

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

May 2018

Staffing the Chauffard Clinic

Father Raymond sent fantastic news! A nurse began working in the new Chauffard medical clinic in April! She is a licensed nurse and will be helping our medical mission team this November during their visit. Father Raymond hopes to have a laboratory up and running soon. He said how the community is very proud of the magnificent clinic.

This is a wonderful, life-changing service for the families in this 5-village community and the entire region. Medical care has never before been available on a regular basis locally to our twin parish. We greatly appreciate your generosity as your support helps to make this happen!



News from Chauffard:

At the end of April, Father Raymond wrote that "the rain is falling wonderfully, almost every day. The farmers are busy planting their seeds in their gardens." He described how he visits all the chapels regularly. The first weekend in May he was going to the village of Bois D'Orme to give mass, hear confessions, and celebrate some baptisms.

Father Raymond's emails always close with him saying how he never stops thanking us for our support. He and the people of the Church of the Immaculate Conception pray for us regularly for God to well protect our lives. He thanks us a thousand times for our good hearts.

Upcoming Events:

June 16 - 17: **Haiti Speaker and Second Collection** weekend at the Church of St. Michael & St. Peter; Nurse Practitioner Katie McDonnell will speak at all masses about her visit to Chauffard on the 2017 Medical Mission.

July 7-8: **Annual Bottle & Can Drive** collection in the parish center parking lot of the Church of St. Michael and St. Peter. Call Ellie at 315-459-3476 to arrange for a pickup of your bottles and cans.

For more information, call
Kate McMahon (315-492-2378).

**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**

Financial Report 2017

For the year 2017, we sent \$62,850 to Father Raymond for our twin parish, The Church of the Immaculate Conception. We received generous donations of \$2 to \$5,000. \$10,829 in donations were specifically for the Medical Mission. \$670 was donated in memory of Virginia Drabot, mother of Val Potash. We received \$15,072 from the Northern Ireland account of Haiti In Our Hands. \$710 was donated for the school lunch program through a Go Fund Me drive. Handmade woolen mitten sales at craft shows and to friends earned \$2,580. At the Church of St. Michael and St. Peter, in Syracuse, fundraisers brought in \$18,420.

We are currently lacking funds to fully support the school lunch program and cooks' and teachers' salaries for the month of June. Please consider a small donation towards food for the students. Together we can help them end the year in good health.



Sea Container Thank You

Through your generosity, we were able to send 12 boxes to Tennessee to be packed in to the sea container bound for Haiti. The entire cost by land and sea to send the boxes to Haiti cost us \$655. The donations of basic medical supplies, school supplies, reading glasses, and toiletries will be very welcome when the boxes arrive around the month of June.

The clinic will be well stocked again with antibiotic cream, pain relievers, and bandages. People who visit the clinic will be given soap and shampoo to bring home. That is a treat in a community without any stores. The teachers will be given vitamins, pencils, and pencil sharpeners to pass out to the school children.

