

Construction started on new campus

July 2015

The new Sylvain campus property is starting to take shape, as in July, the master plan for the first phase was finalized. From July 9 through July 19, architect Dean Van Roekel of Sioux City, IA, was in Haiti working with staff on the building plans. What a blessing to be able to use Dean's 40+ years of experience for this project!

The first phase of the land focuses on the three foundational core elements of MH4H work: education, spiritual equipping, and agriculture. The clean water deep well is completed, with capacity of 32 gallons per minute! We've also planted 1,300 plantain trees and peanuts all along the parameter. Ground was broken for the equipping center this week and the agricultural training center should be completed over the next month.

Please continue to pray for our God-given vision and that we may stay true to His call as we serve the people in the Central Plateau of Haiti. We are all excited about seeing God put the pieces in place for this new chapter of the ministry.



Sylvain Campus

- Equipping Center
- Admin/Staff Housing
- Gazebo
- Agricultural Fields
- Agricultural Training Center
- Model Gardens
- Well & Community Water



Equipping Center

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New Faces



MH4H Board Member

Marcena Schwab is an accountant at Oskaloosa Food Products. She and her husband, Guy, have two daughters and live in Pella. Marcena has been to Haiti multiple times and loves being a part of the mission of MH4H. She started the Bundled Bottoms program, which provides diapers to the babies and small children in Haiti.



Many Hands Market

Patti (left) is the lead cashier and in charge of all the jewelry. She has a serving heart and does an incredible job with our customers. Patti is the mother of 5, with 2 of her sons, Rob & Craig, also being on the MH4H Team. She has 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Sharon (right) is in charge of the clothing department. With her wonderful organizational skills, she has taken the clothing department to a whole new level. Sharon has such a serving heart and a love for people. She has made 9 treks to Haiti and loves it there. Her daughter Tracy and husband live in Spencer, along with her two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Saying "Yes" to Him

by Heidi Schulte
Development Coordinator for MH4H

Bonjour! My name is Heidi Schulte and I am one of the new members of the MH4H staff team. A native of Pella, I have my BA from Central College majoring in elementary education and art. For several years, God has invited me on an amazing journey of learning more about His heart and His call on my life to join Him in mission. Combining

my passions and giftings for teaching and spiritual development, I will be focusing my work in Haiti on various education programs including Thrive for 5, as well as participating in prayer, spiritual discipleship and leadership initiatives.

Just before the public announcement of my joining staff, I was able to take my second trip to Haiti with the Central College team. My first trip to Haiti in May of 2014 was full of powerful movements of the Spirit and a fearless joy and confidence in Christ outshining all darkness we encountered. This time, although the team and the experiences we had together were wonderful, I was hit in a very personal way with a lot of lies, doubts and fears from the enemy. I began to see the realities of the challenges which are an inevitable part of international missions. I began to realize anew, the truth of Jesus' words "apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5). As I have prayed about and processed this trip, Jesus has been showing me more and more how important humility and dependency on Him truly are. It is less about me going to Haiti and what I will be able to do, but more about saying "Yes" to being with Him and to what He wants to do, in and through me.

I want to say thank you to the rest of the MH4H staff, the board and all those who are friends and supporters of this ministry. Thank you for praying for me and reminding me of the truth throughout this process. Thank you for listening, encouraging and for inspiring all of us as you continue to press on in courageous faith. I am more confident than ever we are "truly better together" and we are not meant to walk this road alone. I'm thankful and excited to become part of this team, and I am beginning to see that this new season is going to be filled with a lot of learning and growing together! To God be the glory!

Editor's Note: Heidi will be moving to Haiti on July 30th and will be in country until her furlough in May 2016. Please be in prayer for Heidi as she transitions from the U.S. to Haiti. We are excited to see how God uses her in Haiti to further His kingdom.



Come have a **BLAST** with us, as this un-timed race will take runners and walkers will be covered in color powder from top to bottom! Plus, everyone who races will be taken at the photobooth to capture the craziness, and a music party in the street will go to support programs in Haiti.

If registered before September 11, each participant will receive a t-shirt, race-bag, free 10 oz. frozen yogurt at Mango Tree and coupon book from local businesses in connection with Pella's Fall Harvest Festival, so come to town to enjoy the race and the Harvest Festival.)

The Risk

-Vicki Steward
Lutheran Church of Hope

Serving the Lord is not safe, metaphorically speaking, and sometimes physically as well. Our group of 12 sits in one small pickup truck, and the "roads" are tooth rattling in many places. People do not wear seatbelts or helmets, they ride three or more to a motorcycle, and we are advised not to drink the water, or leave the group. But we have never feared for our safety. The protection of the Lord is palpable. The risk, I think, is to our hearts, as is the reward. The real difficulty we face here is not the food or the heat or the roads, but the slap in the face reality of how people live all over the world, outside of our little corner. People who love their children as much as we do, and want the best for them, just as we do. And the knowledge that we can and are called to help them. Now we know, and we cannot un-know. So we are changed. And tomorrow we will wake with the roosters and go out and share God's love as best we can. We will pray that another person will accept Christ, like we were privileged to witness at a home visit today. And the blessing will most definitely be ours, as we witness God move through this land, using us, as only He can.



Team Update

Calvary Team
Pella, Iowa
April 2nd - 9th
10 Volunteers

Central College
Pella, Iowa
May 18th - 25th
11 Volunteers

Lutheran Church of Hope,
West Des Moines, Iowa
June 5th - 12th
12 Volunteers

De Ruiter Trip
Nationwide
June 11th - 18th
13 Volunteers

Christ's Family Church
Davenport, Iowa
June 18th - 25th
9 Volunteers

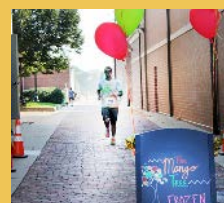
Bethel Mennonite
Wayland, Iowa
July 2nd - July 9th
10 Volunteers

MH4H COLOR BLAST 5K

through five different color stations where they will get 10 free ounces of frozen yogurt, picture taken when they finish. All proceeds from the event

ib, MH4H sunglasses, color packet, coupon for race day specials. This event is in conjunction with other great events. (See insert for more details on

26th of
SEPTEMBER
2015
9:00 A.M.



REGISTRATION:

By August 31st
\$30

After August 31st
\$40

Race Day
\$50

Child (12 & Under)
w/ adult registration
\$10

To Register go to:
www.mh4h.com/colorblast



Sponsor impact: opening doors for students

Sara Anderson
Team Leader Educational Program

God put a million, million doors in the world
For his love to walk through
One of those doors is you
-Every Act of Love by Jason Gray

During the 18 days, I have interacted with the Savanette schools where our sponsored children attend and have seen the food for our feeding program prepared and served in all three schools. I've spoken to our Thrive families as they gathered in Pignon to pick up their monthly food distribution. These life-giving gifts are reaching children and families. I celebrate the gifts of education, food, medical support, and spiritual development given through sponsorship. Thank you, sponsors, for being a door of love for Christ to walk through!

As I watched sponsorship in action, I realized this gift stretches beyond the child you support. Families in this community struggle to pay the school fees on time, putting great financial pressure on the administration to keep the school open. We have come across several stories of schools closing because they were unable to provide the resources needed to run programming. In June, we paid the full-year school registration for all of our students in all three schools. This gives money at the beginning of the year, increasing the stability and cash flow for the school. By supporting your student and paying on time, this provides continued access to education to the other students who are struggling to pay.

It was a joy to see our children thriving and learning during our visits to the schools. Administration answered questions and gave feedback about student performance. We looked at report cards and discussed the success of the students we sponsor. I left with confidence that these principals have the best interests of our children at heart

and understand the responsibility that comes with their position.

I also want to take a moment to celebrate Woody Cadet, our Manager for Education Programs. Working alongside him for weeks brings an appreciation and awareness of his gifts and heart. Managing 100+ families is hard work. Woody covers many details and gives time to every family that needs help. Every time we entered Savanette and Sylvain, the children and the families lit up and warmly embraced him. He has been a pillar of consistency and humble service for MH4H.

It is humbling to see how the sponsorships bless each child and family. As I see the children's faces and speak to the families and school staff, I can say what we are doing is working. The next generation is being given tools to break through repeated generational cycles of poverty and hopelessness. Truly, heaven touches earth and the Kingdom is brought to Haiti.



(Left to Right)
Woody Cadet; Sara Anderson; Pastor Melee, Principal of Paradise des Petite; Jacques Dieu-Seul, Principal of Conversatrice Baptist