

Twin Parish News

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

Education Campaign Report

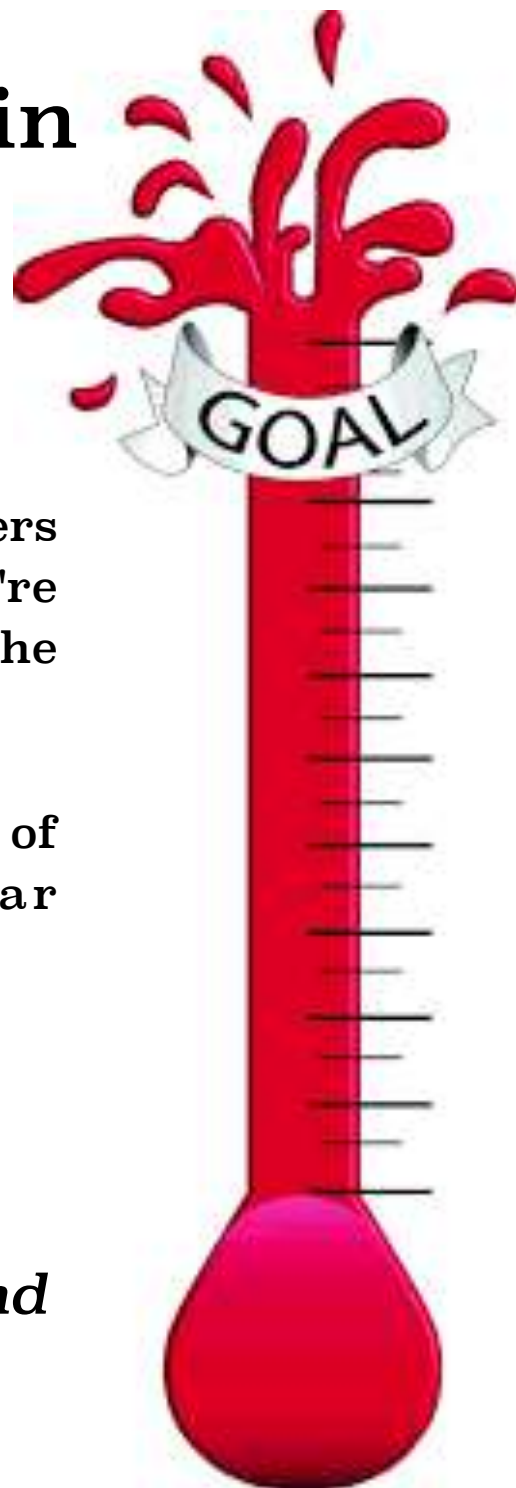
**You've Done It Again
\$34,000 Goal
Exceeded!**

Thank You, St William parishioners and friends near and far. You're amazing in the love you've shown the school children in our twin parish.

As of May 31st, the grand total of funds received for school year 2023-2024 is **\$37,000!**



Thank you for your kind and generous hearts.



Infrastructure Report

St. Matthias Chapel

BEFORE

**Photo taken
May 2016**

**Larry Meagher
(right), then
president of
Helping Hugs Inc.
visits our twin
parish to begin
water projects.**



Thank You generous donor for
making this change possible!

AFTER

**Photo taken
May 2023**

**It's so exciting
when a chapel
reaches this
final step of
construction -
new paint.**



A Letter of Gratitude

From Morne Blanc, Haiti

By Sovencia Enil

Without water, plants, animals, everything would perish.

Morne Blanc, a small village in the town of Côtes-de-Fer, is one of the driest in the area. In the past, in order to bring water back to our community, residents had to travel several kilometers, to other neighboring villages.

In 2021, we were saved by strangers (from St. William) who donated a well. And that's when our life of hardship came to an end. Since then, a new life has begun for us.



Note solar panels on the top of the cistern. Solar power activates the pump to bring water from the well to the cistern.

No longer do we travel to neighboring areas to satisfy this need. The animals' water supply is assured. We also use it for farming and stockbreeding. Unlike before, the stockbreeders had to move the animals in the dry seasons. But, thanks to this gift, everything has changed for us. Our gardens are flourishing. We grow fruit and vegetables. We also use it for washing at home - no need to go to distant rivers. And above all, we are able to use the water for our flower gardens.

It would be unfair and ungrateful not to thank these benefactors for the progress they have made in our community. A Change For All!



From the Editor:

Sovencia Enil is a recent graduate of the French Institute of Journalism and a resident of Morne Blanc.

Helping Hugs Inc. is grateful to Sovencia for this first-person report on the impact of the well in Morne Blanc. We look forward to more of her reports.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

New & Improved Website

COMING SOON

by Sandra Hochwald

Having served for a combination of eight years in capacities of president and treasurer of Helping Hugs, Inc., Bob Hochwald has acquired a wealth of experience and information about this nonprofit organization. He has devoted numerous hours organizing meetings, planning budgets and developing future ways to help the population of Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti.

Initially upon meeting him, you will discover a calm, understanding and supportive person. After a few work sessions, his grasp of problems, intellect, and sense of fairness become apparent. Never one to back down from a challenge, **Bob is now responsible for upgrading our website.**



Bob Hochwald

The new and improved website is now in the hands of our generous webmaster, Adam McGough of 'my friend earth Design' (mfedesign.com). He has graciously donated **many hours** to our organization over the years, because he supports our ministry. We wait patiently for the reveal.

Fête for Haiti 2023



Growing a Better Future

Your twin parish needs your involvement in this major fundraiser of the year!

How can you help? Come to the next Helping Hugs meeting and learn how!



Thursday, June 15, 2023

9:00 A.M. in Room #1

St. William parish hall.

Everyone is welcome!

Helping Hugs, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity.
All donations are tax deductible as provided by law.

Contact: info@helpinghugsinc.org

Donations may be made to

Helping Hugs Inc., P.O. Box 24477, Saint Simons Island, GA 31522

or on our website: www.helpinghugsinc.org

