

# Sacred Heart Haiti Committee

## Ti Koze Sou Ayiti

(A Little News About Haiti)

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## A Love For Haiti

### Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Hosted by the Sacred Heart Haiti Committee  
 With  
**Guest Speaker:**

**Mr. Walter Corley**

Former Clinton Administration Official, Businessman  
 and Advisor to the Congressional Black Caucus, US  
 Congressman John Conyers, Jr. and Obama  
 Administration on Haiti

**Saturday, November 13, 2010**

6:30pm to 11:30pm

Tickets: \$20/person or, \$30/Couple  
 (includes dinner that will be served at 7:30pm)

Music By :

**DJ: Joe Caribbean**

For more information, please contact: Pat M. Abner  
 313 384-0449 or Angela Brown Wilson 313 623-4821

Sacred Heart Church Activities Building  
 3451 Rivard Street  
 (at I/75 & Mack next to McDonalds)

Donations will be used to assist with fresh water  
 project in Ennery, Haiti

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**School Children at St. Francis School**

## Helping Hands for the School Children of Haiti

By: Fr. Norman P. Thomas

Isn't it amazing that a Country like Haiti  
 where the majority of the people live in

“Absolute Poverty”,

parents must pay for their children to go to school. Besides tuition, they also must pay for uniforms and for books. **You** might ask, “if they are so poor, how can they pay?”

Most of the time they don't. Either the Sisters at St. Francis School attached to our Sister Parish St. Hubert in Ennery, Haiti assist the families or, programs such as our Helping Hands come to the rescue.

The Sacred Heart Haiti Committee has been involved in sponsoring children at St. Francis School for many years. Instead of sponsoring an individual child for \$20/month or \$240/year, we are asking you to support the School so that many can be helped.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Thomas, Eleanor Gouvia, Tionna Davenport or Pat Abner. The brochure that you will receive will serve as our official request. Please return with your helping hand to any of us. Thank you.



September 2010: Welcome to Fr. Valcourt to Sacred Heart from  
Left to right: Geraud Dimanche, Jack, Fr. Valcourt, Eleanor's brother, Eleanor Gouvia, Jackie Gouvia (behind Eleanor) and Barbara Washington

## Letters of Love

*Recently ten year old Eleanor Gouvia who attends Mass on Saturday at Sacred Heart with her family came to Fr. Thomas with thoughts of a project for Haiti. After discussion with Fr. Thomas and with Pat Abner, she, along with her mom, Jackie were invited to become a part of the Haiti committee. Eleanor is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Mary Elementary School. Below is Eleanor's description of the project. She encourages others to be a part of this letter writing project to Haiti. Welcome Jackie and Eleanor to the committee. Pat M. Abner, Chairperson*

**Letters of Love** Letters of Love is a letter writing project to the children of Ennery, Haiti sponsored by the Sacred Heart Haiti Committee. These letters will be translated by Mrs. Adeline Auguste, a member of the Haitian Community here in Detroit. We are asking that you:

1. Keep your letter simple (two to three lines)
2. Please do not make any promises in your letter
3. Please don't seal your envelope, the letter has to be translated
4. If you would like to make a donation to the Haiti Committee, please make checks payable to: The Sacred Heart Haiti Committee.
5. Write: **Letters of Love, Haiti Committee on the outside of envelope**
6. You can turn it in at the church to: (On Saturday: Eleanor Gouvia, Sunday at 8am Angela Brown Wilson, or Antwon Ratliff and Sunday at 10am: Tionna Davenport or, Pat Abner)
7. Have fun writing. We want the Children of Ennery to know we are praying for them.

If you have any questions, please contact me at

**Eleanor Gouvia      Angela Brown Wilson**

**Rays of Hope for Haiti**  
by Doug Porritt

Hurricane Season is still in effect in the Caribbean. These storms can impact both Haiti and Dominican Republic. Presently Haiti is facing another pending crisis: Tropical Storm Tomas. This news brings with it voluntary evacuations for travelers ordered by the Government of Haiti, There are still 1.3 million Haitians living in tents as a result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake. News of a tropical storm or even a minor hurricane is devastating as most Haitians have (literally) nowhere to go.

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti --**

A cholera outbreak that has killed more than 300 people in Haiti matches strains commonly found in South Asia, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

The finding intensifies scrutiny on a U.N. base above the Artibonite River that is home to a contingent of recently arrived peacekeepers from Nepal, a South Asian country where cholera is downstream from where the tributary meets the Artibonite and drank from endemic and which saw outbreaks this summer. The outbreak began among people who live the river.



The Associated Press found questionable sanitation conditions in an unannounced visit to the base last

week and an exclusive tour of the facility given by peacekeepers Sunday.

**The Haiti Committee**

**Thank you Haiti Committee for all of your love for the people of Haiti, for your dedication and caring; what we have accomplished could not have been done without you. Pat Abner**

If you are interested in working with the committee, contact Pat Abner at 313 384-0449 or [mamaHaiti1@hotmail.com](mailto:mamaHaiti1@hotmail.com) or any Committee member. Our meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 12:15pm in Activities Building in Room 8 usually (you can check church bulletin to be sure).

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**Meet Ten Year Old Naomi**

Meet ten years old Naomi. Naomi has no parents and is presently living on the grounds of St. Hubert Church. Fr. Valcourt said that Naomi had witnessed her father being killed recently and her mother has left her alone. Father mentioned that Naomi needed help. I am happy to say that a parishioner at Sacred Heart saw her picture at a recent Haiti presentation and has volunteered to assist her. The money for Naomi was sent back with Fr. Valcourt.

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**Fr. Valcourt's visit to Detroit.**



Recently Father Gustana Valcourt of St. Hubert Church in Ennery, Haiti, visited Sacred Heart Church. His visit was filled with many activities including Mack Alive Women, Sacred Heart Welcome, Several lunches with friends, Visiting for two days at St. Cecelia Parish, special visit to see Jean Teschner, celebration of Mass with Fr. Thomas at both Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth Parish. Lunch with members of our Haiti Team: He also had visit of friends like, GerauxDimanche, Adeline Auguste and her daughter Danielle DesRoches, Serge Gaydu and others. Thanks Bill Samuels of St. Leo Haiti Team and Adeline Auguste for taking Father received approximately \$6,000 to take back with him to continue his work in Ennery to help make improvements.

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*Thank You Sacred Heart Parish Family for all of your donations on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11.*

*The total amount collected was: \$1,782.63*

*This money was taken to Haiti to help the people of Ennery*

*Thank you*

## Financial Report

Pat M. Abner

The following is a financial report on what was donated in Haiti for the April, 2010 trip:

Child Sponsoring Program	\$3,500.
Fr. Valcourt	\$6,700.
Fr. Valcourt	\$ 200.
Helpers at St. Hubert:	\$ 150.
St.FrancisSchool/Clinic	\$ 500.

Sisters of Charity	\$ 150.
Helpers at St. Francis:	\$ 100.
Matthew 25	\$2,500.
Haitian Network Grp of Det.	\$2,000.
Bishop Thomas Gumbleton	\$2,500.
Rays of Hope for Haiti (GR, MI)	\$2,500.
Mother Theresa Hospital	\$ 250.
Individuals in Haiti after quake	\$2,700.

Total Donations: \$23750.

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## Need Storage Space

The Sacred Heart Haiti Committee needs storage space for donations. If you know of a space (preferably a donated space), please contact: Angela Brown Wilson at 313 623-4821 or, Mary Greenia at 982-2213

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## Our 2010 - 2011 Calendar

November 13, 2010- Annual Dinner Dance

February 12, 2011 - Valentines Hustle Party

## Send me your email address!

Please email me your email address so that you can be included our mailings through email. Please send to Patricia M. Abner at: [mamaHaiti1@yahoo.com](mailto:mamaHaiti1@yahoo.com) or, [mamaHaiti1@hotmail.com](mailto:mamaHaiti1@hotmail.com)

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