

Our Vision

Every child who first attends a Methodist School in the Cap Haitien Circuit will have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ, successfully complete high school, achieve literacy in English, and gain entrance to a Haitian university.



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Solar Powered Water in Dondon

The NCHM vision includes providing capital improvements to the schools in the Cap-Haitien Circuit. Clean and readily available water is often a challenge in Haiti.

Our vision is to improve education in all the Methodist schools within the Cap-Haitien Circuit. NCHM's close relationship with the students and staff members at one of these schools in Dondon led us to identify the need for clean and readily available water. Rev Bubba Smith from the organization **Promise for Haiti**, Smackover United Methodist Church in Smackover, Arkansas had dug a well in 2012. At one time a pump was added to the well and operated using a generator but never by solar power and by 2018 was not operational. We had the pump pulled from the well, refurbished with a new impeller and replaced the control board. Working with Mark Bender from the nonprofit organization **Water is Life**, we were able to reinstall the pump into the well. With some work connecting the solar panels to the new controller board we were able to get the pump to work properly providing solar powered water to the school compound area for the first time. Soon thereafter school officials added a second faucet to share their water beyond school walls with the larger community. This year NCHM has added some finishing touches to the well head masonry and repaired the metal door which protects the controller electronics from the elements. The pump is still faithfully providing clean water to Dondon students and staff and Dondon residents.

Introducing the NCHM Board Helping to make a difference in Haiti

The North Coast Haiti Mission (NCHM) has a clear focus on supporting improved education within the Methodist schools of the Cap-Haitien Circuit of the Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti. We work closely with the Circuit Superintendent, local school staff and administrators to provide critical, targeted and effective assistance.

Members of the NCHM Board have several responsibilities as we endeavor to improve education within Haiti. They are as varied as life itself in Haiti. These responsibilities include identifying critical needs, defining projects to meet those needs, raising

resources to implement the projects, forming teams to visit Haiti and oversee the projects and identifying local staff to work on these projects

Currently there are six NCHM Board members. Each newsletter we will introduce one these members. In this issue let us introduce Suzanne Lewis who has been with the board since 2016 and has visited Haiti 5 times. During these visits Suzanne was introduced to Latannarie 2014 and has developed a love for the school children at Latannarie. This year she succeeded in convincing several Firelands District churches to adopt the Latannarie school as part of the NCHM Adopt a School Program. Suzanne lives with husband, and Firelands DS, Doug and son Jonathan. Suzanne also has two older children Ben and Jennifer and one grandson.



Suzanne (blue dress) and son, Ben (hat) in Haiti



There are five schools in the Cap-Haitien Circuit

- College Modele
- Dondon
- Latannarie
- Boudin
- Tovar



Lowering the pump into the well
From r-1, Tim Persons, Walt Merrill, and Elysee Pites

Shared water for the community from the solar powered well

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