

Twin Parish News

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

Pick up new Fitness Moves **January 10th** and Support the next Medical Mission



“Dancing for Haiti,” a dance fitness event for both men and women, will be held on January 10, 2018 to offset the costs of the next medical mission in February. Please see **details** of the event on page 2 of this newsletter and **reserve your spot** by calling or texting Niki Shupe.

In the past, our volunteers have paid all of their expenses on a mission trip. This year, with the help of Marie Artman (owner of the Pilates Loft), we hope to raise enough money to minimize the travel expenses to team members.

Last year the total cost of the medical mission was just under \$12,000. That included airline tickets, lodging, food, vehicle/driver costs, interpreters for the medical staff and gov't entrance fees and taxes. It also included over \$3000 in medications and medical supplies to treat the patients. The medical team not only gave of their time, but paid for their travel expenses to make the trip possible.

We all hope that you will join the event for a night of fun and support our medical team. Please come, even if you don't plan to put on tights and dance. You can watch, enjoy complimentary adult beverages and snacks and participate in the raffle of prizes donated by area small businesses.

If you can't make the event but would like to help, contributions can be made to Helping Hugs, Inc. on our website (helpinghugsinc.org) or by mailing to PO Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

Dancing for Haiti!

Join a dance fitness class with Marie Artman, Pilates Loft, benefiting **Helping Hugs Inc.** in support of Medical Missions to Haiti.

WHEN:

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 @ 6 p.m.

\$20

Donation

WHERE:

St. William's Catholic Church

St. Simon's Island



- Dress to exercise
- Stay after to meet new friends
- Complimentary adult beverages! (WINE & BEER)
 - Bottled water and goodies for sale!
 - Your donation includes 1 raffle ticket.
 - Additional tickets available for \$3 each or 5 for \$10.
- Raffle Prizes have been donated by area small business.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Reserve Your Spot TODAY!



Call or Text Niki Shupe

912-223-2947 or nikishupe@gmail.com

Your Gift to St. Joseph Parish is Making a Difference

2018 Goals: Medical Mission, Education, Construction, Water

Medical Team Prepares for February Mission to Haiti

Medical Links to Haiti Conference, February 15th

The fourth medical mission to St. Joseph parish is scheduled for February 17-24, 2018. The team consists of 2 MD's, 2 nurse practitioners, 1 pharmacist and 5 nurses. All but one of the team have been there on a previous mission.

Fr. Islaire Faustin has arranged for the team to hold clinics at 3 chapels where the teams have not been before: St. Anthony, the Nativity of Our Lady, and St. Lawrence. They will continue to hold clinics in Côtés-de-Fer. Hopefully they will be able to connect with the new small hospital to arrange for the future ability to conduct surgery.

The medicines and supplies have been ordered will arrive soon. Packing will take place on February 11th.

The **medical conference** to orient team members and interested persons to the medical challenges in Haiti will be held on Feb 15th at the Southeast Georgia Health System. This conference is sponsored by the Brunswick Chapter of The Links, Inc. and the hospital. All are invited and encouraged to attend to give support to the team. Please call Diane Smith to let her know you will be there for the continental breakfast at 8 AM and a full lunch at the end of the conference at 12:30 PM.



Helping Hugs, Inc. Elects New Officers

Front: Mary Lynch, Corresponding Sec.
Robert Hochwald, President

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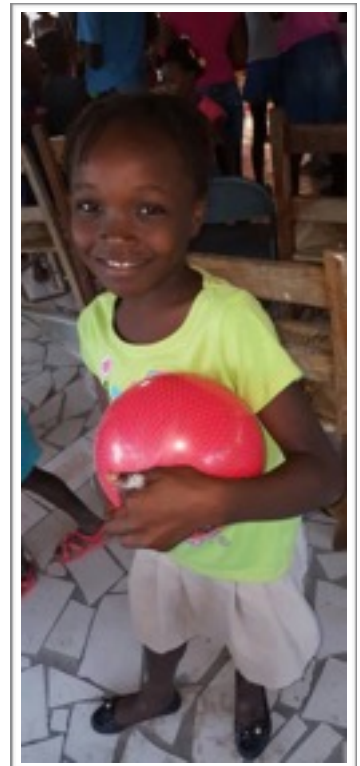
Bill Johaneck, Vice-President
Kevin Callahan, Treasurer
Bill Horn, Secretary

Children of St. Joseph Parish Celebrate Christmas



ABOVE: On Christmas Eve, the children of the parish perform and portray various bible stories for their parents and peers.

BELOW: The poorest children of the village of Côtés-de-Fer were treated to a party with food and presents. Father Faustin used money donated by St. William to purchase toys for those who rarely, if ever, have received a Christmas present.



Children enjoyed a Christmas party December 28th, on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Father Faustin stays BUSY during Christmas week.



December 27: Father Faustin celebrates mass at the chapel of St. John for the feast day of St. John the Evangelist.



December 28: Father Faustin uses his phone to have fun with the children. How many sets of eyes can you count in this selfie?



December 30:

Chapel Directors share some Christmas cheer too! Directors and their families enjoyed a gathering in Côtés-de-Fer. There was plenty of food, dancing, and an exchange of gifts. Each chapel brought a gift for another chapel.

Father Foustin's 2018 Greeting

Happy New Year.

May God bless you.

I love you all.