

## Helping Haitians Help Themselves

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### A Message from the President



I hope this newsletter finds you and those you love, safe and healthy.

Haiti has certainly been

in the news lately with lots of disturbing things (kidnappings, gas shortages, cost of food and gangs). Is there anything positive? Yes, there is! The people themselves. They have been through so much (earthquakes, hurricanes and so much more). They continue to amaze me!

As we in this country and around the world gather with family and friends this holiday season, please remember those who are less fortunate. Many of us will sit and enjoy fabulous food and conversations with people we may not have seen for a while. Others, may be alone, sick or lost without someone who cares. Whatever your situation may be, please remember those who are struggling, like the Haitians.

As always please check out our website to see how you can help. Our website is [www.viphaiti.org](http://www.viphaiti.org). We are in touch with those who are involved with our programs in Haiti and so far, they are safe.

From the entire board of directors for Ventures In People, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May we all find peace this holiday season and in the new year!!

Julie Stauss—VIP President

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to be removed from our USPS list. Then visit our website [viphaiti.org](http://viphaiti.org) and click on the “Newsletter” link. On the left side, fill in your information and at the bottom, select the newsletter by email option.

## Online Shopping

### Fa la la la la! La la la la!

Do you love the people of Haiti and wish you could do more to put that love into action?

Do you love your family, friends, church and community and wish you could find more ways to demonstrate that love?

Now you can do it all, with the same key strokes you use every day, WITHOUT spending any more time or money than your budget allows. When you shop through Amazon Smile, Amazon will contribute a portion of your eligible sales directly to the VIP general fund! Simply:

**Select Ventures in People, Inc West Bend, WI as your Non-Profit Organization within your Amazon account.**

That's it! Then proceed with your normal Amazon shopping. Use Amazon to do your **Christmas** shopping, your **I-don't- want-to-go-to-the-crowded-mall** shopping, your **grocery** shopping, your **gift-registry** shopping, your **online cost-saving, time saving** shopping, and your **Baby It's Cold Outside cozy-at-home, winter weather and flu season** shopping. Amazon will do the rest. Amazon will

indicate which items are eligible for contributions through Amazon Smile. In your account you can see how much money your shopping activity has contributed to VIP and how much money has been contributed to VIP in total through Amazon Smile!

Give it a try! This may be one of the best gifts that you give yourself this year. Save time, money, and stress by shopping online While helping the people of Haiti.

If you haven't already done so, register as an Amazon customer through Amazon Smile and select Ventures in People, Inc West Bend, WI as your NPO of choice and start shopping! (Your Amazon Smile account is the same as your Amazon account. Simply visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to log in. If you shop with the app, go to your account and turn on Amazon Smile!)

**Joy to the World!**

Have a blessed Holiday Season!

Carol



## Education

**"Anyone who thinks that they are too small to make a difference has never tried to fall asleep with a mosquito in the room."**

**-C. F. Whitman**

From all that we have heard on the news and from our friends in Haiti, we know that this country is in serious crisis. From the assassination of its president to the gangs kidnapping Americans, plus the lack of any gasoline in the country and numerous other problems, life is extremely difficult and frightening in Haiti. However, our education coordinator, Louis Tenior Guerrier, tells us that, as of November 5th, 70 percent of the children in VIP's Education Program were able to attend school. Because of the gas shortage, however, those children in the outlying areas who are in need of transportation were finding it difficult to get to school. He is working on seeing what he can do to help them. We are so grateful for the continued response from our sponsors who help the children with their education. You haven't given up on helping us to bring hope and love to our children in Mirebalais whatever the circumstances are there. Even though sometimes we feel that

what we do is minimal in light of serious situations, and we wish we could do more, we can't give up. We need to be strong and active "like a mosquito" and do what we can, where we can—you know how persistent a mosquito is!!! We appreciate that you are helping us to continue to make a difference in the life of the Haitian children. Please hold the children, their families, the principals and teachers, Louis and his family and all Haitians close to your heart as they attempt to get by each day safely. **Thank you!**

VIP Education Committee



*Gas that was once readily on hand on the side of the road is no longer available due to the gas shortage in Haiti.*

*(Pictures from 2012)*



## 4-H Clubs Carry On

"Despite the current instability in Haiti, at the time of this newsletter, our 4-H clubs have still been able to meet. They continue to do the daily work of educating Haiti's children in practical life skills like gardening, sewing, entrepreneurship, and leadership. 4-H clubs provide camaraderie and friendship at a time when it's needed more than ever. And 4-H'ers look for ways to make their communities a better place for all people who live there. Please consider including 4-H in your holiday giving so that we can keep making these good things possible!"

**Jocelyn Ritger**

Ventures in People 4-H Coordinator

### In Honor/Memory Of

Student sponsorship given in honor of **Heidi Thomas**

~Given by David & Nancy Slinde

Donation made in memory of **Jim Zeller**

~Given by Doreen Zeller

## Clean Water



We are excited to share that we will be purchasing and distributing 1,000 water filters in early 2022. Due to safety concerns for traveling, we have hired a team of Haitians to help with filter assembly and distribution. Without knowing how long it will be until it is safe to travel to Haiti again, we need to act now to help get clean water to as many people as we can. Clean water continues to be a huge need in Haiti.

We are able to purchase the Sawyer Point One filter from a distributor in Haiti. The team will then go to several villages to distribute and train residents how to clean and maintain their new filters. Thanks to your help we are able to provide clean water to thousands of Haitians.