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**November/2011**



## A Season of Thanksgiving

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen....worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. Hebrews 11:1-3*

With joy and gratitude, HAPI celebrates the award of The United Methodist Committee on Relief grant in the amount of \$275,000 for the construction of the [Merlet Center](#).

The Center will not only change the Mizak landscape, but more importantly, develop leaders who will lead and manage with integrity and creativity to arrive at sustainable solutions for growth for their country.

The realization of this grant is a testament of faith. I especially thank a small group of women who showed up in March 2007 with their needles and thread and agreed to share the story of their community through [embroidered cards](#). We spoke about planting a seed that was too small to see, but how, if we cared for the seed and for one another, one day we would find shade under the tree. 'BONDYE BON!' (God is good)

What we couldn't know at that time was how many friends we would make under the spreading branches. THANK YOU!

Shalom,  
Valerie Mossman-Celestin

PS: Read 'Merlet Center' under 'Giving' below. Before we can apply the grant to raise the walls and roof, we have to lay the foundation. We need our HAPI friends & family to give us a hand!

## Thanks-

Here are a few of the many reasons HAPI gives thanks!

**PLAYGROUND ... Thanks RockSolid Curriculum & Sunday School Children!**



**'TAKING CARE OF EVE' ... a video featuring girls and women of Mizak with special 'stars' Nouvel Etwal**

*(click group photo below for video preview link)*



*Many thanks to Christy Pill, Linda Burson, Paul Jeffrey and Tim Frakes*

## Giving

Here are a few ways in which you can share in the HAPI ThanksGiving.

### MERLET CENTER



#### **CREATE JOBS? LAY A SOLID FOUNDATION!**

The UMCOR grant will put up the walls, roof, electrical and plumbing but HAPI must raise approx **\$25,000** for the excavation and foundation. We are choosing to provide **JOBS** and hire 20 persons rather than renting heavy equipment.

### LEADERS



#### **SUSTAINABILITY? SUPPORT LEADERS.**

Buildings don't raise themselves...  
'Clinics' serve no one...  
Children need caring adults...  
Microloans don't fall from trees...  
Communities of Shalom do not flourish

### TECHNOLOGY



#### **WANT GROWTH? RE-TOOL.**

Remember our faithful, foundational members of HAPI? Our artisans! Time to take them off the treadle and modernize with industrial-strength machines and train them to use new tools. Just one example of technology that

### COMMUNITY



*(Click photo for video link)*

#### **CHANGE THE WORLD? BUILD COMMUNITY.**

Communities of Shalom teaches that every community has what it needs to build a future of hope and peace and to be restored to wholeness. **CELEBRATING** together is vital to healthy communities. Partner in a

Help HAPI lay a solid foundation!  
**The Merlet Center...a legacy gift.**

without nurture...  
Progress cannot be  
sustained without  
leaders...  
**Leaders...a gift of  
sustainability.**

can make a difference.  
.  
**Technology & training...a  
gift of growth.**

HAPI COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS.  
**Building community...a gift  
of restoring God's creation.**

HAPI is "blessed to be a blessing" and we continue to witness to a future of hope and peace for Haiti. A special thanks to our dedicated teams who serve and fellowship alongside our local staff.

I invite you to visit our website [haitianartisans.com](http://haitianartisans.com) and learn more of the diverse ministries of HAPI: Peace Pals, 'HAPIKredi' microloans, nutrition intervention, emergency medical care (clinic benevolence fund), Shalom Singers and more. Visit the store and order a card set for your church group. Share in the HAPI story by helping us lay the foundation of the Merlet Center, invest in leaders, provide tools and training for new opportunity, or build community. Maybe even consider visiting HAPI at work in Haiti.

Happy ThanksGiving to you and yours!

**Shalom,**

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