

## Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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### A Message from the President



I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and enjoying life! Our education coordinator from Haiti, Louis Tenior Guerrier, was here in Wisconsin for 14 days.

Louis was kept very busy between speaking to organizations, meetings with church groups and going to events. Hopefully you had the opportunity to listen to this young man speak about his country at one of his many engagements. He is very passionate about improving life in his country and it definitely comes across in conversations with him. You can make a difference in Haiti!! Have ideas or time? Join our board. We are all regular people with a great desire to help the Haitians. No ideas or time? There are still many ways to help Haiti. Water filters, grants for 4-H clubs, buy a goat and the class to care for it, sponsor a student or help pay English Teacher salaries. Please go to our website [www.viphaiti.org](http://www.viphaiti.org) for more information.

Thank you to the board members for your dedication to Ventures In People. Those of you reading this deserve a BIG THANK YOU, too. Without you and your support we would not be able to continue to 'Help Haitians Help Themselves'. Have a great summer!!

Julie Stauss—President

### Water Filters

In January 2019 the Ventures In People team of Ken Schumann, John Kletti, Gayle Van Ess and Karla Stoffel along with two rotary volunteers distributed water filters in the lower central plateau area of Haiti. They traveled to various villages where people get their water from unclean sources such as ponds or rivers. They assembled filters, labeled the buckets and kept records of who received them.



We have a goal of 1,800 filters to distribute in 2020. This would cost \$43,000. We are now one third of the way to that goal. Please help!

Ken Schumann



## Louis' Trip to Wisconsin

Louis Tenor Guerrier is now safely back in his country, Haiti, where the temperature is much more to his liking.....upper 80's. Unfortunately while he was here he experienced many, as he called them, "long underwear and two jacket" days. VIP is grateful to all the people who invited him to tell our story and, consequently, become more involved and supportive. He did quite a bit of traveling, never complaining, always eager to see old friends and meet new ones. THANK YOU to everyone who put forth extra effort to bring the needs of Haiti to the forefront. We are pleased that we have many new sponsors who are anxious to send children to school and others who responded with help for clean water and our 4-H programs along with some interested in taking a trip to Haiti.

We also have success stories that we are eager to share with you and will be bringing them to you in future newsletters. These are stories about some of the students who have gone through the VIP education program and are now working to do what they can to lift up their people in Haiti.

Even though Louis is back home, VIP is anxious to continue to bring our story to all who will listen. Education, clean water, 4-H and cultural trips are what we chose to work at in Haiti. The VIP Board is available to tell our our story to anyone who is interested. Please check our website if your are interested....or send a note to VENTURES IN PEOPLE, P.O. Box 1062, West Bend, WI 53095.

### The VIP Education Committee



Top Left: Noon Rotary, West Bend  
Bottom Left: Fountain City



Top Right: First Unitarian Society-Atrium, Madison  
Bottom Right: West Bend Scripture Study Group



## A Note from Louis Tenior Guerrier

Dear Friends!

My time here was a huge success, it shows how love can change and possibly heal the world. I want to say Thank you to everyone who hosted events, friends all over the state of Wisconsin who gave me the chance to meet with so many people during my time in the states. A big thank you go to the VIP Board for bringing me here, you guys are doing a wonderful job for my beloved land HAÏTI. Words are not enough to express what I feel for those awesome things that you're doing.

Hope you gonna continue supporting my people of Haïti with humility and love as you have been doing it for more than forty years.

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Louis Tenior Guerrier  
Haïti Education Coordinator  
VIP

## Soaps and Shampoos

Do you have sample sizes of soaps and shampoos, etc. cluttering your bathroom shelves? VIP will take them to Haiti. During English Camp when we are teaching the youth numbers, we play bingo. Those little samples are the perfect prizes and the children love them. Send me a message at [Kathy.hetzel53027@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.hetzel53027@gmail.com) and I will arrange to pick them up.



(Youth playing Bingo in English!)  
Thanks—Kathy Hetzel

## 2020 Adventure to Haiti



We are now taking reservations for the January trips to Haiti. Both trips are 9 days and will be filled with 10 travelers each. A thought from one of the travelers who experienced Haiti for the first time in 2019. *For me, this trip was life changing. It was one of the most enriching cultural experiences of my life. Haitians are hard-working, caring, beautiful people. Family and church are the center of their world.* The information about the trips are in this newsletter. You can get the registration form on our website <http://www.viphaiti.org/trip/> Join us!

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Join us on [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) and register to support Ventures in People. After choosing VIP for your charity, every time you shop through Amazon Smile, VIP gets a donation from Amazon just because you shopped online! Shop Amazon Smile to continue to help support our projects in Haiti!

## BRAT FRY

Join us for a brat, hotdog, or hamburger at our brat fry this summer! We would love to see you there!

**Piggly Wiggly: Kewaskum**  
**July 13—9:00-2:00**  
**940 Fond Du Lac Ave.**  
**Kewaskum, WI 53040**