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A Message from the President



Happy New Year!! I know a little late. Valentine’s Day has come and gone. Lent has begun and we are all looking forward to flowers peeking out of the ground. I am wondering how you are doing

with those New Year resolutions you made at the beginning of January?? You know we all make them—exercise, eat healthy and many others to improve ourselves in the New Year. How about helping others when you can? Ventures in People has many ways for you to help those less fortunate.

This year will be an exciting one for us. We have Louis coming from Haiti in April for 2 weeks. Louis is the Student Coordinator of the Education program for VIP. He will be meeting with current sponsors and hopefully getting new ones for more children to attend school. Then in July is the first Leadership Conference for 4-H in Haiti. Leaders from the different clubs will come together to share thoughts and ideas. Many meetings trying to plan and prepare have gone into these major events.

The volunteers involved with all of our programs have put their time and talents to work to help others. Can you??? Visit our website at www.viphaiti.org to learn more about each of these projects. Think Spring!

Respectfully,
Julie Stauss

Water Filters 2016

For 1 week in January Ventures in People volunteers distributed over 600 water filters to poor people in Haiti. Some people walked miles to pick up their filter. Each filter was personalized with the owners name and a number to trace it back for follow up and monitoring.

These are family size water filters with a long life, good flow rate, and easy maintenance. 600 filters means between 3,000 and 10,000 people can now drink clean water and in turn fewer will suffer from water borne diseases.

Thanks to Wendy Coulter for raising funds for the filters and other donors who contributed and to the volunteers that helped assemble and distribute the filters. Ventures In People has a small start on fundraising for filters for next year. Please contribute. This project has a greater impact on people’s health than most.



VIP Board Member Kathy Hetzel writes a name on a filter.



Carl Fox assembling a filter.



Training in filter use and maintenance.



4-H UPDATE

Hello! I recently traveled to Haiti to plan logistics for our upcoming 4-H Youth Leadership Conference. It was a short trip, but we got a lot of pieces in place for this July! I thought I'd share some highlights of what we accomplished:

- A date was selected for the conference: July 20-23, 2016
- We secured the location. The conference will be at a local technical college, with use of 5 classrooms, an auditorium, bathrooms, and a playing field.
- We are planning for 96 youth to attend the conference, plus about 6 adult leaders. (Originally we were planning for 75-80 youth, but we found out that 6 new 4-H clubs have formed; bringing our total number of clubs to 32.)
- We figured out how transportation for the youth will work each day and determined the related costs.
- We arranged lodging for the youth from the clubs on the west coast who can't commute each day. A local church is willing to house them.
- We arranged the meals for each day. We will be feeding 120 people for 4 days... that's a lot of food! Meals will cost about \$6/person/day, including a beverage.
- We had a very exciting meeting with the external relations coordinator for the PIH Hospital in Mirebalais. She is going to help arrange some sessions related to health/healthcare careers and help us find local people to be guest speakers.
- We met with a number of possible translators for the conference.
- We met with leaders of several clubs and shared the updates on the conference with them. They were very receptive to the idea and had some thoughtful questions and ideas.
- Bernine (our 4-H coordinator) is going to visit each club to select the youth and meet with their parents/families. Three youth (middle school age and up) will be chosen from each club.
- We met with Navall, our vet tech for an update on our goat project.
- We developed a schedule for the conference and brainstormed workshop topics.

The ball is definitely rolling and picking up speed! I'm so thrilled to see all the details come together to make this dream a reality! **It's not too late to get involved!** We are still looking for a few more people to come with us in July to teach at the conference. The dates for volunteers are July 18-25, 2016. Cost is \$800 plus airfare. Contact me if you are interested.

Blessings,

Jocelyn Ritger

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January Trip Snapshots

By Jocelyn Ritger, VIP 4-H Coordinator



Above: Planning the logistics of the 2016 Haitian 4-H Youth Leadership Conference (L to R: Pastor Frankce, Assistant 4-H Coordinator; Bernine Tirogene, Haitian 4-H Coordinator; Jocelyn Ritger, 4-H Coordinator)



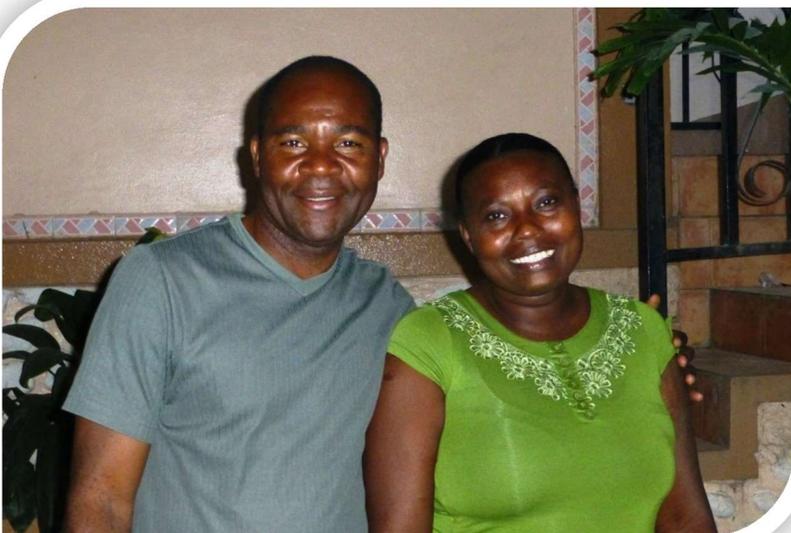
Above: Jocelyn Ritger and Maria Brown, members of the planning team for the Youth Leadership Conference.



Above: Sharing updates about the conference with leaders of a few of 4-H clubs. Bernine will work with club leaders to select 3 youth from each club to attend the conference.



Above: Selecting a location for the conference.



Left: Pastor Francke and Bernine Tirogene; Haitian 4-H Coordinators.



STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

We want to thank all of the sponsors who have already renewed their commitment to your student(s) education for the 2016-2017 school year. We appreciate your prompt response. As a reminder to everyone, the cost per year remains at \$160 a year and your checks are to be mailed to:

Ventures in People
Student Education
P.O. Box 1062
West Bend, WI 53095

We also have **EXCITING NEWS** to tell you!! Our Education Coordinator, **Louis Tenior Guerrier**, is coming to Wisconsin April 6th-24th. We are in the midst of putting together his itinerary while he is here so, if you would like to have him make a visit in your area, please get in touch with us. He is anxious to meet with as many people as possible to tell the story of what is happening in education in Haiti—especially Mirebalais where the students supported by VIP attend school. He is looking forward to personally thanking our sponsors and encouraging others to come on board. If anyone would like to get people together to hear his story and ask questions of him. We will do our best to see that it happens.

Thank you for your continuous support.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

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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

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