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## JANUARY 12, 2011 'OUR HOPE ENDURES'



### TEARS

Our hope endures the worst of conditions,  
It's more than our optimism  
Let the earth quake  
**our Hope remains unchanged**

How do we comprehend peace within pain  
Or joy at a good man's wake?  
Walk a mile with a woman whose body is torn  
With illness; **she MARCHES ON....**

('Our Hope Endures'~Natalie Grant)

### TRIUMPH

### TEAM



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#### HAPI Staff reflections

Dear Judi,

Reflections bring **tears**. January 12, 2010 returns like yesterday and, in many respects, Haiti remains locked into that moment. It is not in the macro picture that one finds hope, but in the micro. This is where you find the nuggets of **triumph** through faith: children laughing...artists creating...the grateful tear of a widow from the front porch of her restored home...voices raised in chorus beneath the protective blue roof of a community pavilion. It has not been easy, but the path towards healing has been paved



"I am encouraged by the houses HAPI rebuilt and the construction of the community pavillion in our 'Shalom Zone'. I am thankful to our new friends from Drew University who shared with us a theology of 'Shalom' that can help us rebuild Haiti."

~Paul Prevost, co-founder & Director of Human Resources and Community Development

"After the earthquake, we had lots of difficulty, but we just kept GOING. OpSafe helped our children



overcome their trauma. Shalom gave us a strategy to manage conflict and to bring true peace."

~Eddy Joassaint,

Director of Finance & Administration

"HAPI had many beautiful activities! Medical teams, Peace Pals, praying together and learning to live in peace. I especially give thanks for the



collaboration with the artisans; 'Artizana Fanm' gives us hope!"

~Françoise Ridore, owner Artizana Fanm

"With the support of HAPI, the face of the community is changing. With the clinic and medical formation, someone who is sick does not need

with friends--old and new--hands to pray, to build, to teach, to comfort...**TEAM HAPI!**

SHALOM! Valerie Mossman-Celestin, U.S. Executive Director

*I got a light on the dark road  
You're walking on  
A sign posted to find  
The dreams you thought was gone  
Someone to help you move  
The obstacles you stumbled on  
Someone to help you rebuild  
After the rumbles gone  
We are the world connected  
By a common bond, LOVE*

~We Are the World 25

### Love you can feel...Faith you can see

"Life is not a destination to be reached but an adventure whose only purpose is to dispense love. Our call as disciples of Jesus Christ is not to get to heaven but **to bring in God's kingdom here on this earth.**" ~Rev. Laurie Haller

Last January, HAPI friends formed a human **chain of love** that reached into the mountains of Mizak within days....



**YOU** responded with food and shelter. **RELIEF**



"Whom shall I send Lord? **Here I am. Send ME.**" The 'first responders'...



whose first task was to build beds for the over **90 volunteers in mission to GO HAPI 2010**



big money to find help. People who participated in Shalom training feel life."

Yolande Zephir,

Director of Community Health

"I especially give thanks that the children find a safe place in Peace Pals."

~Verenite Dominique, Peace Pal Coordinator



**Tribute: Rev. Paul Doherty**



The Rev. Paul Doherty was a friend of HAPI and all of Haiti. The week of the earthquake, he came to my office and said, "Valerie, we need to say 'I love you' more often to the people we care about because we just never know. I love you."

Paul was diagnosed with cancer in May 2010 and died 6 weeks later.

We just never know. I love you.  
~Valerie

**HEALING.** Clinic shelves stocked, a nurse hired and babies delivered...



**LOVE you can FEEL**



**CHILDREN** cared for in



'OpSafe', loving arms and 'Medika Mamba' nutritional intervention



**ECONOMICS.** Jobs created, lives and community rebuilt: Shalom Zone enclosed, 2 new homes, 5 major home repairs, pavilion and cistern completed.

Haiti, 'I ain't never gonna shut you out!'



Keep Haiti present in your prayers. Place an order for your '[Haiti Construction Angel](#)' for your window or desktop. (Spring delivery)

### The GIFT of SAFE Water



**TEAMS:** Carry the gift of safe drinking water with a Sawyer **WATER BOTTLE** or **FAMILY FILTER**. You can order the Sawyer the water filter bottle or the Point One filter through [Business Connect](#) website using the code **HAPI** before you complete the sale. This code will generate a \$5.00 discount on each item for you. *Family Filters donated to HAPI Clinic for assembly, training & distribution.*



30 persons (95% **WOMEN**) received **HAPIKredi** microloans of \$75 each with **100% pay back to date**.

**CREATIVITY.** Artisan boutiques & Fair trade.



**SPIRITUAL NURTURE** and **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.** 'Communities of Shalom' training under HAPI's 'big red tent'



Focus on reduction of violence against **Women & Children**.

**CELEBRATION.** International Day of Peace 'Growing Peace' with tribute to the deaths of prominent Haitian feminists



Christmas party with 200 Peace Pals, 25 young adult leaders...and 300 unexpected community guests!



HAPI artisans closed the year out, thanking God for the blessings of the year.



**OVER \$100,000** generously poured out to restore healing and wholeness...to bring in God's kingdom here on earth! **THANK YOU Team HAPI!**

**PREPARATION.** Are you ready Team HAPI? **'Marching on'** with dreams for the future, HAPI's February newsletter edition will feature 2011 goals and how you can be involved in helping HAPI 'grow peace' in their community through creativity, gender equality, economic opportunity and healing ministries that restore health and wholeness.

Closing on this day of remembrance: Eddy Joassaint

"We are Christians. We must not lose our identity. We must live the events of life with **reason and faith**. God will not forsake us. We need to turn our heart toward him and listen.

May the beginning of 2011 bring us all; restavèk, Women, Disabled, Children, Destitute, Homeless, Humiliated ... hope for a better life, full of courage and **conviction to build what is good for Haiti**, to banish hatred in our hearts for others, to change or improve some of our attitudes, learn to draw out and cultivate positive in others, and learn how to **materialize the spiritual and spiritualize the material**.

**AMEN!**

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