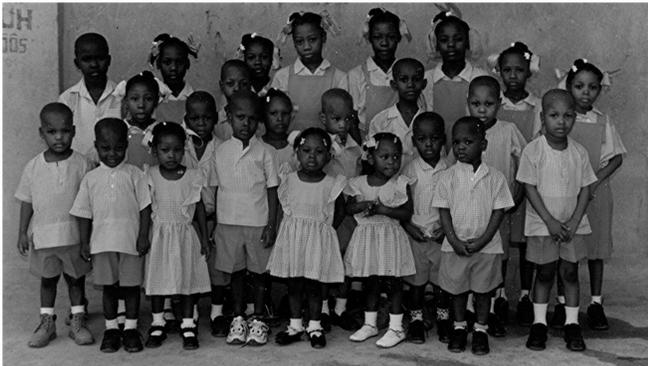


## School Is in Session

The children of the Kingdom Kids orphanage, the primary recipients thus far of the work of Servants for Haiti, began school in September. Below is a picture of the children dressed in their uniforms for the first day of school at College Jean Rigaud Antoine (CJRA):



CJRA is in Village Solidarité, a neighborhood of Port-au-Prince that abuts Cite Militaire where the orphanage is located.

In our continuing efforts to help the children of Haiti in any way we can, Servants for Haiti is expanding to include a new sponsorship program for *all* of the children attending CJRA. Sponsorship provides classroom education and one meal a day for each child. It also helps to employ many teachers, administrators and kitchen help. Child sponsorship costs only \$25 per month per student.

See page 4 of this newsletter for details of this exciting new venture and how you can be part of it today! And look for next quarter's newsletter for even more information.

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## You Can Give Haiti a Merry Christmas

It's a question we hear often at birthdays, anniversaries and showers, but never more than it is heard at Christmas: "*What do you get the person who has everything?*" Of course, there is a bit of

hyperbole there. No one has "everything". Most of us, however, have a whole lot more than we need. Many of us, if we were to be honest with ourselves, have more than we want. In fact, we're running out of places to put it all!

We at Servants for Haiti humbly propose a creative answer to this age old question (and possibly a new Christmas tradition):

### **A GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING TO BENEFIT THOSE WHO HAVE NOTHING.**

What we are suggesting is a way for you to help our friends in Haiti to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year while being a blessing to friends and family on your Christmas gift list. Servants for Haiti is selling "gifts" that you can give this Christmas. Here's how it works: Below is a list of items that you can purchase to benefit our Haitian friends. In return, we will give you an attractive, tasteful gift card that you can give as a gift to the recipient.

Here are the gifts we're offering along with prices:

- School uniform.....\$20
- One month of school and lunches.....\$25
- One year of school and lunches.....\$300
- School books for a year.....\$18 - \$80 (by grade)
- School shoes for an orphan.....\$10
- Battery for orphanage backup power.....\$85
- A bag of rice for school or orphanage.....\$30
- Salary for a teacher for a month.....\$80

Please consider those less fortunate this Christmas as you make your gift list. Contact SFH to buy any of these items.

## *The Bad News*

### First Servants for Haiti Trip Canceled

This November, Servants for Haiti (SFH) planned to send its first independent work team to Haiti. Unfortunately, because of continued unrest, that trip has been canceled.

In the past, our board members and friends have gone on trips run by other organizations. For a little taste of one of those trips and what you might experience on a SFH work team, read the trip reports in the previous (summer) edition of this newsletter.

It continues to be our intention to begin sending our own teams as soon as possible. If you would like to join us for a future trip, contact us at [info@servantsforhaiti.org](mailto:info@servantsforhaiti.org). Be careful, though. It could change your life. In fact, we guarantee it!



### Servants for Haiti Banquet Canceled

Due to poor ticket sales, we were forced to cancel the banquet fund raiser scheduled for October 25. As part of the dinner, the folks at SFH had collected many exciting items that we were planning to sell in a silent auction at the banquet. We still plan to offer those items at a general auction to raise funds for the kids in Haiti. Stay tuned for details on this event.

## *The Good News*

### Local Groups Show Support for Servants for Haiti

Many local groups have been showing tremendous financial support for our work in Haiti. Here are some of the cash donations we have received in recent weeks.

The Derry Village Rotary donated \$2,250 that will be used to purchase a stove and sink for the orphanage.

Derry Rotary (a different organization) has given SFH \$2,500 so that we can buy the orphanage a new freezer and refrigerator.

The kids in the orphanage will be the recipients of a new play area as the result of a \$1,000 donation from the Westford Rotary. (See photo below.)

The following unrestricted gifts were also given:

Derry Village Rotary donated another \$300.

Dracut Rotary gave a \$200 gift.

Lowell Kiwanis donated \$3,000. (See page 4.)

Finally, "Team Kids", a children's club at Calvary Baptist Church in Meriden, CT raised \$272.20 for the orphanage!

On behalf of the children of Haiti, we extend our deepest gratitude to these organizations.



*SFH president Laurae Richards receives a check from Marshall-Ben Tisdale of the Westford Rotary.*

## ***Servants for Haiti at Work!***

Servants for Haiti has been seeing some great things happening because of the generosity of supporters like you. Here are a couple of exciting events we thought you'd like to hear about.

### **Medical School Scholarship Recipient**

Servants for Haiti is pleased to announce that its first scholarship for continuing education has been awarded to George Dorilien. George is a hard working young man who has always endeavored to do his best in his education.

Sixteen students from CJRA (see the article on page 1) were nominated by school staff for the scholarship program. SFH asked Harry Stewart, who has been to Haiti a number of times but knew none of the students, to lead a selection team to evaluate student essays for the program. Harry developed an essay question for the students to answer in English. The independent three member team rated the essays without knowing the names of the submitters. They chose the top five candidates. Laurae Richards, president of SFH, met with three of the teachers from the school who confirmed that the quality of the essays as rated by the selection team aligned very closely with the students' academic performance and that the proposed career goals of those students made sense. Based on these criteria, the selection team chose George as our first scholarship recipient.

George is now attending medical school at Université Notre Dame d'Haïti in Port-au-Prince.

When George received his scholarship award letter and contract, he responded with the following email messages:

*“Praise the Lord! God is so great and so wonderful! Thank you a lot for your help. God will bless you so much. I read your email carefully and I understand it. I accept all things that they told me and I'll respect them. I ask God to lead me so that I can respect my promises. I read the contract agreement carefully and I sign it .”*

*“God is so great and so wonderful! I praise His name for that. He helps me so that my dreams can*

*be true soon. Thank you, Servants for Haiti. I receive the funds. I'll go to the University and pay the money soon. After that I'll send to you all the receipts. I'll respect all things that you told me. Thank you so much.”*

George is obviously excited and grateful, and we are confident that he will succeed in his studies and give back to his nation. This is one of the chief goals of Servants for Haiti and we are gratified to see it coming about!

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### **New employee in Haiti.**

Servants for Haiti recently hired Rovert Blain to help with our emerging school sponsorship program. Rovert's responsibilities will include checking to make sure children are attending school, helping students obtain uniforms and books, building profiles for children seeking sponsors, taking pictures of the children for their sponsors and corresponding with us on a regular basis.

Rovert is currently attending Institut Des Hautes Etudes Commerciales et Economiques. He has worked at *College Jean Rigaud Antoine* (the school SFH supports) in the past and is familiar with the sponsorship program. He knows the children who attend the school and will work closely with Monite, one of the school's administrators. We believe Rovert will be a tremendous asset for the SFH school sponsorship program as we seek to grow this program in the coming months.

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### **Give money without spending a dime**

**Remember to send us your email address so that we can email the newsletter to you as well as keep you posted with the latest updates from SFH and Haiti. It also saves us postage and that money goes to help the children of Haiti!**

## Creole lesson of the day

Last issue, we learned the word for “me”: “mwèn”. As we mentioned, the same word serves as “I” or “my” depending on context. Thus, while “Mwèn renmen ou” means “I love you”, the phrase “my home” is translated, “lakay mwèn” (pronounced “lah-kī mweh”). Note that the possessive follows the word for home, “lakay”.

To take this even further, both uses of “mwèn” can occur in the same sentence. That brings us to today's phrase:

**“Mwèn prale lakay mwèn” - I'm going home.**

Or more literally, “I'm going to my house. This is pronounced: “Mweh prah'-lay lah'-kī mweh”, where “prale” is the word for “going”.

## Kiwanis Mill City Triathlon

The annual Mill City Triathlon was held in Lowell on Sunday, July 16, 2006. The Lowell Kiwanis, who run the triathlon, this year chose Servants for Haiti as the recipient of the race proceeds. As part of the arrangement, SFH volunteers served in various roles for the race, including directing race participants on the route and serving food and drink at the finish line. It was a great race, but the real winners were the children of Haiti. The event raised \$3000 that will be used to benefit the Kingdom Kids orphanage.

*Thank you for your support of Servants for Haiti. You are making a difference, one child at a time.*

## New Child Sponsorship Program

The mission of Servants for Haiti is to “provide an opportunity for Haiti's impoverished children to become outstanding leaders in their homes, churches, communities and nation by supplying them with the care they need to survive and thrive”

With that mission in mind, we have recently partnered with College Jean Rigaud Antoine (CJRA) to offer sponsorships of students at the school. CJRA is run by the same people who manage Kingdom Kids orphanage, so this is a natural next step.

CJRA houses preschool through grade 12. A feeding program is part of sponsorship but only 50 of the approximately 450 students are currently sponsored. As a result, many children must be turned away at the feeding program because we lack funds to feed everyone. We are actively seeking sponsors for *every* child at CJRA, so that none are turned away. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please contact SFH today! Children are waiting to be sponsored.



College Jean Rigaud Antoine

### Honey of a Deal for Haiti

Never thought we'd feature a coupon, but this one is different. Redeem this coupon at any Honeybaked Ham retail store in the states listed on the coupon, and they will donate five dollars to SFH. Just in time for the Holidays!



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Funds will be paid to the above organization in accordance with the terms of the application for the HoneyBaked Ham Company Fundraiser Program 2006.

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