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General Fund Donations *Matched* thru September!!!

The WISH board is praying that the Lord will lead us to a solution for our dwindling General Fund as mission operating expenses continue to rise. Of course this is a scenario that touches many of us with our personal circumstances. We can all relate to rising costs and repairs or replacement of aging equipment. However, operating expenses in Haiti have mushroomed since the earthquake. The costs for goods available in Haiti have skyrocketed in this nation already crippled by the quake, poverty, and hunger. The General Fund sustains the daily operations which include: *all* maintenance including tires for the tractor, wages for the work crew and house staff who depend on their WISH income to support extended families, pay school tuition for their children and cover healthcare expenses for their families, and **FUEL!** It is now costing 40 cents per kilowatt hour to produce electricity for the ice plant, hospital, welding shop, WISH mall businesses, mission houses, and dental clinic. The fuel bill each month is reaching \$6500. Plans are underway to find the best way to convert many of our facilities to solar power in the future, but we must address the need now!

Our mission is facing a serious financial crisis regarding our operating funds. We are always grateful for the many people who respond to specific project needs to support this outreach. However, we really need to have a consistent **monthly** support base for the General Fund to cover necessary operating expenses.

Is this an item you could bring to your church group? Perhaps you know a youth group, Sunday school class, or service club who would like to "fuel" this ministry each month.

There has never been a better time to contribute to the General Fund since we now have a "spark" to ignite the fuel that fires this mission. A matching fund has been established to **double contributions made to the General Fund through September!** Is the Lord calling *you* to answer the prayer?

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News from the Island

It is truly wonderful to have two missionary families managing island operations! Rod and Michelle Geiszler assumed full duties while Beth and Barry Gould went home to connect with their supporters and families in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Goulds also attended a church camp and were able to rest and recharge before returning to the island July 30. At that time, the Geiszlers will leave for their home territory in Oregon. It will be a wonderful time for Ben, Joe, and Garin to reunite with their stateside friends before they have to get back to the island and start classes again. Rod and Michelle will also enjoy some down-time with friends and family as well as opportunities to visit supporters in their region. The Geiszlers will meet with the WISH board in St. Louis before returning to the island the end of September.

A five-member team from Pennsylvania, led by Dave Kolb, brought muscles and money to finish building a house for Mme Evans, a widowed lady who cooks and cleans at the mission house. The team constructed the block walls with some help from Mme Evans, her daughters, son and mother.

Another lady, whose husband worked for WISH until he passed away several years ago, was delighted to have her roof replaced when it was discovered that some left-over tin roofing from the new hospital project was just enough for her home. Read the full story of these joy-filled experiences and full-color versions of the newsletters on the WISH website: www.haitiwish.org.

Dr. Bill Sasser will bring a dental team in September. Details of his trip will follow.

Container Leaves St. Louis



Loading the Mule



Long bundles of ceiling grid will support panels and insulation.



Insulated ceiling panels for the library and dental clinic



Bob Port, Dan Pfyl, Dale Holzhausen, Dan Schultz, Drew Pfyl, Bob Praechter, and Frank Illingworth. Also helping were Tom Dunn, Heath Wells, Bruce Roquet, Ed and Leslie Harris, Matt Harris, Nancy Illingworth and Sherri Holzhausen.



Haiti is tough on tires!



Lock the doors and God Bless this precious cargo!

The St. Louis crew has developed a system for loading containers. Each item is carefully logged, labeled and strategically placed for safety and efficient use of space according to a precise layout. Several volunteers helped throughout the day. The full-time crew is pictured. It took many months to acquire the necessary items and paperwork for shipping. The container left St. Louis Aug. 6 via truck to New York to load on a ship Aug. 19 with expected arrival in Haiti Aug. 30th. The leg work and muscle work are done, now it's our job to pray for its safe passage to Haiti and speedy processing through customs.