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Photos: Right: Typical conditions for many children in Haiti today. Far Right: Dr. Alan Goldsmith and Janine, a very happy Tabarre student. Bottom Right: This is the current condition of the Tabarre School building.

## Message From The President

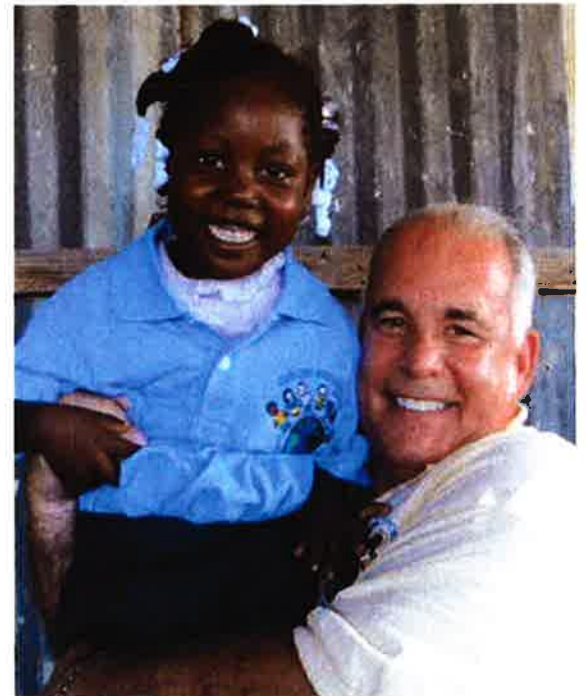
Our work in Haiti continues with many significant developments in recent weeks.

First, we were awarded 200K by the Merck Foundation, which enables us to have a full-time project director on board. Yves Theodore will now be devoted full-time moving forward on Operation Lifeline—Haiti.

Our number one priority at the moment is to engage a design firm for the construction of the a prefab materials factory. We will use the local workforce to construct the factory and then, build the hospital, school, children's safe haven and community housing. The lack of purified water throughout many regions of the country was repeatedly raised to our team and we realize that we must address this issue as well. Therefore, we are in negotiations with a company that purifies contaminated water, which becomes drinkable at the rate of 80,000 gallons an hour. An added benefit is that this process is able to run on solar power.

We have nearly finished the process in order to receive a tax identification number in Haiti, so that we may fully operate as a non-profit entity there. Another result of our past trip is that we expect to see a group of senators and mayors from Haiti here in Perth Amboy sometime in December. Together, we will meet with Mr. George Soros, a philanthropist who founded the Open Society Foundations, which are throughout the world.

—Dr. Alan Goldsmith, President



## **PARTNERSHIPS**

**Dr. Alix Ariste, Director,  
Help Hospital, Leogane**

**Mr. Alexis Santos,  
Mayor of Leogane**

**Madame Josseline  
Colimon Fethiere,  
Minister of Com-  
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**Mr. Jean Marie  
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**Senator Moise Jean  
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**Senator Laurent  
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**Dr. Jorge Valesco,  
USAID/HAITI, Health  
and Education, Chief**

## **Strengthening Our Relationships With High Level Officials**

Although it was obvious that so little construction progress has been made since the tragedy of January 12, 2010, our delegation had a very productive trip. We can report that progress is being made toward the targeted goals we share with our supporting partners in Haiti. A big step taken was submitting the required documents for the JRF to receive a tax ID number in Haiti. Regarding meeting key officials, we first met with Dr. Alix Ariste, who is the medical head at the Help Hospital of Leogane to talk about the current medical needs of the city. He explained that the city really needs a medical center well equipped to provide OB/GYN, dental, vision, chiropractic and internal medicine services. These needs in fact reflect our project. Dr. Alix added that many of the makeshift hospitals that surfaced after the earthquake have disappeared and "The people of Leogane are looking for a hospital that will still be their hospital fifteen to twenty years to come." We next met the Mayor of Leogane, who is extremely excited and happy to see how hard we are pushing to help the people of his city. He said the hospital, children's safe haven and factory cannot come fast enough. His administration is seeking employment creation and "the city is open for business." The topic arose that Leogane does not have potable water at this time. Mayor Santos asked our team to assist in drilling wells, plus set up a training component and train

their staff in water management. We then moved on to talks with the Commerce Minister, Josseline Colimon Fethiere, who also gave us a warm welcome. After our presentation, she said, "I am supporting any group who wants to bring jobs to Haiti and I will help as I can". After that, it was on to an appointment with the Environmental Minister, Jean Marie Claude Germain, who also is very interested in the waste management and manufacturing aspects of the project. He explained how this project will help the Haitian people in terms of jobs but also to move forward in adopting 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology. Haiti, too, needs to become "green", he said, in terms of energy resources and practices. Then, we connected with Senator Moise Jean Charles, who represents the Northern Sector of the country. He is planning to come to the United States with a few Mayors from his region in order to meet JRF personnel. We were also fortunate enough to meet Senator Laurent Frequiere Mathurin, who represents the South Eastern section of Haiti. He is prioritizing solving the water purification problems in several of his rural communities. Finally, we sat with Dr. Jorge Valesco, USAID/HAITI, at the US Embassy. From him, we learned that USAID will be targeting smaller NGO's for funding. We are to register under USAID. The RFP's will be out in January, 2011, with funds awarded in June, at the earliest.

*Below center you can see a tent city, very near the Tabarre School. Also, you can see examples of the devastation that is still commonplace in Haiti. Conditions are worsening due to the rainy season. Also, a cholera epidemic commenced in October, causing so far 300 deaths in less than a week.*





PHOTOS LEFT: You can see the Tabarre students are wearing their new light blue uniforms, which were distributed two weeks ago. Note the school logo on the upper left portion of the shirt. Yves Theodore, JRF Project Director, said "The pride these kids felt at having uniforms was evident from the moment they put them on—you could see it immediately."

*Background on Tabarre and Port Au Prince, Haiti*

Haiti is roughly 28,000 square kilometers, about the size of the state of Maryland. Shaped like a horseshoe on its side, Haiti has two main peninsulas, one in the north and one in the south. Between the peninsulas is the Isle of Gonâve. Haiti has three regions: the northern region, which includes the northern peninsula; the central region; and the southern region, which includes the southern peninsula. In addition, Haiti controls several nearby islands. Port au Prince is located in the central region on a natural harbor on the Gulf of Gonâve which has allowed it to sustain more economic activity than other areas of Haiti. The city's layout is divided as commercial districts are near the water, while residential areas are in the hills. **Tabarre** (Creole: *Taba*) is a municipality in the Port-au-Prince Arrondissement, in the Western Section.

**CRITICAL FUNDING ARRIVES FROM MERCK**



This is a sincere **Thank You** and acknowledgement for a grant of \$200K for Operation Lifeline—Haiti from The Merck Foundation. to the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. Our endeavors would not be possible without this funding.

In partnership with Haiti-based government leaders, community organizers, non-governmental organizations, business owners, and educators, JRF will establish the **Jewish Renaissance School of Tabarre in Port Au Prince, Haiti**, to provide high-quality education for 100 high-risk Tabarre children, ages 6-9, by employing an educational design that merges the highest standards of academic excellence while addressing the diverse range of economic, social, and medical challenges the children of Tabarre face everyday.

Everyone involved in the project wholeheartedly says

**Thank You, Merck Foundation!**



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..to invest in international health and economic development will change lives - both theirs and your own. \$50 could make a significant contribution to house one family. Please use the envelope provided in this newsletter to send your contribution.

**The Operation Lifeline—Haiti Project also needs:**

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*We extend our deepest gratitude to you on behalf of all the Haitians who have been helped  
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**Call us today if you wish to participate further at: 732-376-661**

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