

# Haiti Outreach

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## FOOD/HUNGER

The advent of a partnership with StopHunger made a huge difference in the HOM feeding program in late 2007. As this partnership continues into the future, we hope to strengthen the feeding initiatives. This is not free food – HOM pays for shipping and importation – but it reduces the otherwise galloping cost of staples and allows us to target funds to breakfasts and elsewhere in the schools. The second shipment from StopHunger went to sea in March but has been stalled in customs for over one month. We are eagerly awaiting it's delivery.

HOM aggressively seeks to ensure that the primary school students are fed a good diet – they each receive a robust, hot meal of rice, beans and vitamins daily. We provide breakfast snacks and are working on upgrading that meal during 2008. Thanks to some recent donations we are beginning additional community nutrition programs, targeting Cite Soleil in particular. If you feel called to help, 100% of your donations to HOM go to the area designated. HOM remains a stateside volunteer organization that has 501C status, and therefore, all donations are tax deductible and gratefully received.

## Spotlight on Jacky Dorleans



We generally think of the very visible Pastor Leon as the face and leader of the ministry in Haiti; however, Jacky Dorleans (Leon's wife) may have the closest relationship with sponsors. As the Superintendent of HOM Schools in Haiti, her work has deeply impacted the hundreds and hundreds of young Haitians who are or have been enrolled in HOM supported schools. As we reflect on the achievements of those students, none of it would be possible without Jacky's professional skills and faithful dedication.

Jacky and Leon met during an orientation for a seminar that was held in July, 1988. Jacky said, "The Lord, . . . pointed Leon out to me. I felt a deep and strong feeling that I never had before. I prayed . . ." Two weeks after the seminar, Leon visited Jacky in her home to let her know about a scholarship possibility at Kentucky Christian College, because he saw how much interest she had in the Word of God. Their new friendship grew gradually into love and Leon proposed to her. Jacky then made the decision to forgo the scholarship offer and marry Leon. Jacky stated, "When I look over the past 18 years, it reveals that I made the right decision. We became good partners in the Lord's vineyard."

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## On-going Ministry Progress Report



**LUC'S ORDINATION:** Luc (Aristhene) was ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament at another joyous celebration at Blanchard on the first Sunday in May. Luc has served as pastor of the Blanchard church since his completion of seminary in 2006.

**BLANCHARD:** The ministry is maturing here. The church, FHM operated clinic, the vocational school, and primary school are doing well. Bible studies are picking up (Pastor Luc is able to accommodate 300 people on Sunday nights when he uses the IT equipment recently provided.) The second floor of the second primary school building is complete (pictured above) and the vocational school expansion phase 1 is nearly complete.

We installed a LAN in December, hooking it up to the new satellite internet connection, the computer lab in the vocational school and the school classrooms. We have been obtaining French language books for the new library and have four computers set aside for work stations, along with significant French language reference materials on CD-ROMs. We plan to train the teachers this summer to better use these new facilities, and expand the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008-2009 to have research, writing, reading and art education. The goal is to graduate students from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade with better reasoning and writing capabilities. We currently have 14 solar panels providing power, are obtaining another 6 now, and expect that the actual need is for at least 40 panels with our growing demand. We are grateful for these as the price of fuel for diesel generators continues to climb.

**REPATRIOTE (right):** This community remains relatively sparsely settled – the return of normalcy to Cite Soleil has relieved the demand for rapid expansion elsewhere. But, the church is slowly growing, with about 200-250 in worship and a growing need for expanded education facilities. Thanks to some donations last year we were able to drill a pair of wells here for community and church use.

### CITE SOLEIL—20<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF

**MINISTRY:** The ministry in Cite Soleil celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> year since the church was planted. Beginning with a Bible study he was called to lead, Leon has led the congregation through two decades of faith! God's grace has been rich in this community even as it has struggled with economic conditions and recent violence. Dieu merci for these 20 years and the Christian leadership provided by Leon.

The Cite Soleil church is regaining its strength as more residents move back in to the community. Sunday worship is averaging about 700+ now. The school is operating, with 132 students. The clinic is operating, with Lisette (the nurse practitioner) and her staff, daily seeing patients. The problems of Cite Soleil's recent past are evident in the people and students – they are not as healthy as the general population.

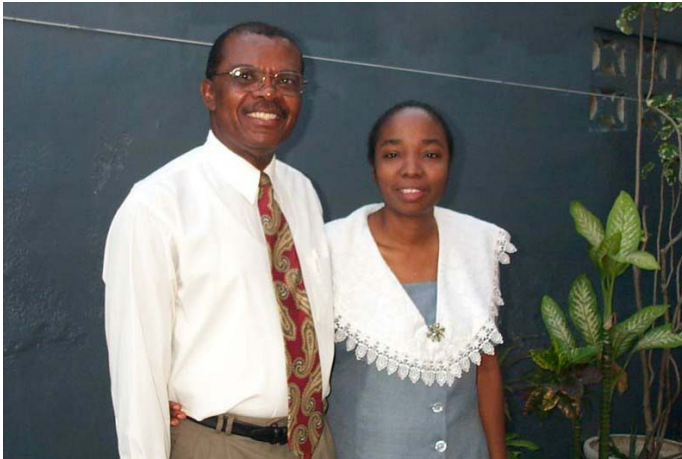
**IBO BEACH:** The church is doing well, with vibrant worship weekly. The school has grown to 350 students. During the past year the facilities have been improved, thanks to donations from the U.S. Now the classes are entirely housed on the first floor of the new church building. Each class has been partitioned off, so for the first time ever the students have their own classrooms, with a wall of each being a blackboard. With its good reputation for 6<sup>th</sup> grade completion, the community sought to increase enrollment and the school responded. That is both good news and a challenge, as we now need to increase the level of support being provided. More good news is that Jacky is working with the school to improve the teaching staff, with some of the teachers now pursuing dedicated teacher education on scholarship from HOM.



# Spotlight on Jacky Dorleans continued

Jacky's educational background is diverse. She attended medical school for four years at Université Roi Henry Christophe in Cap-Haitien and then studied psychology at Faculté d'Ethnologie in Port-au-Prince. She furthered her education in school management at Institut Universitaire des Sciences de l'Education and also studied advanced English and computer elsewhere. As the school superintendent, Jacky is currently responsible for overseeing 938 children at the primary level, 206 young people in continuing education and college and supervising a staff of 44 teachers. She is assisted by Yves Joseph in Cite Soleil, Heribert Mercier at Blanchard and Iclair Balthazar at Ibo Beach.

Jacky's work days begin at 6:15 a.m. She meets with parents and then attends worship time with the students and teachers, starting at 7:00 a.m.



After chapel, Jacky will continue to meet with parents and do classroom observations. She also teaches spoken French to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Every week, her assistants meet and Jacky is a part of that meeting, when needed.

She is home from school around 3:00 p.m., but that is not the end of Jacky's work day. Time is spent on the computer keeping in touch with supporters and doing the secretarial work for the school. Jacky also mentors the continuing education and college students by meeting with them on Wednesdays. She keeps in touch with their parents, checking on their academic progress, their behavior and their walk with the Lord. The students stay accountable to her by presenting her with receipts for their educational expenses, as well as their report cards.

When asked what her hope was for the HOM



schools in the next ten years, she said, "I hope and pray that our schools will keep their reputation as the best schools in [their] areas."

When asked about the children, she replied further, "My goal for the children of Haiti, which are part of the HOM Ministry, is that they be at the service of the communities where they come from, to be active in our HOM schools, our church and clinics depending on their skills, their strengths and their specialties. I want to see strong and responsible spiritual leaders rise up among our continuing education and college students. They would be married young women and men raising beautiful children in the knowledge and the fear of the Lord. May the Word of God be their Light, and may it shine in their hearts, their homes, and as far away as possible until the returning of our Lord, Jesus."



**How do you contact HOM? It depends.**

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**or write to:**

**Letters to students:** If you want to write your sponsor child, letters should be sent to Jacky Dorleans, c/o Lynx Air, P.O. Box 407139, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33340

Letters to **Leon and Jacky Dorleans** go to the above address.

**Do not send packages or heavy envelopes c/o Lynx Air. Additional charges for weight and customs are incurred and must be paid by Leon and Jacky. If you have items to ship to Haiti, please contact Bill Glass for advice.**

**Checks to the Ministry:** All checks (except the initial sponsorship check) should be sent to HOM, c/o Ruby Butler, 3100 Glenoa Road, Richmond, VA 23223-1506.

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*Team travel to HOM churches is on an upswing now. This summer the computer lab at the Vocational School located in the Blanchard Church compound will be the site for teacher training. A total of 18 teachers will become students for a week of intensive computer training being sponsored by one of the many teams that will be traveling. Teams are needed for construction, medical support, VBS, IT work and teacher training. Contact Bill Glass, President of HOM, for opportunities and information. The average cost of a mission trip to Haiti is about \$1,500 but the rewards are priceless for all involved and further enrich a church's mission ministry.*

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