

# Haiti

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and equipment. "We gave away everything we brought with us," said Lombard. "The people in the clinics would pull on us and beg for our water, consequently we would work all day without a thing to drink."

Little can be done to prepare for such an experience in advance. "Being there is much different than looking at pictures," said Bette Gillespie, a registered nurse. "We had seen photos before the trip but seeing people face to face is much more overwhelming."

The medical team worked feverishly alongside Haitian doctors. "Our days were very full. We would work at a clinic from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and then break for lunch," said Gillespie. "After that we would go somewhere else and work for several more hours. We treated hundreds of people and we left at the end of every day with many more still waiting. There is just so much need."

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**Bette Gillespie**  
Volunteer to Haiti

Circumstances conspire to make healthy living nearly impossible in Haiti. "If you don't have money you won't be seen in a hospital," said Lombard. "Many myths persist because of the lack of medical care. People brought old beer bottles, plastic cups, anything they had for us to fill with liquid vitamins because they believe vitamins prevent the spread of AIDS."

Lombard said she and her husband, Dr. Ron McRipley, were taken aback by what they en-

countered in Haiti, despite having worked with the poor in other parts of the world. "In some nations you have pockets of poverty," said Lombard. "My husband and I have been all over Africa, doing similar work, and we have never seen anything like what we saw in Haiti. The conditions are deplorable - death is everywhere."

While many people would have difficulty functioning when faced with such suffering, the teachers who visited Haiti report most of the people living there remain positive. "I have to say I really admire these people," said Kozick. "They are very happy, very kind, very generous, and very eager to learn. I didn't hear a criticism or a negative comment the whole time I was there."

Optimism is as contagious as any disease and the country's educators are committed to shaping a brighter future. "The teachers have been very well trained. In the schools we visited, the level of education is right where it should be," said Sunny Cesarini, Director of Religious Education at Gate of Heaven. "The lessons are age appropriate, the students are very well-behaved and the teachers are doing an incredible job without the benefit of things we take for granted in our schools."

Elementary students at the three schools established by Hands Together receive a single notebook and a single pencil each year. "If a child loses his pencil he has to go without, there aren't any replacements available," said Kozick. "As a result, there is a lot of music, singing and large group instruction."

Parents, whose children are enrolled at Hands Together schools, must attend class. "To my knowledge, education is not valued in Haiti the same way it is valued here," said Kozick.



**Haiti volunteers and helpers**, from left, kneeling: Guito and Dr. John Trevan. Standing: Fr. Tom Hagan (founder of Hands Together), Rosemond, Mary Jane Kozick, Dr. Sharon Lombard, Willner, Jonas, Dr. J. Ronald McRipley, Mike Klug, Fr. Jack Lambert, Sunny Cesarini, Bette Gillispie, RN.

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Volunteer to Haiti

"Only one out of every five children goes to school, mostly because parents need the kids to work at home. The idea is to teach adults to read and write so they become more comfortable with sending the kids to school."

The process is painstakingly slow but the seven Back Moun-

tain residents who just returned from Haiti are confident their efforts have helped make a difference. "You have to take one and one and one at a time," said Gillespie. "You're not going to go down there for a week and change the world but every little bit counts."

## Trucksville United Methodist Women's Mission Team installed

The Mission Team of the Trucksville United Methodist Women was installed recently by the Reverend W. Charles Naugle, church pastor. The 2000 Mission Team consists of: Evelyn Roberts, President, Lorna Laskowski, Vice President, Cora Porter, Recording Secretary, Barbara Glowach, Treasurer. The Mission Coordinators are: Nancy Dukes, Spiritual Growth, Betty Kleiner, Social Action, Ruth Gottshalk, Education and Interpretation, Elsie Johnson, Membership/Nurture and Outreach, Margaret Johnson, Program Resources, Barbara Glowach, Communications Coordinator, Bonnie Pajka, Sunshine Secretary.

The Nominations Committee consists of: Nancy Dukes, Bert Lohmann, Tillie Croom, and Betty June Mathers. Betty June also serves as Kitchen Coordinator and Funeral Dinner Coordinator.

Special Mission Recognitions were awarded to the outgoing officers: Margaret Johnson, outgoing President, Evelyn Roberts, outgoing Vice-President and Lorna Laskowski, outgoing Coordinator for Social Action.

The United Methodist Women meet in the Memorial Room (lower level) of the Trucksville United Methodist Church on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00 P.M. All women are cordially invited.

### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Jan. 14 - 20:

- Kevin J. Lawrence, et ux, to Stanley A. Garbriel, et ux, see deed, Dallas Borough, \$152,000.
- Fred W. Brokenshire, to D&G Enterprises, Lot 62 Glendale Manor, Dallas Borough, \$18,000
- James J. Gaudino, et ux, to Leonard C. Medura, Jr., Lot 12 Dallas Village, Dallas Borough, \$144,500.
- Fred W. Brokenshire, to Robyn M. Burkert, vir al, 26,28,30 Goss Manor, Dallas Twp., \$79,900.

- Edward A. Montross, et ux, to Richard C. Angelicola, 4.19 acres Lot 1, Dallas Twp., \$125,000.
- Lydia J. Krajewski, estate, to Christopher Morton, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake Borough, \$9,900.
- Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assoc., to Dennis P. Hogan, High School Road, Harveys Lake Borough, \$21,000.
- Richard W. Kinley, et ux, to Samuel V. Pocolotti, et ux, see deed, Kingston Township, \$155,500.
- David W. Ranck, et ux, to Richard J. Tracy, et ux, Lot 2 Sec A 1.22 acres, Ross Twp., \$109,000.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY** - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Christian Education for all ages, 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Genos" youth service. Midweek home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer, 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. William D. Lewis, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m.

**PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 420 Main St., Dallas, 675-1723. The Rev. Robert A. Nagy, Rector. Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 a.m. Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School pre-K thru high school 10 a.m. Midweek Holy Eucharist Tues. 7 p.m. & Thurs. 10 a.m. Both are healing services on the second Tuesday and Thursday of the month. Bible Study Tues. 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. Saturday Services: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Services: 9 a.m., Family oriented Service; 11 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. Sunday Child Care Provided. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Phone 675-3859 or e-mail: stpaul@epix.net for more information. Everyone welcome! Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor.

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## Blood supplies low in NE PA

This season's flu outbreak following on the heels of the holiday season has dramatically impacted American Red Cross blood supplies nationwide. Donations are urgently needed as 27 of the organization's 37 Blood Services regions are less than one day's supply of type O blood, the universal blood type. While all blood types are needed, type O blood donors are specifically asked to step forward because type O blood can be safely transfused in emergency situations to most patients.

In the Northeastern Pennsylvania Blood Services Region, the flu outbreak has not been a major factor with collections. But, O-positive and A-negative blood donors are needed now as those two blood types are very low.

"Response to our current Millennium Hero Donor Recruitment Campaign has been very good,"

said Molly Groody, NEPA Red Cross spokesperson. "Our collections have been holding. But, our O inventory is very low. People with all blood types are needed, but especially those with either O-positive or O-negative blood."

The Red Cross strongly encourages all eligible donors to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

Blood drives are scheduled in the Back Mountain on these dates: **Wed., Feb. 2, 1-6 p.m.** Meadows Nursing Home 55 W. Center Hill Rd. Dallas

**Sunday, Feb. 6, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Gate of Heaven Church 10 Machell Ave. Dallas

**Tues., Feb. 22, 12:30-6:30 p.m.** Dallas United Methodist Parsonage St. Dallas

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