

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAU CLAIRE HAITI PARTNERSHIP  
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## HAITI SPECIAL APPEAL

Dear Friends,

Jan. 21, 2012

On Friday Jan 13 we traveled to Grace Episcopal Church in Madison to meet Fr. Wisnel Desjardin the New Priest in Charge at St. Marc's Jeanette, Haiti. He is a wonderful young man with many hopes and dreams for St. Marc's. He is very enthusiastic and a very dedicated man of God.

In our conversations with the Steering Committee and Pere (means Fr.) Wisnel we found three items that need our immediate attention.

1. Water – Three out of the five community cisterns were damaged or destroyed and now to make matters worse the rainy season that typically starts in October has not started yet. This means a 2.5 hr. walk down and up the mountain to get water.  
Short term goal – Hire a tanker truck for a period of time to supply water.  
Long term goal – Fix cisterns and work with Engineers without borders to get some way of getting water up the mountain (pipes or well)
2. Food – Due to circumstances outside of St. Marc's the food for the food program has been stopped. We have been feeding the students hot meals during the school week. We need some immediate assistance until we can get the issues straightened out. We feed 538 students each day for about 25 cents per meal of \$140.00/day  
Short Term Goal – raise money for the food program and get issues resolved.  
Long Term Goal – research is being done
3. Church – The original roof needs to be replaced. I was told when it rains you are better off outside because outside you can use an umbrella. The roof is tin and from many storms has gotten holes in it.  
Short Term Goal – Fr. Wisnel is going to get pricing on materials. Community may need help with the actual work that needs to be done (showing them how and watching them do it)

### What can I do???

PRAY

SEND MONEY – 25 cents a day for a meal for a child. That is \$1.25 a week. Every dollar will help.

VOLUNTEER – Volunteer to be on the Partnership team, take a trip to the mountain. There is always work that can be done.

Send contributions to the Diocese of Eau Claire Haiti Partnership at the address above.

Yours in Christ,

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