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December 2013



REASON FOR THIS SEASON

This is an opportunity to say a special THANK YOU to each and everyone who participated on 2013 team and especially to all of our partners who provided the funds for continuing our mission. Your prayers and financial support have been provided for us in a challenging but very blessed year.

Seventy plus volunteers, mostly students, spent their vacation time, their talents, and their love with the people of Haiti. It was a transformational experience for everyone. The January team built and set up basketball backboards and taught the sport to the children. The February team continued basketball clinics, taught women new embroidery skills and showed the teachers how to skillfully use white dry erase boards in the classroom. In March Sacred Heart University spent their spring break in Haiti doing some erosion control along the road, ran a basketball clinic and did some teacher training. The April team had some medical personnel willing to do a two day outpost clinic in the village of Gauthier. They made the 3-mile vertical hike up to the village in record time with mules carrying their medical supplies. Three hundred patients later and diminished medical supplies they finished their clinics and returned to Desab. The rest of the team worked in the orchards and planted vetivre grass for erosion control. The June and August teams introduced the HASWEP GAMES for a little intervillage competition with medals and trophies. It was a first and provided some very interesting moments. The groups also worked in the orchards building fences to protect the fruit trees from public enemy #1 the goats. The fruit trees are part of a sustainable program that will provide a cash crop as income for the co-op.

Our 2014 team schedule is full from Dec.—April. We are now taking applications for the May, June and August teams. The dates and forms are on our website: www.thehaitiplunge.org. As an organization we continue to solicit your prayers and financial support which is the foundation for this ministry.

May God's Grace and Blessings be bountiful for you and your family in the year 2014.

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