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WISH Directors Need Your Support

Butch and Tricia Alexander returned to their Pennsylvania home in April, following their traumatic term of service during the earthquake and post-quake recovery. Their quick response and support for the quake victims and their families is most commendable. Their compassion for the Haitians was never more evident than throughout this horrifying disaster. They have already found employment and we pray that the comfort and support of home and family will bring them a renewed sense of well-being. May the blessing they have been returned and multiplied.

Getting from Here to There

Much preparation goes into sending a missionary to serve in the field. In addition to a personal evaluation and screening, there is a lot of training and counseling. However, hearing God's call and making that commitment in faith to His service may not be the most difficult step on the way to the field. Each missionary or family must raise their own support to cover the cost of living in a foreign land as well as insurance and other financial requirements. The missionaries are not paid a salary for their service so it is only through the faith promise pledges of their supporters that they are able to meet their living expenses and reach the funding goal to put them on the field. Look for more information about partnering with our field directors on the last page.



The Goulds visited North Lakeport Wesleyan Church in Michigan to share their enthusiasm and dedication to the work on LaGonave and enlist more prayer and financial supporters. Above, Pastor Drew Mills is pleased to have his church partnering with Beth and Barry.

Goulds Need Pledges !

Beth and Barry Gould are traveling to churches in the Eastern States and Canada to raise the financial pledges necessary for them to leave for Haiti. WISH anticipates their arrival on LaGonave in September or October, assuming their faith promise support goals will be reached. Each and every pledge, regardless of size, is needed to get them on the mission field. Think of the tremendous commitment they have made in leaving their jobs and families. They are only seeking your pledge of support at whatever level is comfortable for you.

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Team Installs New Equipment to Meet Demand

Contributed by Dale Holzhausen and Tom Larson

Sign on front of Ice Plant.

One of WISH's long-standing projects has been the making and selling of ice. There are no refrigerators on the island of LaGonave so a block of ice allows the people to have a way to preserve some food and have cold drinks in this tropical climate. A twelve pound block of ice is sold for 60 gourdes (\$1.50 US). Purified cold water is also available at 50 cents a gallon. Revenue from ice plant sales is used to pay workers and purchase diesel fuel for the generators that run the ice plant, and also provide electricity to the hospital, WISH compound, welding shop, WISH mall and other projects serving the community.

The first ice was made in the WISH plant in 1990. Since that time, four major upgrades have been done. In early 2010, major maintenance issues resulting from age and the extreme operating conditions reduced sales more than 60% of the previous year. At the 2010 board meeting, it was decided to replace the entire ice plant.

New ice machines were built in St. Louis and shipped on the last 40 foot container in November, arriving in Haiti just before Christmas. Teams were planning to install the equipment in February, however the container was not released from customs until the end of April. In early May, a refrigeration team of 9 men from Michigan and Missouri

hustled down to get the plant back into operation before the hot summer months. Preliminary preparations had been completed by Rod and the WISH crew so the team could work efficiently during their limited time of May 10 through May 17. When the team arrived, the plant was only able to produce 40 bags of ice in a 24 hour freeze-cycle when the demand was for at least 140 bags per day.

The rebuild was estimated to take two



Above: A WISH ice plant employee fills plastic bags with water to be frozen between the refrigeration plates in the ice machine.



Left: One of the retail boxes is filled with 12 pound blocks of ice that were harvested at the end of the 11-hour freeze-cycle. People without coolers or thermos containers buy only a portion of a block or a container of purified cold water.

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weeks to complete, installing half the equipment in May and returning in the fall to complete the remainder of the work. When they saw the condition of the existing machines, the team made the decision to remove all six harvesting freezers and the two retail freezers. The concrete floor had to be repaired and



New compressors line the outside wall of the ice plant.

raised 1-1/2 inches in four places, the front sink was torn out and made smaller, all new refrigeration lines, compressors, electric and freezer boxes were installed. Dale Holzhausen says, “We had a wonderful crew of men and everyone jumped in to do their part.



A little girl skips home with a thermos of purified cold water purchased from the ice plant. Others wait at the service window to purchase 12 pound blocks of ice. Some local businesses use the ice to sell cold soft drinks or preserve food for sale.

We could not have done it without the leadership we have as well as the Haitian and US work teams.” The St. Louis team included

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The new layout allows better traffic flow within the plant for filling ice bags when loading the machines and waiting on customers at the window. The ice machines were custom built in St. Louis last year.

Ice is Nice!

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Wayne Grace, his father-in-law Tom Murphy, Bob Praechter, Frank Illingworth, and Dale Holzhauzen. The Michigan team consisted of Tom Larson, his grandson Andrew Larson, Mark Becker, and Jim Howell. Bob Port was the technical support, assisting the crew from St. Louis.

Dale relates that the floor plan and layout of the new equipment helped to minimize the downtime during renovations and provides better efficiency and smooth flow through the ice plant. He says, "Our goal with the new freezers was 35 bags per freezer x 6 units in an 11 hour freeze-cycle, which would allow us to turn off the generators at night, if necessary, to conserve fuel and still meet the ice needs. We were able to achieve this goal and have the ability to double it if necessary with two cycles in one day."

General Fund Contributions Used Wisely

Tom Larson, WISH treasurer and team member, reports, "The cost of renovating the ice plant was \$46,000, which came from General Fund donations. Many individuals and businesses donated time and materials to the project." The increase in ice sales will offset

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The Geisler family, (Rod and Michelle along with sons Ben, Joe, and Garin) arrived in Haiti last October and have already adapted to island-life. They spent a few weeks this summer visiting family and supporters from their native Oregon before returning to LaGonave, which they now call "home". Rod and Michelle have done an excellent job of running the mission since the Alexanders left in April. They have hosted a few large work teams and handled the arrival and unloading of the container. Rod has become adept at troubleshooting electrical problems, broken waterlines and mechanical breakdowns. Michelle home-schools Joe and Garin, with Ben's high school classes being done online. She also runs the WISH office and responds to the never-ending requests for help. The Geiszlers are in need of additional support and prayer partners to continue their service with WISH.

the fuel and operating expenses to sustain this important service for the community. Your support for designated projects is appreciated, but the General Fund is vital to sustaining existing projects and maintenance. The General Fund now needs to be replenished to maintain a stable operating base. We are grateful to the knowledgeable volunteers who built, shipped and installed this new equipment and to YOU, our supporters, who make it all possible through the grace of God.

Please consider becoming a support partner with our WISH field directors.

I (we) would like to make a Financial Faith Promise
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