The Haiti Micah Project and the people of Haiti wish to thank you for your support this past year. At a time when you were dealing with the uncertainty of the financial downturn here in the United States, you found a way to support God’s children in Haiti. We honor you for your generosity of heart and soul. We pray for God’s continued blessings upon you and your loved ones.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
What will happen to Haiti? I have been asked that question over and over again in recent weeks by people who are truly concerned about the future of Haiti. If there is ever a time when the answer to that question seems to evade me, it is now. But I know one thing for sure: the solution to Haiti’s many problems requires more than a secular intervention, there must be a religious one as well.

The work of transforming hearts and souls is the mission of the Church. The Church must be an agent of peace, the same peace that Jesus came to establish. The Haiti Micah Project has been about forming our young men and women to understand the nature of Christ. With this understanding as their foundation, they will be informed by a deep and abiding love and respect for God and for God’s creation.

In many sectors of Haitian society, we seem to have lost the sense of Ubuntu—to borrow an African term. By Ubuntu, we mean that I am because you are. This is the Haiti I remember growing up where, in spite of the scarcity that pervades daily living, there was community. While I may not have a readily available answer to the question of what will happen to Haiti, I am confident we can recapture the spirit of community, of brotherhood and sisterhood that characterizes Haiti. The coming of Christ into the world entails transformation from the old to the new. This is the work of the Church in Haiti now and for years to come. God has a plan for Haiti, but God needs you and me to make God’s plan a reality. Your continued support of the children of Haiti is an indication of your partnership with God in this transformative work.

Last September, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts Schori, appointed me and the Reverend Dr. Rosemari Sullivan to serve as coordinators for the long-term rebuilding effort of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. I view my work with the National Episcopal Church as an opportunity to bridge the important work of rebuilding the infrastructure of the diocese with providing for the daily needs of the children in Mirebalais.

The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti is the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church. Unfortunately, 85 percent of churches and schools were either destroyed or damaged. The ministry of the Episcopal Church in Haiti through its churches, schools, hospitals and clinics is vital. As we continue our work at HMP, we continue to lift up in prayer all of the recovery and rebuilding efforts in Haiti.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect from the Episcopal Church’s Book of Common Prayer

Faithfully,

Father Joseph M. Constant
HAITI: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been an incredible year for the people of Haiti. In less than a month, we will mark the one-year anniversary of the January 12, 2010 earthquake. And Haiti remains unstable. The capital, Port-au-Prince, is still buried under rubble, and hundreds of thousands have no permanent dwellings or access to clean water, food, healthcare, and education. But the suffering does not end there.

Since October 25, 2010, a cholera outbreak has killed more than 2,500 people and hospitalized over 100,000 people throughout Haiti. In the midst of the cholera outbreak, Haiti was struck by Hurricane Tomas, which caused additional deaths and destruction and, once again, instilled fear in the hearts of the Haitian people.

The Haiti Micah Project represents normalcy and hope to so many children who are living just 30 miles outside of Port-au-Prince. Mirebalais, in the central plateau region, is home to teachers, business people, parents, and religious leaders who have successfully organized and maintained a feeding program, an education and scholarship program, and a home for needy children. We honor the community leaders of Mirebalais who have given so much of their time and resources to ensure that the children remain hopeful about their future.

Solidarité et Action pour Les Enfants de Sion (SAES), the local Haitian partner of Haiti Micah Project, has been an integral part of the Mirebalais community since 2006. Their work is even more important now, as families still come to Mirebalais from Port-au-Prince seeking safety, shelter, food, and healthcare. HMP and SAES have made it their priority to serve as many of these displaced children as possible.

Currently, the residence has 21 children served by a staff of 5 women and men. Six of the children residing in the home lost their parents or caregivers in the earthquake. By the grace of God, we have not registered one cholera case among our children.

So many are responsible for the continued good health of the children. For instance, SAES is doing a tremendous job of keeping the children healthy. It is not just the water they drink, but the water with which the cooking is done, clothes washed, and children bathed. Because the water is contaminated, the women walk miles just to wash the children’s clothes. Keeping the children healthy is no small task for the women and men, who cook, wash clothes, walk the children to school and drive to Port-au-Prince to purchase clean water. We give God thanks for their dedication.

Also, our July shipment included antibiotics from St. Thomas Church, Idaho, that made a huge difference. In addition to providing clean drinking water and good sanitation measures, the staff take the children to the doctor’s office the moment they show signs of cholera, like vomiting and diarrhea. HMP also works in partnership with St. Peter’s Clinic. Among others, Partners in Health is also responding to the cholera outbreak in the Mirebalais and Central Plateau area.
**DONATIONS FOR WATER AND ANTIBIOTICS**

We are grateful to the churches and individuals, who have contributed to the water, soap and antibiotics appeal. In order to prevent contracting cholera, Haitians need to have access to things like soap, sanitation and clean water. Most of the children live in places with poor sanitation and living conditions.

Over the past few years, the HMP has been very intentional about instituting a structure to ensure the safety of the children. The HMP received two Mustard Seed grants from the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia that enabled us to build a new kitchen and a new toilet at St. Peter’s Church to serve the daily feeding program.

We are early in the planning stages to build a water treatment facility that will provide us with permanent access to clean water. Further details will follow in 2011.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE HAITI MICAH PROJECT**

This ministry has been a blessing to these children. Through our Sponsor A Child program, we invite individuals, churches and schools to partner with a child directly. There are currently 146 children in the sponsorship program. Sponsors have the option of sending gift packages or correspondences directly to the children. Occasionally, sponsors receive letters and pictures from the child they sponsor.

While the challenges facing Haiti could feel overwhelming at times, we take comfort knowing that we help one child or one young person at a time. We encourage our supporters and partners to visit Haiti and to witness firsthand how their on-going prayers and financial donations are giving life to these children.

**HMP CHILDREN COMPLETED STATE EXAMS SUCCESSFULLY**

Fifty of the HMP children took the Haiti State Exams and performed extremely well. Three State exams are required to be taken before completion of High School. The HMP works with a local educator to provide after-school tutoring for all of the children in HMP who are preparing for state exams.
**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR HMP CHILDREN**

Each year, the HMP board sends additional funds to ensure that the children, staff and volunteers gather to celebrate Christmas. The additional fund includes money for toys and a special meal.

This year, the HMP encourages sponsors to send cards and a small monetary gift to their child. A special gift by HMP board member Michelle Baptiste will ensure that all children, including those not in the HMP program, can participate in the Christmas celebration and receive gifts.

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**LAND PURCHASE AND ARCHITECTURAL PLAN AND BUDGET**

In July 2010, the Haiti Micah Project acquired a plot of land in Mirebalais. Our goal is to build a facility that will provide a home for up to 80 children. HMP engaged a local architect, and the preliminary design for this 80-bed facility has been completed. Over the next few months, we will refine the design and finalize a budget for the construction of the project. We anticipate implementing a capital campaign to raise funds for this critical home.

We believe that every child deserves a decent place to sleep and to call home.
SHIPPING CONTAINERS TO HAITI

The HMP wishes to thank you, your family, friends and colleagues for contributing to the shipment of materials at various times during the year. Over the last year, over 200 barrels, boxes and crates were shipped to Haiti, filled with food, clothes, health and beauty aids, school supplies and toys.

UNICEF AND WORLD VISION

Both UNICEF and World Vision have made donations of food, household and educational supplies to the HMP. More recently, World Vision delivered water purification tablets to the home where the HMP children reside. We are hoping for a long-term relationship with both organizations.
HOW TO SUPPORT HMP

As we end 2010, we encourage you to support the efforts of HMP. Over the next few months, as we continue our work amidst the cholera outbreak, we encourage you to support our efforts with financial contributions.

How can you continue to support us:

• Sponsor a child or renew a sponsorship for $300 a year. That’s right, for $300 we can feed, educate and provide for the basic health care needs of a child in Haiti.

• Provide funds for operating support for HMP in Haiti. These resources will be used for the provision of the basic necessities: the purchase of clean water, food, and support for the education of our children.

• Support a special initiative — construction of the new facility for our children or construction of a water treatment facility in Mirebalais.

SPECIAL EVENT: THE SERVICE TO SERVE HAITI

On January 16, 2011, the Lutheran Church of the Reformation will host a program entitled The Service To Serve Haiti: A Time of Remembrance and Action for Haiti and MLK National Day of Service from 3-6 P.M. The church is located at 212 E. Capitol Street, NE., Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. (across from the Folger Theatre and Library).

The Service To Serve Haiti event is an ecumenical, inter-faith gathering to commemorate the January 12, 2010 earthquake that devastated part of Haiti and to engage local citizens in partnering with Haitian organizations actively reconstructing their community services such as schools, clinics, and small businesses.

A Service of Recommitment will be held from 4-5 P.M. in the sanctuary of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation. A service-fair will be held in the cafeteria area of the church from 3-6 P.M. for non-profit partners of Haitian organizations to display their project’s work, seek volunteers and raise material and financial support.

To participate in the service fair as a non-profit supporting Haiti, please contact: service-toserve@gmail.com or Margaret McLaughlin at 202-547-2120/ 774-238-9359.

To get directions to the service and fair, go to: www.reformationdc.org.
LIST OF SUPPORTING PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS

HAITI MICAH PROJECT’S SUPPORTING DIOCESES, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS

All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Frederick, Maryland
Antioch Baptist Church, Orange County, California
Brooks Episcopal School, North Andover, Massachusetts
Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal), Vienna, Virginia
Church of the Resurrection, Alexandria, Massachusetts
DBA Mwalagho Productions, Alexandria, Virginia
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg, Maryland
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Milton, Massachusetts
Episcopal Diocese of Washington, Washington, D.C.
Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia
Epiphany Parish of Seattle, Seattle, Washington
First Rock Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Grace Episcopal Church, The Plains, Virginia
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria, Virginia
The Key School, Annapolis, Maryland
Living Word Church in Washington, D.C.
Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, Fairfax, Virginia
National Organization for the Advancement of Haitians, Silver Spring, Maryland
Professional and Scientific Associates, Reston, Virginia
Sankofa International Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
St. Agnes Guild of St. Dunstan Church, Seattle, Washington
St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Hampton, Virginia
St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, Seattle, Washington
St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Church, Oakwood, California
St. George’s Episcopal Church, Valley Lee, Maryland
St. James’ Episcopal Church, Indian Head, Maryland
St. James’ Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia
St. James Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Ashville, North Carolina
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Orchard Park, New York
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia
St. Mary of the Hills School, Milton, Massachusetts
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, King George, Virginia
St. Paul’s ECW, King George, Virginia
St. Peter’s Church, Peekskill, New York
St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School, Alexandria, Virginia
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Seattle, Washington
St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Taunton, Massachusetts
Churchwomen of St. Stephen’s, Seattle, Washington
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sun Valley, Idaho
The Opp Shop, King George, Virginia
Trinidad and Tobago Working Women’s Committee, Landover, Maryland
Trinity Episcopal Church, Arlington, Virginia
Wellesley Congregational Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts
Westwood Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
Woman’s Club of Essex County, Tappahannock, Virginia
WorldPlay, Inc., Forest Hills, New York
Zoe Group Foundation, Washington, D.C.