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Dear Fellow Redeemed of Christ Jesus,

Much of what the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society does is build churches and schools. This is not at all unusual for God's children. We find that activity taking place in the Bible. The book of Exodus is most often remembered for the miraculous deliverance of the Israelites by the hand of God. All of us are familiar with the plagues brought upon the Egyptians, the crossing of the Red Sea, the wandering in the wilderness, the feeding of the people with manna and quail, the giving of the Ten Commandments, etc., but that is not all that is to be found in this important book. There are also the detailed instructions on the building of the tabernacle. Those instructions include blueprints given by God to Moses, the list of materials needed for the tabernacle, and an appeal to the people to bring forth an offering in support of this endeavor.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

That offering included not only a variety of materials, but also the offering of themselves in the work of building the tabernacle. Sometimes the minute details given in the later chapters of Exodus can cause one to skim over them, but that would be a mistake. I am thinking especially of chapters 35 and 36. There we find the appeal from Moses (given under the direction of God) for an offering of gold, silver, bronze, olive oil, spices, etc. The appeal also includes the offering of one's self for the work of building the Tabernacle. It is easy to miss something very important about that offering; at least five times the word "willing" appears. God desired their offerings, but He only wanted offerings from those who were "willing" to give, in other words, not offerings that were given under compulsion or guilt.



Over the many years the HLMS has existed you have contributed generously to the building, to the churches and schools where the citizens of Haiti could be taught about the God who loves and cares for them so much that He gave them the very best He had, His only Son, Jesus. You have done that, not under compulsion or a sense of guilt, but because you were willing, like those Israelites, because you love and believe in Jesus and want to see that the gospel is shared with the people of Haiti. Certainly you deserve many thanks for doing so. I can assure you it has made a difference in many Haitian lives.

**My first trip to Haiti was in 1991. At that time I saw many signs and depictions of Satan on trucks, buildings and other places.** The pictures were hideous, scary, and grotesque. Anticipating that, I preached a sermon based on I John 4:8, "God is love," pointing out that our God is a God who loves and cares for us, a God totally unlike the pictures and images of Satan. I spoke a simple message of Jesus and His death and resurrection which gives us the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. When I was finished a man in the congregation spontaneously stood up and began singing a hymn of praise to God. I take no credit for this; it was truly the work of the Holy Spirit who brought joy to a man with a troubled heart.

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The mission of the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society, USA is to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the Haitian people, so that they might be won by the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ."  
1 Cor. 3:7-15

Such things occur in churches that you have willingly given your offerings to build. You may never have been to Haiti, perhaps you have never even seen any pictures of Haiti, but nonetheless God has used you to play a major role in spreading the gospel. Thank you once again for all your generosity.

And by the way, you will be excited to hear that the new roof at Pastor Bernard's church, a roof that was DESPERATELY needed, has now been replaced. Thanks for that too!  
 In Christian love,  
 Pastor Robert Nowak, President



HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY  
 Balance Sheet  
 03/31/13

Assets:	
Cash	\$ 98,788
Investments	\$320,607
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Total Assets	\$419,395
Fund Balances:	
Haiti Food Support	\$ 350
Haiti Child Sponsor/School Support	\$ 25,650
Haiti Eqmt/Supplies	\$ 385
Haiti Medical	\$ 50
Haiti Hurricane Relief	\$ 350
Haiti Pastor Support	\$ 6,329
Haiti Ward Fund	\$ 50,000
Haiti Wiebe Funds	\$261,317
Haiti Bldg/Land	\$ 13,898
Haiti Crusade of Faith	\$ 20,092
HLMS Operating Fund/Interest/Travel	\$ 7,341
Non-Designated	\$ 33,633
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Total Fund Balances	\$ 419,395

Summary of Receipts/Expenses  
 1/1/13 – 03/31/13  
 Receipts    Expenses

Designated:			
Haiti Food Support	\$ 650	\$ 1,000	
Haiti Child Sponsor/School Support	\$12,710	\$20,400	
Haiti Eqmt/Supplies	\$ 1,670	\$ 5,019	
Haiti Medical Clinic	\$ 250	\$ 5,730	
Haiti Pastoral Support	\$ 0	\$21,000	
Haiti Bldg/Land-Delmas 75 (GSELC)	\$ 222	\$46,000	
Haiti Bldg/Land-Leogane (GSELC)	\$ 0	\$ 4,000	
Haiti Bldg/Land-Cite Soleil (GSELC)	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	
Haiti Vehicle/Transportation	\$ 0	\$ 2,625	
HLMS Operating Fund	\$ 150	\$ 3,915	
HLMS Travel Fund	\$ 0	\$ 1,406	
Non-designated:			
Contributions	\$30,308	-----	
Interest	\$ 9	-----	
Wiebe Fund B Interest	\$ 353	-----	
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Total	\$46,322	\$116,095	





# Lessons from Haiti on - "CHOICES"

Kim Waller, HLMS Board Member, VP of Church Contact



We Thank the Lord for another successful trip to Haiti this past February 2013 and the many spiritual lessons we shared, including a devotion on "choices". We face "choices" every day of our life, on how we respond to situations and the people around us. We thought of this word many times throughout our days there.

... On this trip we had a choice on how to respond to long delays in traffic.  
... we had to choose how to respond to a five hour shopping trip for plumbing supplies in the middle of a work day.

... some responded with perseverance when the mortar wasn't sticking to the walls when they tried to plaster (a very slow process- ha!)

... we had to choose how to respond when we were so excited to see potential water coming from the new water pump at the orphanage, but then realized the electricity wasn't working...

But, we also had some easy choices...

... should we pick up that adorable little face looking up at us? No brainer!!

... should we share some of our food with those less fortunate? Of course!

...should we go back to the guesthouse after a long day or stay at Leonard's for another church service? Definitely stay! (One of our most inspiring and memorable memories!)

... do we choose to learn something new? We're up for it! We are masters at putting up razor wire! Anyone else need it done?

...do we choose building relationships with others (team mates, new and former Haitian friends) over anything else? We hope so!! As we want to spend Eternity with everyone!



And other choices...

... choosing how to divide up all the different donations given to us by loved ones at home... trying to share evenly and who needed the most help. Leonard brought another name into the mix, Mrs. Farley who runs an orphanage out in Les Cayes and is in desperate need. Yes, another pile was made for her! Thank You Lord for the multitude of donations!

... How do we respond to the people of Sonfil, The Home of the Dying? In a place that can be solemn do we choose to massage aching muscles, pray for those who are so sick, sing a joyous song, play a trumpet? **Everyone is different and our responses are different as well. Let us remember that even in death we have the VICTORY through JESUS CHRIST!**

*How will we choose to respond to Haiti?*

Concentrate on the trash and smell? The crime? The dirty water? The disorganization? Be fearful? **Or will we look to the beauty in Haiti, the bright smiles, the laughter, the music, the progress and improvement, lush landscape, mountains, brightly colored taptaps, the beautiful children, the big hearts, the strong faith of so many, their Hope for a better tomorrow, ....**

May we all choose to remember the good, to focus on the positive and the multitude of joyous moments we experienced. May we all do that today- focus on God's many Blessings! Bondye beni ou! God Bless You!!



## HAITI TRIP March , 2013

### DICK BUETHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HLMS



My trip began as usual, leaving Lincoln at 3:00 AM. I carried donations of 25 pairs of shoes, clothing, cloth diapers, and many miscellaneous items. Flights were all on time and I arrived in Port Au Prince at 4:20 PM. My friend Leonard was there to drive me to my hotel.

After a quick stop at the hotel to check in, we headed to Leonard's house where our newest church is located. It was good to see nearly 150 people in attendance! Also Pastors Pierre, Louimore and Gee were there to help lead the service that began at 6:00 PM and lasted until nearly 9:00. It was wonderful to greet our pastors and many friends at church.

Friday morning I called Pastor Thomas and met him at his office. I had prepared a listing of teams coming in the next several months for him. He said he needs more school desks. The ones he has been using come from the Orphan Grain Train shipment from Norfolk, Nebraska.

Out in the school yard I found many steel supports for the new roof, ready and waiting to be installed. The plan is to have the roof in place by late April. Pastor Thomas has visited the churches being led by our other pastors and did not think there was a need for a joint meeting at this time. Thomas invited me to return for his church's anniversary celebration on June 23rd. I spent the afternoon with pastor Maurice Pierre.

Saturday, Leonard and I went shopping to purchase a few more chairs, hymnals and French Bibles for the new church. We also purchased a microphone and cable for them. Leo and I first attended church at Pastor Pierre's church at 6:00 AM before returning to the service at Leo's home and then on to Thomas' church for the 9:30 service. All the services were very well attended by enthusiastic Christians. I ate dinner at Leo's home as he had killed goat for the occasion. We attended church from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Monday I visited Josie's orphanage to see if the new well had been repaired and was working. Unfortunately the repairman had not yet come to assess the situation.

My sincere thanks for all of you who prayed for my safety during this trip!

In His service,  
Dick Buethe  
Executive Director, HLMS USA



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## PRAYERS FOR HAITI

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### Praise and Thank God:

- for safe travel to Haiti for Dick Buehe in March.
- for completion of the new roof at Pastor Thomas' church (Delmas 75).
- for our growing Lutheran churches in Haiti.
- for those who donated shoes, clothing, diapers & many miscellaneous items, delivered to Haiti in March.
- for the many used chairs, French Bibles & hymnals for the church by Leonard's home.
- for another container from Orphan Grain Train that arrived safely.
- for the faithful leadership of the HLMS Board.
- for the continued prayer and financial support for the HLMS Mission.

### Prayer Requests:

- for all of our Haiti Lutheran pastors, congregations, school children - that they will continue to grow in the faith & knowledge of Christ.
- for the teams coming to help with our churches this summer, that God would prepare the way--that He would prepare the hearts of the team as well as the Haitians so that much work will be accomplished for His glory.
- that the new well at Josie's orphanage will be repaired soon.
- that God would sustain & continue to grow the mission in Haiti and give continued enthusiasm, wisdom and strength to its leaders.
- that God would give peace and faith to all of our flock in Haiti.
- for continued prayer and financial support.
- for God's wisdom and discernment for the board members as they lead the HLMS.

*Thank you for your prayers.*

**The next meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the HLMS  
will be held on Saturday,  
October 19, 9 AM  
at the office of  
Buehe And Associates  
Insurance  
Lincoln, Nebraska.**



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