

**Church of Our Saviour  
Outreach Committee  
January 13, 2013  
Minutes**

**Financial Report:** Mary Lou (including contributions at end of 2012): see attached report

**Old Business:**

**1. Current Outreach Partners: Longterm**

- ❖ **Kiva:** Report postponed until next meeting  
Check out website for further information:  
<http://www.kiva.org/updates>
- ❖ **Carpenter's Kids:** Checkout CK on Facebook  
[http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Carpenters Kids/91053765048](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Carpenters-Kids/91053765048) Report from Diocese of New York: 42 children in primary school at Ibihwa, 5 in secondary school and 3 in vocational training. New #'s available later in Jan.  
Do we want to continue sponsorship? After a lengthy discussion, we will attempt to obtain more information about our sponsorship in Ibihwa before deciding.  
**2013 Pilgrimage Dates :**July 15-27 and August 5-17  
**More information at :** <http://carpenterskids.net/>
- ❖ **Ambassadors in Hope & Opportunity:** Report postponed until next meeting
- ❖ **Hannah Freedom School:** No report today although Episcopal Charities is in discussion re: future funding. School plans to open summer program in June.
- ❖ **Partners in Health (Haiti) :** New hospital in Mirebelais (60 km NE of Port-au-Prince) completed & will open this year (see image below).  
Additional accomplishments:
  - Doubling the size of its mental health and psychosocial support team. This work is supported by a recent \$1.5 million Grand Challenges Canada grant to improve mental health care in countries affected by disaster and poverty. In 2013, PIH will train community health workers to identify and support people suffering from mental health problems, including depression and post-traumatic stress, and refer them to appropriate medical facilities.
  - Cholera has killed 7,750 people in Haiti since October 2010. In spring 2012, PIH successfully pioneered Haiti's first oral cholera vaccine, delivering vaccines to nearly 100,000 people in partnership with Haiti's Ministry of Health and the nonprofit organization GHESKIO.
  - In partnership with Abbott Laboratories and the Abbott Fund, PIH will open a new production facility in early 2013 to combat the long-standing challenges of malnutrition. Located in Corporant, the facility will be used to

produce a minimum of 60 tons of Nourimanba (a ready-to-use therapeutic food) to treat up to 6,000 cases of pediatric malnutrition in its first year.

- More information available at <http://www.pih.org/news/entry/haiti-three-years-after-the-earthquake/>

## 2. Other Projects:

- ❖ **Episcopal Charities:** Report postponed until next meeting.
- ❖ **Mt. Carmel Lunches:** Monthly luncheons are going well with about 32 meals served and as many as 20-25 take home meals provided. Abundance of volunteers in December with plenty of food. Will look to see if another parishioner can take leadership of meals 3-4 times/year to give Jane a break.
- ❖ **St. Anne's Circle:** Sessions will focus on projects that encourage handmade arts such as baby blankets and doll clothes (to encourage younger families participating). Christmas Bazaar to be held in December. St. Anne's is experiencing a lack of volunteers, as are many of our ministries.
- ❖ **Holidays: Giving Tree:** Gifts for 76 residents were delivered with parishioners supplying all but 22. Will limit to 70 next year and schedule a post coffee hour gift wrapping session. Thank you to Jane & Tom Brophy for their wonderful leadership in this project.

- ❖ **New Business:**

1. **Donations:** 1<sup>st</sup> contribution of the year, \$500, will be given to Discretionary Fund.
2. **Direction for 2012:** Deacon Annette led us in an initial discussion about where we want to go for the next year, to be continued over the next few meetings. Congregation will be brought into the discussion at the Annual Meeting in February.

Comments:

- How to help the church see what needs to be done in the world.
- What guides us in planning for Outreach? What influences each of us in making these decisions?
- Need to get the Parish engaged in Outreach.
- Listen for opportunities to help, ex. our recent book drive.
- This is a fluid process; we all have our passions & we bring them to this ministry but how do we keep it at a broader level-not just those of us that are passionate about Outreach making the decisions?
- The Parish may not know much about Outreach...survey a good idea.
- "Charity begins at home"- surround children with healthy values, one of which is to help others.
- Time is one element that is a factor in looking for volunteers...so much competition for families' time.
- What do new families want when they come to church?
- Lots of ways to reach out.
- Being more local helps people to relate.
- Will look for new leadership in this ministry...perhaps Vestry member stepping down from Vestry?



An aerial view of Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais taken Dec. 12, 2012, shows 1,800 solar panels on the hospital's roof.

**Next meeting:** February or March, TBA