

Twin Parish News

A partnership between St. William, St. Simons Island, GA and St. Joseph, Côtés-de-Fer, Haiti

Thank you for the love you show our twin parish through your financial support. In turn, we are accountable to keep you informed about its use. The following **2020 Project List** itemizes Father Faustin's priorities. Each category has a budgeted amount. After study, each project comes before the membership of Helping Hugs for approval. Thank you for making this work possible.



2020 Project List Helping Hugs, Inc. Working List**



Robert Hochwald, President



Medical - \$25,000*

1. Medical Mission Trip February 4-11, 2020 – Five locations.
2. Continue Hypertension Project - Nurse's Salary & medications.
3. Employ Nurse Full Time – Treat more than hypertension patients.

Infrastructure - \$21,000*

1. Construction of a ramp for seniors to access to St. Joseph Church.
2. Build 100 benches. (10 per Chapel)
3. Chapel Improvements
 - A. St. Anthony @ St. Anthony – May require total reconstruction of walls and roof. Needs engineer to review.
 - B. Sacred Heart @ Platon – Add cement Floor.
 - C. St. Mother Teresa @ Metayer – Needs work on interior and exterior
4. Corn Mill for Sacred Heart Chapel @ Platon



2020 Project List Continued



Water - \$31,000*

1. Jesus Good Shepherd @ Sovage - Cistern or Well - \$8440.
Approved for Cistern (May Change)
2. Convert World Water Relief system at St. Matthias @ Mayette to solar power - \$1220. Approved
3. Provide a source of water to Community of Nativity Chapel @ Mt. Blanc.
4. Construct a Cistern at St. Lawrence @ Bouca Moran.
5. Drill a well to supply a source of water for Visitation Chapel @ Saurel.
6. A pump to water fields at St. Mother Teresa @ Metayer.
7. World Water Relief Maintenance Contract – July renewal.



Education - \$28,300 (July 2019 to July 2020)*

1. Operation of 3 schools: St. Joseph @ Côtes-de-Fer, St. Anthony @ St. Anthony, Sacred Heart @ Platon - \$24,000 - Approved
2. Food for Attendance - Sacred Heart in Platon - \$2800 - Approved
3. Trainer for better utilization of computers at St. Anthony @ St. Anthony.
4. Travel Expenses for Father Faustin's Trip to Jeremie to view TEK4Kids Teaching System

Spring Shipment - \$2,500*

Packaging and Transportation Costs



St. Joseph Church Support - \$18,000*

Operational and Maintenance Expenses

Special Requests - \$4,000*

1. Emergencies
2. Special Programs
3. Items not covered above

* Budgeted amount for each category

**Working list may change based on the needs and cost of each project.



Feeling the of Our Friends

Each of the following woman's organizations, dedicated to community improvement, has an **International component** to their programming. Their generosity of time, talents and useful items enhances our mission. We are truly grateful.



Robert Hochwald accepts sewing and bathing kits from Kathleen Orison Dawson, left, Hilda Hagerty and Pat Porto.

Brunswick Woman's Club Makes Donation

At our January meeting, Robert Hochwald, President of Helping Hugs graciously accepted a donation from the GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club: 130 sewing kits and 16 bathing kits for our annual shipment to Haiti.

Each sewing kit contains all the basic supplies for the women to perform simple sewing tasks, including a pair of reading glasses,. The bathing kits contain a washcloth and bar of Ivory soap. Each of the kits is packaged in reusable plastic container.

Brunswick Chapter of The Links, Inc. Honors Diane Smith

Following the tradition of their founders, the Brunswick Chapter of The Links, Inc. recently held a fundraiser tea on Jekyll Island. At the event they honored Women of Influence, one of whom is our very own Coordinator of Medical Missions, Diane Smith.

Diane was recognized for her outgoing and amiable ways of involving people in Helping Hugs medical mission. She enticed Dr. Shirley Wilson, a member of The Links and the Southeast Georgia Health System, to join the medical mission team. Both organizations are now partners in our work.

Diane and Dr. Wilson are leading the sixth medical mission to Haiti, February 4-11, 2020. They will be visiting five remote locations, bringing medical services to hundreds of people who are not able to see a doctor.



Diane, in white, accepts her award from The Links officers, from left, Jacqueline Bryant, President, Orah Reed, Recording Secretary and Delria Baisden, Program Manager.

Please include the success of the mission and their safe travels in your prayers.



Building Relationships One Letter at a Time

News from the **Education Committee**

Last year Jo Heller-Orr, educator and member of Helping Hugs, started the **Children to Children Project**. She wanted to help the children of St. William and St. Joseph to develop a more personal and spiritual connection.

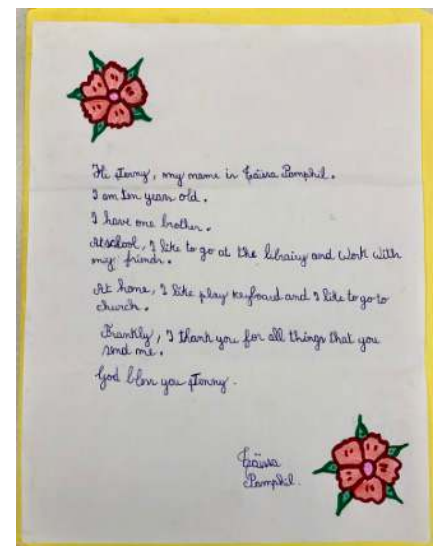
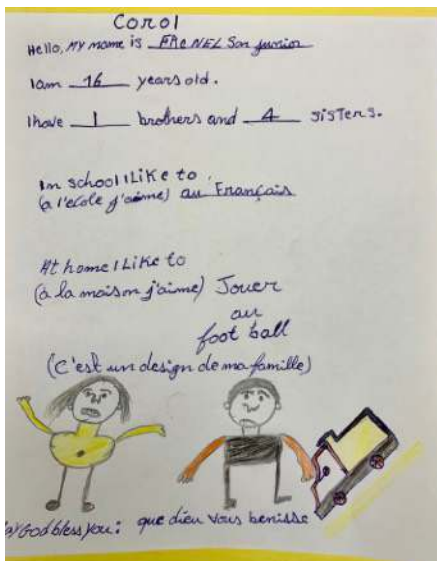
Students in our religious education program sent letters and school supplies to children in Haiti in our Spring Shipment last year. (Photo right)

Father Faustin brought letters in return from the children in Haiti when he visited last Fall. (Photos below)



It is Jo's goal to collect 1000 pencils to send in the shipment this year. She will ask children in each of the religious education classes to donate pencils to their new friends in Haiti. She'll also have them write another letter to the children at St. Joseph.

The ultimate goal is to take advantage of the computers that have been donated to St. Joseph. It is hoped that some day, emails will carry the messages.





Your Gift is Making a Difference

News from Helping Hugs **Water Committee**
Dick Schmidt and Gracia Stucky



At the January meeting, Helping Hugs members approved \$1220. to convert the existing World Water Relief water treatment system at St. Matthias Chapel to solar energy. Your past financial support of our ministry will make it happen.

Ongoing unrest in Haiti prevented the community from obtaining the fuel necessary to run the diesel generator that powered the water system. This transition to solar power will be similar to the one at St. Joseph Church which has been in use since 2016.

The existing generator will remain in place as a back-up, or for use in a future project. With care, a solar battery should last 5 to 15 years. It is estimated that the generator uses about five gallons of fuel per week. At the current cost of diesel fuel, this project will pay for itself in about two years.

This is the kind of research that is done by our Water Committee. If providing clean water is of interest to you, we invite you to join this committee in their labor of love!

Spring Shipment to St. Joseph Parish



Father Islaire's #1 request continues to be brass and woodwind instruments. His summer music school is very successful!



Father is also interested in receiving a drum set.

Please contact Mary Lynch at 912-399-6501 or marylynch45@gmail.com if you have an instrument to donate.



We will have requests for additional items and the date for the shipment soon. Thank you for your support.

