Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere yet only a 2 hour flight from Miami.

More than 8.5 Million people live in Haiti, most with no running water, no sewer systems, no paved roads and no electricity.

The island is being deforested in order to make charcoal; Haitians’ only source of fuel.

Very few jobs exist; working Haitians are lucky to make $2.00 a day and one bag of rice costs approximately $6.00.

There is one doctor for every 10,000 people and they only serve the patients who can afford to pay.

Fifty percent of the children in Haiti are malnourished and half of these children die before the age of 5.
In late 2001, I was a host family for Childspring International and kept a precious 1 ½ year old Haitian girl, Linose, who was in Atlanta for surgery to remove a tumor from her eye. She captured my heart completely and was the first of many Haitian children who have stayed in my home.

In January, 2002, I set aside my fears and went to Haiti to see where Linose and her family lived. My hosts in Haiti were Father Fritz Valdema, an Episcopal Priest and his wife, Carmel, a nurse. Before I left, I asked the Valdemas what I could do since I was not a doctor who could treat people or an engineer who could drill a well. Carmel said “Please come back, bring doctors for women and children because they are dying everyday; bring medicine, milk, and vitamins for the children, and bring friends so they can see our needs.”

Overwhelmed by the devastating poverty and feeling helpless to address the innumerable needs, I cried the entire way home. Working through the pain, or perhaps avoiding it, I buried myself in my work. I had recently left a 15 year career at Hewlett-Packard to start my own Estate Planning business and was doing quite well.
Still, I just couldn't get Haiti off my mind, so in February, 2002, I put my business on hold and responded to Carmel's request. Focusing first on the need for doctors, I started a program in March 2002, to take OB/GYNs to Haiti every 3 months. After several years of personally leading these medical teams, I am proud to say they continue on their own.

In 2004, I turned my focus to the children’s need for healthcare and education and created the Haiti Mission. After 10 years and 17 trips, there is still so much work to be done. The Valdemas remain my dear friends and in-country liaisons and manage all of the programs that the Haiti Mission supports. The Valdemas are very well respected Haitians who by choice have remained in their country and dedicated their lives to helping others. They are responsible for six villages, all of which have a church, a school and a mobile nutrition clinic. The Haitian Minister of Health calls upon them often to take on more responsibility. After the 2010 earthquake he asked them to expand their children's clinics to include a 30,000 person tent city. I am proud to be the Valdemas partner and hope that the children of Haiti will make a difference in your life as they have mine.
Personal Experience in Haiti
Sally Haas

Sally with Linose in 2001

Linose(R) and her twin Lena in 2009 when they visited Sally in Atlanta
The purpose of the Haiti Mission is to enhance the future of Haiti’s children through healthcare and education.
HEALTHCARE PROGRAM
Provides mobile nutrition clinics and healthcare education
Annual commitment = $26,000
Plus growth goal = $26,000

EDUCATION PROGRAM
Provides primary and secondary education for children starting at age 3
Annual commitment = $9,600
Plus growth goal = $20,000

HOPE FOR CHILDREN CLINIC
New initiative to build a permanent children’s clinic for the healthcare program
Remaining costs = $226,700
Annual costs = $165,600

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
New initiative to build a kitchen to feed 200 children daily at St. Simeon school
Construction costs = $38,000
Annual costs = $30,000

CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
New initiative to provide ceramic water filters for each family in the healthcare program
Buy & distribute 5,000 filters = $175,000
Land/Plant cost = $90,000
Annual costs = $20,000
Fifty percent of the children in Haiti are malnourished and half of these children die before the age of 5. These senseless deaths can be prevented. Working together with Carmel Valdema, a Haitian nurse and her team of health workers, the Haiti Mission Healthcare Program provides basic nutrition and healthcare education through mobile clinics. Specifically we offer:

- pediatric examinations
- vaccinations, vitamins, worm medicines
- Plumply‘nut- a fortified peanut butter paste
- Akamil- a rice and bean protein supplement
- AIDS education
- family planning and hygiene classes

Our clinics are often the only healthcare services these children ever receive and are dramatically lowering the death rate in the communities we serve.
Healthcare Program

Frandy before and after eating Plumpy’nut for just 6 weeks
Healthcare Program

Nahomie eating Plumpy’nut

Nurse Carmel weighing baby
Attending school is the only hope a Haitian child has to make a better life. The Haiti Mission Education Program partners with Father Fritz Valdema, an Episcopal Priest and Carmel’s husband to place children in school starting at age 3 through high school. Tuition includes:

- the teacher’s salary
- a uniform
- a pair of shoes
- a backpack
- and books

St. Alban School in Crochu consists of a tin roof, wooden benches, one large blackboard and no walls, but the children eagerly attend each day to learn all they can.
Education Program

Children taking a test in Crochu, Haiti
To significantly increase the number of children treated in the Healthcare Program and provide in patient care for the acutely malnourished, we are raising funds to build a permanent facility for the clinic. To date we have purchased 3.5 acres of land in Croix des Bouquets and have broken ground on the clinic and surrounding security wall. Construction has stalled due to lack of funding yet our dream is to complete this non-profit clinic called Hope for Children. It will serve as the headquarters for our Healthcare Program and is expected to serve many additional communities. After the earthquake the need is even greater as more than 30,000 Haitians have relocated here in a tent city.
Hope for Children Clinic

Exterior Drawings

Project: CENTRE DE RECUPERATION NUTRITIONNELLE "LESPWA TIMOUN"
(CENTER AND ADMINISTRATION)
Hope for Children Clinic
Interior Drawings
Lack of nutritious food impairs a child's ability to concentrate and perform well in school. Many Haitian children eat Discs of Desperation, cement like pancakes made of dirt mixed with oil and sugar and then baked in the sun. They are so hungry they cannot focus and therefore do not learn.

The Haiti Mission School Lunch Program’s goal is to serve a hot meal of beans and rice to over 200 children at our St. Simeon school in Croix des Bouquets. First we must build a kitchen and cafeteria. Then our partner, World Vision will help provide food.

Prior to the 2010 earthquake many Haitian parents ate only every other day so their children could have food.

Now thousands of families live in flimsy tent cities plagued with cholera, unsanitary conditions and an even greater food shortage.

A healthy lunch is critical for a Haitian child’s development and desperately need in all schools.
Children in Haiti die from simple illnesses like diarrhea and dehydration caused from drinking contaminated water. The Haiti Mission Clean Water Program’s goal is to raise money to build a ceramic water filter plant on the same site as the Hope For Children Clinic.

By adding this essential element to our Healthcare Program, we will enable each family to purify their own drinking water and prevent many illnesses from ever occurring. We will leverage the existing training and distribution processes within our Healthcare Program to reach hundreds of families each month.

Tracy Hawkins, founder of FilterPure showing the water filters we want to produce for our families.
Please join the Haiti Mission in making a difference in a child’s life by supporting the ongoing Healthcare and Educational Programs. We are also looking for partners to complete the Hope for Children Clinic and to invest in our new School Lunch Program and Clean Water Program. Your efforts will help children survive current conditions and receive an education so they can build a brighter future for Haiti.

DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO “MISSION FOR BIBLICAL LITERACY” OR “MBL”, c/o SALLY HAAS, 44 RIDGEMERE TRACE, ATLANTA, GA, 30328.
Fifty percent of children in Haiti are malnourished and half of these die before the age of five. These senseless deaths can be prevented. MBL’s Haiti Mission has been providing protein enriched meals to hundreds of children in the Crochu area. Children who could not walk are now running with joy and excitement. The program also provides pediatric examinations, vaccinations, vitamins, worm medicines as well as health information sessions for the parents through mobile clinics. In Haiti there is one doctor for every 10,000 people. Our monthly clinics managed by nurse Carmel Valdema are often the only healthcare these children ever receive and are dramatically lowering the death rate and improving the overall health of Crochu’s children.

We are excited about partnering with the French company, Nutriset and its Dominican Republic franchise, Vitaset to introduce a new approach to treating malnutrition using a peanut butter paste called Plumpy’Nut that has been very successful in Africa. It requires no refrigeration and no clean water and cures malnutrition in weeks instead of months that the previous powdered milk protocol took.

MBL is seeking donations to sustain our monthly clinics that care for 133 children in Crochu, Haiti at a cost of $150 per child per year and to hopefully increase the number of children we serve. Our current commitment also supplies Plumpy'nut to Nurse Carmel's clinics in five other villages.
HAITI MISSION EDUCATION PROGRAM
Crochu, Haiti

CURRENT COMMITMENT = $9,600 / YR    FUTURE GROWTH = $20,000 / YR

Once a child’s health is stabilized they are enrolled in a local school at age three. Education is considered a privilege and most can not afford it. Attending school is the only hope a Haitian child has to create a better life. MBL’s Haiti Mission partners with Father Fritz Valdema, an Episcopal Priest to place children in his schools. The academic curriculum has been expanded to include Bible study using beautiful color, hard backed, children’s Bible story books written in Haiti’s native language, Creole. Tuition covers the teacher’s salary, a uniform, a pair of shoes, a backpack and books. St. Alban School in Crochu consists of a tin roof, wooden benches, one large blackboard and no walls, but the children eagerly attend each day to learn all they can.

MBL is seeking donations to maintain our scholarships for 64 children in Crochu, Haiti for the 2010-2011 school year at a cost of $150 per child per year and to hopefully triple the number of students we sponsor. Our commitment is due each year in August.
HOPE FOR CHILDREN (LESPWA TIMOUN) CLINIC
Croix Des Bouquets, Haiti

REMAINING CONSTRUCTION COSTS = $226,700
OPERATING COSTS = $165,600/YR
INVESTMENT TO DATE = $116,000

To significantly increase the number of children treated in the Nutrition Clinics and to provide in-patient care for the acutely malnourished; ground has been broken on a non-profit clinic called Hope for Children. This multi-purpose facility will serve as the headquarters for the Healthcare Program and offer AIDS education, family planning and hygiene classes for teenagers and adults, and train incremental health workers. MBL's board member, Sally Haas knows three of the American Hope for Children board members as well as the two Haitian Directors, Father Valdema and his wife, Carmel, a nurse.

The clinic will be centrally located and therefore accessible to many villages. The Minister of Health in Haiti is encouraging Father Valdema and Carmel to hurry and complete this much needed facility. Cost of services will be based on ability to pay.

MBL is seeking a small team of donors to build and support this life saving facility for the Haitian people.
The typical Haitian school can not afford to provide food for their students. Parents forgo a day’s meals for themselves so they can perhaps send a hard boiled egg or a package of crackers for their child’s lunch. Even so, the child remains hungry and finds it difficult to concentrate and retain information. The non-profit organization, World Vision has offered to provide rice and protein filled beans to the St. Simeon school if the school can raise funds to build and staff a kitchen and a cafeteria. Over 200 children will receive a hot meal each day prepared in a safe and sanitary environment. With the outbreak of cholera, the purification of water and careful food preparation have become life saving processes that can not be found in the tent cities where thousands of Haitians must live today. Putting on a uniform, going to school and eating a real meal is as good as life gets for a Haitian child.

MBL is seeking a donor to build and support this kitchen and cafeteria for the children of St. Simeon school.
CERAMIC WATER FILTER PLANT -- NEW INITIATIVE
Croix Des Bouquets, Haiti

LAND & PLANT CONSTRUCTION COSTS = $90,000
OPERATING COSTS = $20,000/YR
SUBSIDIZE SALE OF 5000 FILTERS/YR = $175,000/YR

Ceramic water filtration has been in use for about 200 years. The manufacturing process has been refined and documented for use in developing nations at no charge by the non-profit organization called Filter Pure (www.filterpurefilters.org). With the guidance and expertise of Filter Pure, the Haiti Mission would like to first serve as a distributor of these filters and then build our own water filter plant on the same 3.5 acres as the Hope for Children Clinic.

Children in Haiti die from simple illnesses like diarrhea and dehydration caused form drinking contaminated water. The Haiti Mission has the training and distribution process in place through our monthly Healthcare Program that would enable hundreds of families each month to receive a water filter, learn how to care for it and understand the benefits of drinking clean water.

MBL is seeking a small team of donors to build and support this water filter plant for the Haitian people.
FINANCIAL NEEDS SUMMARY

- Current Programs $35,600
- 2011 Growth Goals (incremental $) $46,000
- Filter Distribution Costs $175,000
- New Initiatives Construction Costs $354,700
- New Initiatives Sustaining Costs $215,600
- TOTAL NEEDS $826,900
Five Year Plan

- Complete build phase of new initiatives
  - Hope for Children Clinic
  - St. Simeon Kitchen
  - Water filter plant
- Increase existing programs by 25% each year
- Initiate plan and build phase of additional opportunities
  - Drill well in Crochu, Haiti
  - Build school in Crochu, Haiti
  - Estimated costs available upon request
Caring for Children in Haiti

A hundred years from now it will not matter what our bank account was, the sort of house we lived in, or the kind of car we drove……but the world may be different because we were important in the life of a child.
Thank you from the children of Haiti