

Presbyterian-funded Projects in Ranquitte, Haiti

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A look at some of the projects
made possible by the
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members of the

First Presbyterian Churches of
Bowling Green, Ohio and
Ft. Thomas, Kentucky



The Projects Touched on Various Aspects of Development:

- ◆ Economics (e.g. microloans, agriculture)
- ◆ The Environment (e.g. moringa trees)
- ◆ Education (scholarships)
- ◆ Health (e.g. dentistry)
 - ◆ Water (biosand filtration)
 - ◆ Sanitation (e.g. toilets)
- ◆ Energy (Solar Panels)



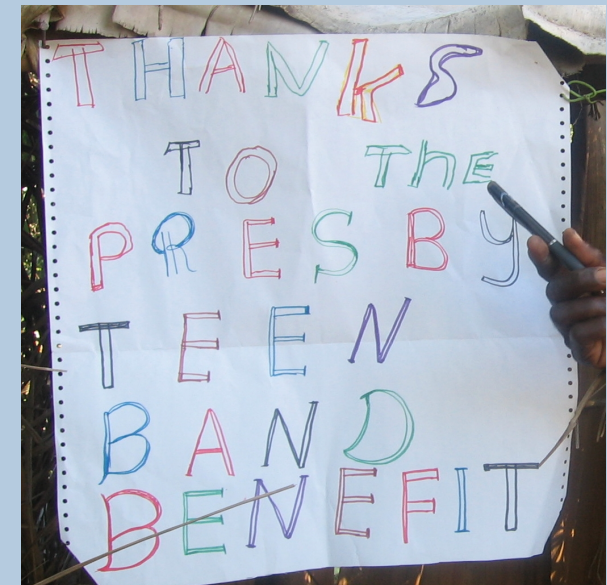
Health: Arborloos and Dry Toilets

Thanks to Presbyterian Women for the first injection of \$1000 for Arborloos



First Presby Teen Band Benefits

Thanks to Theresa Dunn, and many others (especially the teens, and the many musicians!) who gave of themselves over the Black Swamp Festival Weekend, Sept., 2007



Teens generated almost \$500, which provided 20 arborloos for families without basic sanitation in Ranquette.

Dry Toilets: Community Sanitation

“Sanitation and Occupation”

The impact of a toilet is not just better sanitation – fighting typhoid, intestinal worms, etc. – but also economic.

Building a toilet generates **jobs** – construction jobs; support jobs (e.g. feeding the workers); transportation jobs; and long-term jobs. People need to keep the toilets clean, and use the “products” of the toilets to produce more food – another benefit.



Economics: Food Dehydration

We built a Solar Food Dehydrator; and while we didn't succeed (spectacularly), it is clear to us that dried fruit is at the heart of what is a future industry of Ranquitte:

- ◆ Mangos, papaya, and pineapples abound (and when it rains, it pours high-end fruit);
- ◆ We're working on an improved solar dehydrator (with gas-assist).



Economics: Microloans

Microloans are becoming popular throughout the world. With prodding from my mother (Lyn Long), and Daryl Knauer (1st Pres, Ft. Thomas), we implemented one in Ranquitte. Ours features

- * interest-free loans of \$120
- * loans made only to women
- * loans paid back in a year
- * two administrators



Microloans, and a Macroloan: A Store for Ranquitte



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Health: Biosand Filters

Water is unsafe in Ranquitte. Filters (using sand and micro-organisms) cost about \$40 each. We funded 200 of them – 100 free (to the poorest), and 100 at a subsidized price. Subsidized filters are being sold through RoiMart.

First Presbyterian Ft. Thomas is funding more filters as a Lenten discipline this year.



Our Continuing Role in Ranquitte...

- ◆ Projects are in progress, and we continue to brainstorm solutions
- ◆ On a personal note, we're adopting a young girl from Ranquitte (Rosemanie) – Thanks Marcy!
- ◆ We're heading back in June
- ◆ We thank our “extended church family” for the wonderful support, which allowed us to spearhead these (and other) projects.

