

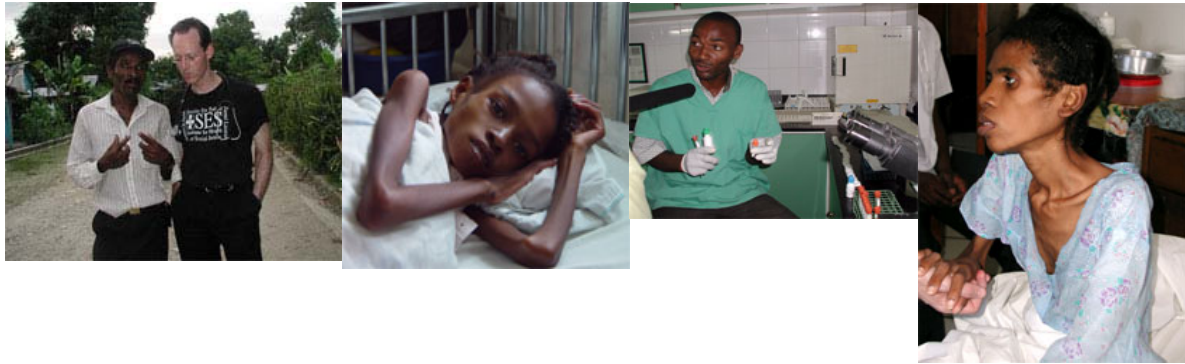


Our Diocesan Philosophy

The Upper Diocese of South Carolina has been involved with its mission in the central plateau of Haiti for 25 years. It began during the period of the dictator Francois Duvalier. During this period, the Diocese focused on the humanitarian and spiritual needs of our mission with little regard for the ever-changing political issues. The old cliché “inch by inch, it’s a cinch” underlies the years of effort by many members of our Diocese. This effort, and the Diocese’ guiding philosophy, have produced dramatic successes that provide a model for others serving the poor in similar third world conditions. We are avoiding the creation of a dependant society. We are helping Haitians help themselves. The Diocese philosophy has three basic guidelines:

- **Listen** – We have listened and been guided by our Haitian partners who struggle everyday in the fields trying to meet humanitarian needs. Priests, teachers, medical staff, agriculturalists and many others who can guide the pace and who understand the capabilities and readiness of different communities guide our service.
- **Multi-year commitments** – The most difficult concept for most religious groups and governmental agencies who wish to serve the poor is to recognize clearly the need for a sustained long-term commitment. We are committed to an intense effort covering many generations.
- **Focus** – The Diocese has designated one place for its multi-year commitment. The Central Plateau of Haiti (Cange, Haiti) is the poorest section of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Again, the emphasis has been on Haitians helping themselves, developing self-reliance, and promoting independent initiatives. There is a need for our support, our expertise (surgeons, engineers, etc.) and hands-on training. By our playing a supportive role, much Haitian “know-how” and hidden talents have emerged.



Partners in Health

In the last two years a number of national organizations and the national press have recognized the good work being done in Cange by one of our senior partners, the non-profit Boston based Partners in Health. National Public Radio (NPR) has done several lengthy reports on the health clinic and other service programs. The New York Times, The Boston Globe and The New Yorker magazine have written several detailed articles. An international conference on Aids spent a day in Cange holding seminars and reviewing the rural health services at the *Clinic Bon Sauveur*. A wonderful book was published in the fall of 2003, Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder, focusing on the life of Dr. Paul Farmer and the miracles of medicine he has created in Cange. Our Diocese is a vital partner in this miracle. For 25 years doctors and healthcare professionals from our Diocese have taken medical trips several times a year to work in the *Clinic Bon Sauveur*. Today we continue these medical trips and are expanding to agricultural and educational missions. A very special award was presented to Ms. Loune Viand in 2002. She was selected the “2002 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Laureate”. She has been a guide for many of us on mission trips as well as an interpreter for our doctors during surgical procedures.

Saintanie Baptiste before beginning the nutrition program



Saintanie Baptiste months later at a follow-up visit



The water project done in 1985

Major Missions in Cange, Haiti

Much of what our Diocese has to do in Cange remains to be invented. New people – young, retired, special skills, no skills – are needed to pass the torch of service and to carry on the responsibility to expand this special mission. In the early 1970s, the Haitian Episcopal Church identified Cange as one of the poorest regions in need of help and sent a young Haitian priest, Father Fritz Lafontant, to oversee and establish a mission church in that area. Partnership between the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina and the Diocese of Haiti in the Cange mission began in the late 1970s. The joint project to build a church and school was completed in 1982 and was followed by building the Clinic Bon Sauveur, the Water Project in 1985, the Women’s Health Project in 1990, and the Children’s Pavilion in 1997. Father Lafontant continues to serve as the parish priest.



Current major components in the village of Cange include:

- **Church** – The church was the first building constructed in Cange and the religious orientation of the community is central to all its activities.

- **Episcopal Day School** – The Episcopal Day School currently enrolls close to 1,000 students who receive instruction in French, History, Geography, and Mathematics.



- **Sewing Project** – The Cange Sewing and Arts Program consists of a group of village women and men who possess a superb talent for creating beautiful handcrafted items.
- **Medical Complex** – The medical complex at Cange provides the only healthcare available to a rural peasant population estimated in excess of 50,000. The Clinic and Hospital Bon Sauveur in Cange was established in 1985 and is led by Dr. Paul Farmer. Services include: Pharmacy, Dental, Pediatrics, Radiology, Medical, Surgical, OB, Family Planning, and Eye Care.
- **Agriculture Project** – The agriculture project focuses on two types of food production, 1) the small terraced hillside garden for family use and 2) a large acreage site that operates on a commercial scale. Teaching and support programs are being set up by Haitians to train Haitians. Cottage industries in food production are scheduled for the near future.



Current Goals

“Adopt a Village” an Educational Mission

Since 1981, the Episcopal Day School (l’Ecole Bon Sauveur”) in Cange has been working to educate the youth in the Central Plateau of Haiti. The school has evolved over this time period from one class under a tree to the current two story multi-class facility serving kindergarten through 9th grade.

The priorities and goals for the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina were developed over several years and formulated during the two day meeting of the World Mission Committee at Christ Church in Greenville on September 20th, 2003. Father Fritz Lafontant and Marie Flore Chipps, our Haitian partners, presented the following plan for their Parrish in the Cange region.

1) Facility Expansions

- a.) Enlarge the existing physical facility at Bon Saveur (the Episcopal Day School) to relieve overcrowding and to extend the academic curriculum to include grades 9 – 12. This would involve building an additional floor on the current building.
- b.) There are thirteen sites where school facilities are needed or school expansion of existing facilities. Each of these school sites (“**Adopt a Village**”) has at least one teacher and 100+ students. (See the attachment that lists each school area in the Central Plateau.) Some churches in our Diocese have already committed to build the school for some of the sites and a group of four churches in Anderson have already built a school in the last 12 months.

2) Broaden the Curriculum Base

Expand the educational program at Bon Saveur to include a technical and vocational program with an emphasis on such skills as farming, automobile maintenance, plumbing, computer technician, etc. U.S. partner churches are encouraged to involve professional members of their parish to provide expertise and guidance.

3) Teacher Training and Improvement

4) On-Going Need for School Supplies

PREVISION DES ECOLES

Ecole	Zone	Nbre d'élèves	Classe	Primaire Niveau	Secondaire Niveau	Nbre de professeurs	Immeubles Salle	Matériels	Fournitures	Cantine	Prof.:Sal/year: US
Bon Sauveur	Cange	800	22	1e-6e	7-8-9	38	9	yes	yes	yes	\$68,400
St. Mathieu	Chapoteau	400	6	1e-6e		8	4	no	no	no	\$4,800
St. Jacques	Mogé	186	4	1e-4e		5	no	no	no	no	\$3,000
St. Jean-Baptiste	Epin	300	6	1e-6e		6	4	no	no	no	\$3,600
Ascension	Blancard	355	5	1e-5e		6	no	no	no	no	\$3,600
Transfiguration	Terramuscad	285	6	1e-5e		7	En const.	no	no	no	\$4,200
Sis Innocents	Bel-Air	172	3	1e-3e		4	Inachevée	no	no	no	\$2,400
St. Matines	Cajou Franc	150	4	1e-4e		4	no	no	no	no	\$2,400
St. Marc	Morne Michel	300	6	1e-6e		6	no	no	no	no	\$3,600
St. Jean l'Evang.	Bernaco	150	4	1e-4e		4	no	no	no	no	\$2,400
Christ Roi	Bois Joli	472	6	1e-2e		9	yes	yes	yes	no	\$5,400
Saint Paul	C. Thomonde	300	4	1e-4e		8	no	no	no	no	\$4,800
C.E.D.E.V.	Vieux Cailles	400	6	1e-6e		8	4	no	no	no	\$4,800
Anonciation	Cabestor	403	6	1e-6e		8	no	no	no	no	\$4,800

Total: US \$118,200.00