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A Message from the President



Thank you to those of you who were able to attend one of our brat fries this summer. Both were very successful!! Here in Wisconsin, the leaves are changing.

Fall is my favorite time

of year in spite of the threat that snow isn't far away. Those who know me are definitely aware that I don't do so well with changes. But, each of us must adapt. Good or bad changes enter each of our lives, we have to accept every one.

You can help make good changes for the people of Haiti. Water filters can make a difference in the life of a family. A contribution to 4-H or the goat fund can help children to make a difference in their community. Student sponsorship or a donation to the English teacher program can affect a child for a lifetime. Please check our website at www.viphaiti.org for information about one of our programs that may be of interest to you.

Maybe a trip to Haiti in January would be something that would change your life? Thank you for continued interest and support in Ventures In People.

Enjoy your fall!

Julie Stauss—President

2020 Adventure to Haiti

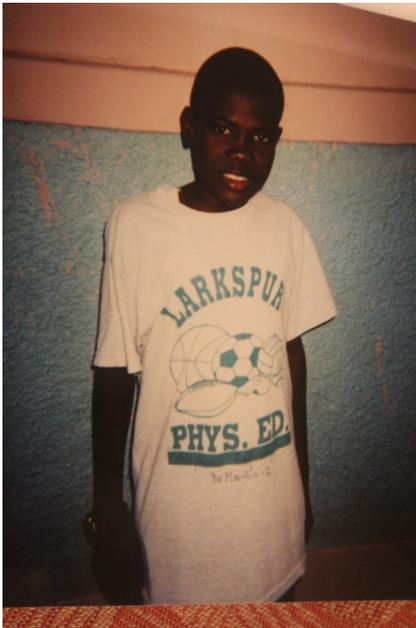
A Facebook post from one of our travelers after our first night in Haiti January 2019:

And so our Haitian adventure begins in Port-au-Prince. It's an incredible reminder of the many things we take for granted like flushing toilet, trash service, roads, water pressure, public education, drinkable tap water, clothes lines and Diet Mountain Dew!

If you can give up your Mountain Dew for a week, we invite you to travel with us to Haiti January 18-26, 2020. We'd like at least four more travelers to join our adventure. You will be warmly welcomed and appreciated. For more information go to www.viphaiti.org and go to the TRIPS page.



Education



In April, when our Haitian Student Education and English Coordinator, Louis Tenior Guierrier, was giving presentations in Wisconsin he would include the success stories of students sponsored by VIP. One of those success stories was a person by the name of Gerome Roustaveg. Gerome was sponsored by Metka Rozima, who still lives in Hartford, Wisconsin.

Louis informed us that he was a Deacon studying in Rome and would be ordained a priest July 6th at Immaculate Conception

Cathedral in Hinche, Haiti and celebrate his First Mass July 7th at St. Louis Catholic Church in Mirebalais, Haiti.

He invited us to come down for his Ordination and First Mass and I was able to travel to Haiti for it. It was a great honor for me to be in attendance of Rev. Pere Roustaveg's Ordination and First Mass.

~Ann Neumann



Education Cont.

Following is a letter Gerome Roustaveg sent to us on April 29, 2019 telling his story:

I am Gerome B. Roustaveg. I was born in Mirebalais, Haiti on November 20, 1991 in the hospital Citimed of Mirebalais. I am the first son of the four children to my parents: my father is Rodrigue Gerome and my mother Caronade Jean. I completed my kindergarten and elementary studies at Saint Pierre during the years of 1993-2002 and my secondary studies at Sacred Heart in the years of 2002-2010 with the help and the sponsorship of Ventures in People (VIP Haiti).

Then, after the terrible disastrous earthquake in 2010, I decided to become a priest to the Lord in the Catholic Church because I saw the commitment of the priests as ministers of the Lord to help the Haitian people and to build up their lives. I thought myself that being a priest, I too can help the people with the mercy of God when they confront the difficulties and hardships in their lives. I finished my propaedeutic year at Hinche in 2010-2011. The bishop having accepted my request to be a seminarian for the Diocese of Hinche, he decided to send me to Port-au-Prince for the studies in Philosophy 2011-2013 to the seminary of Notre-Dame in Haiti. Then, having seen the capacity that I have for studies, he decided to send me to Rome for Theological studies in 2014-2017 and to follow my studies in the University of Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum.

In Rome, I completed my Theological studies and now I am completing a Master in Social Communications in the Pontifical University of Holy Cross. I am an ordained deacon who prepares for my Priestly Ordination on 6th July, 2019 in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral of my diocese Hinche and my first Holy Mass will be celebrated on 7th July in the Saint-Louis Parish in Mirebalais.

I'm so glad to have contact with Madame Ann Neumann and Madame Karen Hintz. I would like to thank you for everything you have done to me and to my parents and also for many others and their families in Haiti.

In a Special way, I also thank Madame Metka Rozima for being my principal sponsor. I would like to confess very sincerely, that it is because of your contribution and good heart that is where I am now.

Thank you so much VIP Haiti. I will pray for all of you. God bless you!



4-H Update

4-H grants were distributed this summer. We sent funds to 32 clubs- one of the highest number of grants we've ever given! Clubs must meet qualifications set by Bernine Tirogene, our Haitian 4-H Coordinator to qualify for a grant. One factor is that they must be established for one full year before they are eligible. Grants are for \$150 and are meant to help clubs with educational programs or community improvement projects. Many clubs undertake fundraising efforts in addition to the money they receive from VIP. A huge thank-you to everyone who has given to 4-H in the past year and made it possible to fund our clubs at 100% of our goal! 4-H wouldn't be what it is without you! We hope you'll keep 4-H in mind going forward as well.



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~Given by Margaret Skinner

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~Given by LouAnn Parsons & Karen Pehler

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~Given by the Grzesiak Family

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