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Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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A Message from the President

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer!! One Saturday in July and one in August some of the board and our family members spent the day cooking and selling hot dogs, brats and hamburgers. We had great success and got to know each other better as people not just board members. Thank you for supporting our brat fries! Please check for pictures elsewhere in this newsletter.



People often ask me if I have or ever will travel to Haiti.

Unfortunately, I have had many parts replaced and traveling that

far is not a good idea for me. I enjoy listening to stories from those who have been there. Haiti has had many disasters but also many improvements to the area where our members work, mainly Mirebalais.

So many of us live comfortable lives. We don't really think about getting a drink of clean water, going to the refrigerator when we're hungry or jumping in the car to go somewhere if we need something. In Haiti changes are happening but only with your help. Children are learning in school, how to be of better service to their communities thru 4-H and fewer illnesses are reported because of clean water!!!!

For over 30 years Ventures In People has been 'helping Haitians help themselves' and we hope to be around for many more years to come. This can only be accomplished through your generosity. Thank you for your continuing support of Ventures In People!!

~ Julie Stauss, President

Thank You

Gift given in remembrance of **Don Coshun**
from Jean Coshun

Thank You

Student sponsored in honor of
Pastor Mary Pharmer's 70th Birthday
by Jan and Jack Finney

VIP: Water Project

Would you drink this water? In January 2017 we were distributing water filters near the city of Thomond. I wondered where the people were getting their water, so we followed a couple of kids with empty buckets to see. We came to a deep ravine. Down at the bottom were some springs feeding the pool you see below.



I said, “everyone here needs a water filter”. However we were not distributing very many. I was told it was market day nearby and everyone was there selling and buying. If we raise enough money for filters this year we will have to go back on a day when the market is not open.

The current price of a filter is \$36.50. My goal is to raise \$22,000.00 which will buy about 600 filters which is the amount our team can assemble and distribute in four to five days. Team members are volunteers who pay their own way to help people in Haiti have clean water.

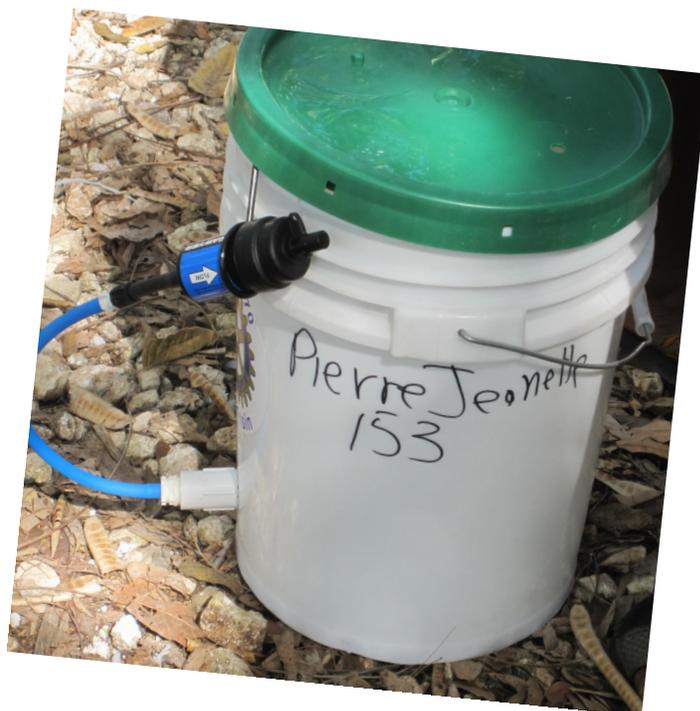
The response from people who received our filters in past years has been very positive. The filters have all but eliminated diarrhea and Cholera in people who use them.

~Ken Schumann

**Help us reach our goal and
Donate Today!**

Just **\$36.50** buys a water filter
system (pictured right) to help
families have clean/**safe water**
to drink!

Visit: <http://www.viphaiti.org/cleanwater>
for more information



4-H Goat Workshops Held

This August, Ventures in People sponsored two goat classes for 4-H members. Each weeklong class had 10 students who were selected from various clubs. The sessions were held in Mirebalais and taught by Navall, a veterinarian technician who works with our goat program. Trainees receive 20 hours of classroom learning, a goat of their own, basic medications, and follow-up visits. The first session was held from August 14-18 and the second class was from August 28- Sept. 1. The workshops would not have been possible without the generous support of donors. So we say, "Thank you!" If you are interested in sponsoring a child to receive a goat scholarship, look for more information in this newsletter or on our website: www.viphaiti.org. Goat sponsorships are \$150/youth. Below are some



pictures from the first session:



Blessings!

Jocelyn Ritger

VIP 4-H Coordinator

Education

By the time Ann Neumann goes to Haiti in early October, the children should be settled into their routine and eager to have their pictures taken for their sponsors. **If you would like to send a picture of yourself and/or family and a note for your student/s, please send them to the VIP postal address: Ventures In People, P.O. Box 1062, West Bend, Wisconsin 53095 by September 30th.** If you sponsor multiple students, we will need information for each one. The children would enjoy seeing you and hearing from you. Because of luggage restrictions, please no gifts. You can look forward to pictures shortly after Ann returns.



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