Wiggly (Jackson)
W194N16774 Eagle Dr.
Jackson, WI 53037

VIP of Ventures in People: Jocelyn Ritger—4-H Coordinator



Hi! I'm Jocelyn, the Ventures in People 4-H Coordinator. I've been involved with VIP for four years. Outside of my involvement, I teach first grade and love to spend time outdoors.

Call it chance, fate, or divine coincidence, but I first got involved with VIP by accident! In the spring of 2010, I was doing a fifth grade student-teaching placement. It was right after the massive earthquake, so my students studied about Haitian culture and wrote stories to send to kids in Haiti. At the end of the year, I had a pile of books on my hands and absolutely no idea how to get them to Haiti!

Luckily, I made a connection with a VIP member (Heidi Thomas) who agreed to take the books along on her next trip. As I visited with her, she told me about VIP and mentioned that there were 4-H clubs in Haiti. When I heard this, I thought, *"Whoa! Wait a minute! 4-H in Haiti?!!"* I had been involved in Washington County 4-H for many years and even spent a few summers during college working for 4-H. It's something that I was (and still am) very passionate about! As Heidi told me more about 4-H in Haiti, I started wondering... *"Wow, I've seen the impact that 4-H has had on me and other young people here in Wisconsin. I wonder what kind of difference it's making in Haiti?"*

Our conversation that day planted a seed in my heart, and a few months later, I traveled to Haiti. I got to experience first-hand the way 4-H is building leadership, citizenship, and life skills among the young people. The following summer, I was asked to step into the position of 4-H Coordinator for VIP. I had no idea what I was doing at first, but I said 'yes' and haven't looked back since then. And it has been a huge blessing! I deeply admire all those who are/were part of VIP, and the organization's rich history of empowering Haitians. I am excited to do my part to make the future even brighter-and the world a little better-for all of our Haitian friends and neighbors!

Many Blessings,
Jocelyn

Water Filters

We are still thrilled about the success of the distribution of water filtration systems this past January. Many hundreds of poor people in Haiti can now drink clean water and do not get sick from the water borne diseases. A donation of \$100 means 15-20 people can have clean drinking water. \$1,000 benefits 150-200 people and \$10,000 can give 2,000 people clean water. VIP will again distribute water filters in January 2016.

To Get the Newsletter Electronically:

VISIT US AT VIPHAITI.ORG and sign up on-line. The news is available the day it is printed and helps reduce postage costs for VIP.

Board of Directors

While we are sad to say goodbye to George Schowalter as President we are pleased to announce that Julie Stauss has been elected as the new President of Ventures in People. We would also like to welcome Kathy Hetzel to the Ventures of People Board of Directors.

In Honor Of:

Ralph Schultz gave a donation in honor of George Schowalter.

Karen and Christopher Karnish contributed money for a student and two water filters in honor of George Schowalter.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

The dollars you send are put to work as you designate. Please mark the lower left hand corner on your check to indicate your wishes. Undesignated Funds are used at the discretion of the VIP Board to target: Special and Priority Needs as well as Disasters and Emergencies.

- \$160 Sponsor a child in school for one year
- \$120 Salary for an English Teacher for one month
- \$150 Educate a 4H Member on Goat Care and provide him/her with a goat
- \$150 Provide a Grant for a 4H Club for a Community Improvement Project
- \$55 Provide a family with a water filter system

I/WE WISH TO DONATE

_____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other

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Please Acknowledge to: Name _____

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Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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