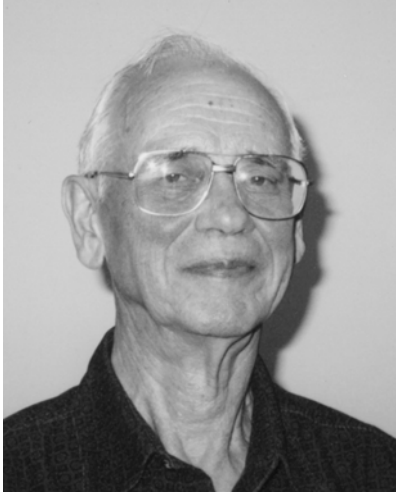


WATER PROJECT FUNDING COMPLETED IN 2005



WISH truly appreciates the unpaid services of Her Boelens, our treasurer for nearly three decades. He is the person who opens the mail you send to PO Box 365 in Grand Haven. Herb does an excellent job of accounting for all the donations that are designated for specific purposes. He is diligent in

responding with thank you notes and tax-deductible receipts.

Imagine Herb's surprise when he opened

the WISH mail to find a check for \$30,000 to complete the funding of the waterline project on LaGonave! Could this be a mistake? No, the mission committee of the funding church had carefully and prayerfully considered that these funds should be sent to the WISH water project. We give praise and thanks for the Lord's direction in this decision and the blessing to the water project on LaGonave.

With the funding complete and the backhoe finally on the island, work can proceed to improve water flow into the village. The increased population and demand for water has taxed the current source and reservoir, decreasing water pressure and reducing flow to outlying areas of the village.

WISH is extremely grateful for all of the contributions toward this project. Let's keep filling Herb's mailbox each month with donations, large and small. Each one is important to the work of WISH. We depend on everyone for continued support through prayers, donations and volunteer services.

Over 400 Treated as First Dental Team Opens Clinic in January

Dr. Bill Sasser and his wife, Susalee, were joined by Dr. Jeff Laro, Chris Henninger, a senior dental student, and Leslie St. John, a youth pastor, all from South Carolina. This five-member dental team was the first to open the WISH dental clinic in over ten months. Dr. Bill and Susalee Sasser have been making an annual trip to the clinic for several years, but had to postpone last Fall due to unrest in Haiti over the pending elections. Many teams have been uneasy about traveling to Haiti based on reports focusing on the unrest in Port-au-Prince.

Dr. Sasser reports: *The Lord was most gracious throughout our visit. Special appreciation goes to Nadir, the driver who had been arranged to meet us for transport to the domestic terminal, as well as the folks at*



MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). Familiar faces are always most welcomed when we travel to a foreign country.

Once on LaGonave, the warm welcome by Pastor Joe and Pat made everyone feel right "at home". This



was a first-time visit for three on the team and they immediately fell in love with the beauty and serenity of

the mission center. To top it off, the newly painted dental clinic was far more than they had expected to find.

During four and a half days of work, there was a never-ending demand for care. In spite of the fact that over 400 patients were served, quite a few had to be turned away the last day. They were comforted, however, in the fact that another team is scheduled for February. We were pleasantly surprised by the desire for tooth cleaning. Many of the patients had reasonably healthy dentitions in spite of little emphasis on prevention. Limited restorations were offered, along with extractions.

Our Lord was most gracious all throughout the mission. "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19) was never more true!

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 22

5:30 PM AT THE GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER
421 COLUMBUS ST.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Joe and Pat Larakers. We promise it will be an interesting evening of fellowship and great food! Joe and Pat will report on their past year in Haiti and "WISHes" that are planned for 2006. Recent work teams will be present to share their experience and photos.

Invite your friends and family to join us. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass for the potluck dinner.

The WISH board always looks forward to meeting each one of you who glorify the Lord with your support to make this all possible.

GET READY, LARAKERS - THEY'RE COMING BACK AGAIN!

Two work teams will arrive back-to-back in February, with another on their heels in March. Dr. Jack Heck and Jane Howard will re-open the dental clinic the second week of February to the excitement of all who were unable to be treated by the Sasser dental team. Jack and Jane have worked in the clinic most every year since 1983. They are looking forward to two busy weeks of dentistry and reunions with many, many Haitian friends.

Just after this dental team departs, a St. Louis maintenance crew of seven will arrive to continue work they started in November on the ice plant, vehicles, and

electrical system.

Another dental team from Long Island New York, lead by Dr. Greg Doroski, will use the clinic facility in early March. The Doroski team is hosted by Service Christiene in another guest house but they have enjoyed using our dental clinic and showers for several years.

The Larakers have plenty of fuel for bodies and spirits to keep these teams coming back, year after year. The hospitality of the WISH mission directors has always been welcoming and inspiring for all volunteers.

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