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Dear Friends, Love Peter

from Peter Eyvindson

It is now over nine months since the earthquake destroyed two of our homes in Haiti... and I thought now would be a good time to tell you how your contributions to our missions are being utilized.

With a distinct shortage of large earth moving machines, the demolition of both of our homes has been

a long, labour intensive process using nothing more than sledge-hammers, pick axes shovels and five gallon pails to remove the debris caused by the quake.



But that process is now complete! Plans have been drawn up and reconstruction of our two homes will begin during the first part of October. Thanks to you, we are ready to begin again.

Wonderful news! The dance troupe from our homes will be coming to Saskatoon visiting schools within the Saskatoon Public, the Saskatoon Catholic and Prai-

rie Spirit School divisions. There will also be several public events to which I invite you to attend. Please invite your friends and neighbours!

Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti to Tour Saskatchewan Schools

The Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti will be touring Saskatchewan schools from October 12 through November 27. These young dancers and drummers show a real love for their country and their homes—but I want you to realize that they are not just dancers and drummers. They all have a direct connection to our homes and are striving to do their best to help us rebuild. Bill, a wonderful drummer is co-director at St. Joseph's. Jacky, the director at Wings of Hope, is the choreographer for the dancers. Roland, the terrible rich man in the dance entitled Shine is a security guard at

St. Joseph's. His son Didi would come to work with his father and started dance practice when he was three or four years old. Along with Reginald, he is featured in the book SHINE. Reginald began his life at Wings of Hope and now is a resident at Trinity House. Tibudo is a care giver at Wings of Hope.

Public events include the Refinery in Saskatoon and a fund raising dinner at the Odeon Centre. Come see these young men give there all in support of their homes in Haiti. See page 3 for further details and ticket information.

Moving Forward

Demolition completed at St. Joseph's.

Photo by Rene Dietrich



Demolition completed at St. Joseph's. A Protective wall surrounds the property.



With the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the horrendous floods in Pakistan, the plight of the Haitian people, for the most part, has disappeared from the world conscience. On my most recent trip to Haiti it was devastating to see that very little progress has been made toward the rebuilding of Haiti. There are still 1.3 million people living in the squalor of tent cities.

What has become of all the promised government aid from around the world? Is there a plan in place for rebuilding? Has all the aid money been used up simply feeding and taking care of the people in tents? There are just so many questions that I will never be able to answer. One could become discouraged by the enormity of the problems in Haiti, but instead, one needs to zero in and focus on what our organization has been able to accomplish since the earthquake struck.

I saw little evidence of big earth moving machines being used in Haiti. Instead, I saw scores of people

using pick axes, sledge hammers, shovels and five gallon buckets to remove the rubble. That process started at both St. Joseph's and Wings of Hope back in April, and to see that both sites have been cleared in preparation for rebuilding was heart warming!

Architectural plans have been drawn up and reconstruction will begin the first week of October. And I am so impressed with the upbeat attitude of our staff. Although our buildings were wonderful and served the purpose for which they were intended, there were many areas of concern that can now be rectified.

We were so fortunate that all of our children survived the quake. The majority of the residents at St. Joseph have relocated to Trinity House until there is a place for them at the soon to be constructed St. Joseph's. The children and staff at Wings of Hope express their joy from their new temporary location even though the rental properties are totally inadequate for the basic needs of our children. The rooms are cramped. There are many stairs making it very difficult for our children in wheel chairs... but they continue to be so joyful!

Yes, the earthquake was horrific but moving forward with a positive attitude towards making things better than they were before the earthquake seems to be the common theme amongst the leadership of our homes.

Know that your donation dollars are being put to good and immediate use. The expense of rebuilding is massive but we hope that your continued financial support will help us to move forward.

Wings of Hope demolition (now completed)

Photo by Rene Dietrich

Broken Wings Missions Inc. presents

Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti



**Clavet School
Auditorium**
Clavet SK

October 24 7pm

Admission by donation



the REFINERY
arts & spirit centre
Saskatoon SK

October 30 7pm
October 31 2pm

Admission \$10.00

*For more information, contact
the Box Office at 653-5191*



Saskatoon SK

November 12 6pm

**Fundraising Dinner &
Silent Auction**

Admission \$25.00

*For tickets or more
information, contact Barb
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**Donations for the reconstruction of our homes in Haiti
will be gratefully accepted at the door of all events.**



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Broken Wings Missions Inc. is a registered Canadian non-profit charity that was founded in 1998 to support the work of the St. Joseph's Family of Homes established by Michael Geilenfeld, a former brother with Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity.

Broken Wings Missions Inc.'s mission is to provide relief from the hardships experienced by impoverished children in Haiti through the provision of housing, food, education and health-care.

Broken Wings Missions Inc. accomplishes this with the development and promotion of books or products about the homes and the children, and creating annual touring opportunities throughout Canada and the United States for The Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti (or more often, if opportunities arise).

www.broken-wings.ca

St. Joseph's Family of Homes

A piece of living history.....

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR BOYS

St. Joseph's Home for Boys was established on January 31, 1985 in Port au Prince. Street children were given a home, an opportunity to grow as a family and to receive an education. As a close-knit family, the group learns first to support one another and to search out ways and means to support others in their community. The family at St. Joseph's consists of about 20 children.

WINGS OF HOPE

Wings of Hope is a home for physically and mentally challenged children in a country which often considers people with disabilities as manifestations of evil spirits. Wings of Hope was established by three teenagers from St. Joseph's Home and has become a premium facility for 32 children cared for by a staff of about 36. Soni's Mended Wings, a book written by the founder of Broken Wings Missions Inc., details the founding of the home.

TRINITY HOUSE

Trinity House is a home for about 20 street children, staffed by former graduates of St. Joseph's, and based on the St. Joseph's model. Located in Jacmel, this home is working on establishing businesses to create employment for its residents. A bakery and a coffee roasting facility are presently being developed.

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When one of our young leaders noticed there were so many poor children in the community of Jacmel, he determined that Trinity House should establish a school for the poorest of the poor. By this fall, approximately 150 children (mostly girls) will be given the opportunity to attend school. The young leaders hope to make LST the best school in all of Jacmel — so wonderful that the rich would want to send their children to our school. "But," the young leaders would say, "This school is only for the poorest of the poor."