

A Welcome from our President . . .

Much of what DSI does involves providing opportunities where there were none. We aim to provide opportunities for mothers to treat water for their children who otherwise would drink water directly from unsafe sources, and we aim to provide opportunities for individuals to generate income who otherwise would struggle to provide for the basic needs of their families. Yet despite the lack of opportunities many Haitians face, now is a time of great possibility for Haiti. After a trip to Haiti this spring, Bill Clinton, the newly appointed UN Special Envoy to Haiti, remarked that Haiti has the best chance to escape poverty in the 35 years he has been visiting. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon reports that "Haiti is at a turning point. It has a real chance for stability and potential prosperity...And we wanted to send a message to the international community: Haiti needs and deserves our help." Now is the time to help keep this momentum going. DSI has many opportunities to expand its impact in major ways, and we deeply appreciate your support which allows us to convert these opportunities into lasting change for Haitian families.

~Michael Ritter, President



Gadyen Dlo Replication Site in Les Cayes

DSI will launch production of chlorine solution (*Gadyen Dlo*, or Water Guardian) in Les Cayes in partnership with Maison de Naissance (MN), a local birthing clinic. MN will be directly working with Robin Johnson, Program Manager, and Jean Fresnel Louis, field coordinator. MN has provided their clinic, located within the DSI school program area, for production. The initial phase will reach 2,000 families that MN serves, but our end goal is 13,500 families. The key to expanding is making the initial purchase of a safe storage container affordable (5-gallon bucket with spigot) for every Haitian family. As funding permits, DSI will subsidize families' one-time purchase of a container, which simultaneously expands access to safe water and helps the chlorine production operation become financially sustainable as we achieve economies of scale. From May 1



- Quick Updates:**
- Education Program Completes Year One
 - Thomonde Replication to Serve 2000 Families
 - Two Loan Program Recipients Share Their Story of Success
 - Partnership Serves 100 Families in Les Cayes



Jean Fresnel Louis and Robin Johnson

through June 15 Deep Springs campaigned to raise \$10,000 to bring 1,000 initial families into the program at \$10 per family. We are thankful to report that due to your generous donations, over \$6,000 was raised. You can visit the Maison de Naissance website at <http://www.maisondenaissance.com/>.



DSI Intern Shares Her Experience



Kristen Carter

You've heard her name several times in past newsletters; Kristen Carter has been an invaluable intern for DSI, contributing mainly to marketing. Here is what she had to say about her first-hand experience. "Over the past year, I had the opportunity to work as an intern for DSI. As a double major in communication and marketing at Grove City College I was excited to apply what I was learning in the classroom to my DSI assignments. During my internship, I helped develop a new website, created a promotional video, developed PowerPoint shows and newsletters, and helped with grant writing. These assignments provided hands on experience that cannot be taught in a classroom. I firmly believe that DSI is helping to fill a dire need in Haiti, and I hope to continue volunteering with the organization as I pursue a master's degree in communication at The Ohio State University next fall."

Jolivert Update

The Jolivert Gadyen Dlo production site is expanding and continually achieving greater levels of sustainability. Over the past year, the Jolivert technicians have:

- Added **515 families** to the program
- Distributed **11,740 bottles** of chlorine solution
- Prevented **child deaths** due to use of Gadyen Dlo
- Developed a number of innovative promotion methods and participated in community awareness events

Year One of Les Cayes School Program

This year over 500 students were educated in both health and water treatment as well as small business skills in seven schools in the Les Cayes region. The program will continue next year as students study the remaining lessons. Graduates will be involved in the resale of Gadyen Dlo in their communities, sharing valuable information regarding safe water and health practices to their families, and receiving small loans to start their own small businesses.

Gadyen Dlo Replication Site in Thomonde

Deep Springs is partnering with Project MediShare for Haiti to start a Gadyen Dlo water program in Baille Touribe, Haiti. Under the auspices of the Emory Medishare Safe Water Project Rick Spurlock has been campaigning to implement a project which will sustainably serve 2,000 families in Baille Touribe, Haiti. The program is slated to begin later this fall.



Loan Program Success

Deep Springs implemented a microloan program last fall for young adults. Following are two excerpts from women who were empowered by DSI to build a better life for themselves.

"I am very glad to be one of those who is able take part in this program of DSI...I would like this project to continue to help other young people in Haiti" (Figaro Heronne).

"...I received \$100 US from the program. I used it to buy foods, such peas, vegetable oil, rice, flour, and so on; I sell these products to the people around me. This activity helps me build a little project...I congratulate you for this good work. This will help my country a lot" (Chery Esther).

Both of these women were given a small loan to start their businesses. Not only does DSI improve the quality of water, but it also gives Haiti sustainable solutions for building a stronger future.

Partnership Increases Impact

The partnership between St. Jean Baptiste School in Savanette and Christ Church Anglican in Overland Park, KS began over 20 years ago. We are excited to announce that they will be sponsoring 100 families in the Savanette region to join the Deep Springs safe water program. Susan Meeder, Outreach and Missions Director, and several team members will be traveling to Haiti this fall to participate in the launch of the program in their community.



Heart Connections Meal Ministry

Prayer Requests:

For Haiti:

- Political stability
- Access to affordable food
- Saving faith in Christ

For DSI:

- Funding
- Positive interactions and partnership with non-government organizations and groups in Haiti
- Endurance, safety and wisdom for travel in Haiti



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2 Easy Ways to Give:

Give financially: DSI is in constant need of support. Your generous donations have allowed DSI to progress beyond our goals; however, in order to keep the programs running, we will need your ongoing support. Utilize Paypal (available on our website) or send contributions to:



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