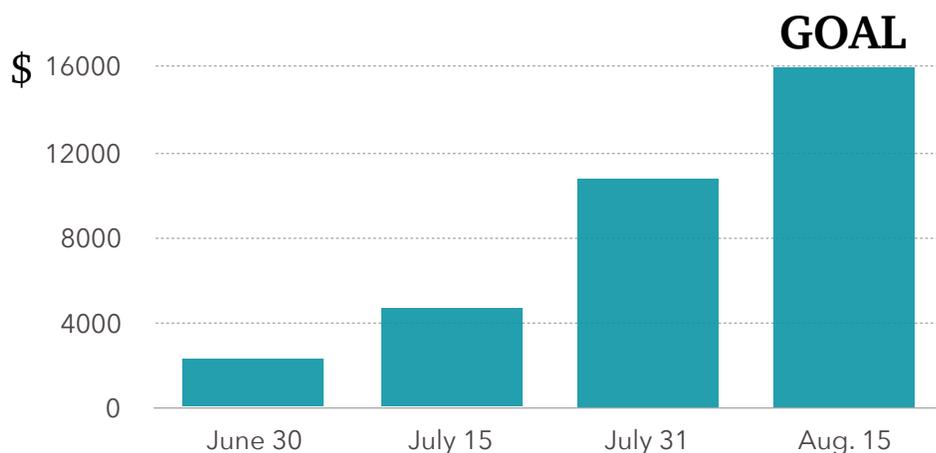


Twin Parish News

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



Education Campaign Ends August 15th *Striving to Reach the GOAL*



2018 Construction Project COMPLETED

Everyone who purchased a ticket to the Fête for Haiti, or made a contribution, can feel a sense of satisfaction because **YOU made the new roof at St. Lawrence chapel possible.** Parishioners will no longer have to worship under a tarp and the community will have a place to gather without concern for inclement weather. Thank you.



Rectory Hill “ROCKS” in July!

Summer Music Program Begins Second Year

St. Joseph rectory sits high atop the hill overlooking St. Joseph church and the village of Côtes-de-Fer. The property is a compound of buildings for outdoor meetings, school children, cooking, storage, pigs, chickens and other farm animals. This July, the compound was filled with fifty music students participating in an intensive music school from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. They had plenty of time to practice and plenty of room to spread out.



Three music teachers led the instruction. Father Faustin brought them from the capital city, Port-au-Prince, and Jacmel, the fifth-largest city in Haiti. These teachers have been working with students who started the program last summer. They met monthly for a total of four hours of music instruction each month.

This School of Music has been made possible by the individuals who donated instruments in 2017 and 2018. Last year 13 boxes of instruments and equipment were sent to St. Joseph; this year we sent 9 boxes. Also, there are two wonderful organizations that answered our plea for instruments: "Instruments of Joy" and "Hungry for Music." They trusted Helping Hugs to get their instruments to Haiti, safely, and we did. **Thanks to all those caring hearts who have donated instruments for this music program.**



Below: Fifty music students gather in the outdoor classroom for instruction. Then they spread out to try their new instruments. Right: Students are taught to read music.



Did you donate a keyboard? Here are all the keyboard photos that Father sent on the first day of class.





Sterline dreams of playing in a brass band.

Smile along with these first-year students who were gifted their instruments by Father Islaire. Each of them faces a difficult life challenge. Father chose them to receive an instrument as a reward for their active involvement in church activities. He graciously took these individual photos to comply with the request of INSTRUMENTS OF JOY, the organization that donated the instruments.



Taissa wants to be a music teacher to teach other children to play.



Phanord wants to play in church to make the celebrations more alive!



Raymond wants to play in the church band and make music his life-long hobby.



Yasmine dreams of becoming a professional musician.



Construction of Second **Water** Project to commence August 22nd.

Helping Hugs, Inc has been working on a second clean water project in the area of Mayette, Haiti. The planning and fundraising to support the project started last year. We are pleased to announce that construction on the project will begin under the direction of World Water Relief before the end of August. The project will provide a supply of clean potable water to the community with resulting health benefits. This area is prone to Cholera outbreaks especially during the rainy season and we expect this project to provide a major benefit in reducing the instances of this illness.



LifeStraw **Water** Purification System to Make Trial Run at a School

Helping Hugs, Inc. is working with Father Islaire to provide a source of safe drinking water to the schools that we support. We will begin, shortly, to test the LifeStraw Community water purifier in one of the schools. This unit will provide a sufficient quantity of potable water for drinking and cooking for the students and staff. More information on both of these water projects will follow in subsequent newsletters.



Bishop of Jacmel Diocese Named Archbishop of Cap-Haitien

Our twin parish is located in the Jacmel Diocese. From July 5-8, Bishop Launay Saturne of the Jacmel Diocese visited with St. Joseph parishioners. He was welcomed by the youth of the parish and he met with the parish council and chapel directors.

To everyone's surprise, on July 16th, Bishop Saturne was named Metropolitan Archbishop of Cap-Haitien (north coast of Haiti) by Pope Francis. At the time of this publication, a new bishop had not been named for the Jacmel diocese.

You're Invited
to the next meeting of
Helping Hugs Inc. for Haiti

August 16, 2018
9 A.M.

Thrive at Frederica
3615 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island

Come help us plan our annual Fête for Haiti
The Spirit of Giving
to be held at the Golden Isles Aviation Hangar
and catered by Chef Tom Delaney!

Got time? We'd be happy for your help!

Please join us!

Dates of Note:

Aug. 2 Executive Committee meeting

Aug. 10 Feast of St. Lawrence - a chapel of the parish

Aug. 15 **Education** Campaign ends

Aug. 24-26 Parish Twinning Program of the Americas

2018 National Conference & 40th Anniversary, Nashville, TN

Nov. 10 Fête for Haiti - **The Spirit of Giving**

Golden Isles Aviation Hangar, St. Simons Island

Catered by Chef Tom Delaney