



# World Wide Village, Incorporated Village Update

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## Bon Appetit!

After fighting through a never-ending maze of Haitian bureaucracy and red tape, on March 9th - nearly three months after its shipment from Minnesota - World Wide Village (WWV) received a 40 foot container of almost 44,000 pounds of food (more than 270,000 meals) from Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). The shipment is the first of four containers that WWV has been approved to receive during the remainder of 2009 and the first quarter of 2010.

The meals are earmarked for school **lunch programs** in the areas of Arcahaie, Chambrun, Dumont, Croix des Bouquet, Bolosse, and others. On many days, the children who will receive the lunches will have no other meal that day. WWV feels strongly that it is vitally important to provide nutrition to children in order for them to be able to learn more effectively. There are stories of children passing-out in their classroom seats because of hunger. With your help, by the end of 2010, WWV will feed over 5,000 children each day.



A portion of the food will be kept in reserve for the inevitable floods and hurricanes that will likely plague Haiti this year. By having these meals on hand and ready to distribute, WWV will be better able to mobilize quickly in response to disasters.

WWV receives the meals at no cost from Feed My Starving Children; however, the investment to ship each container to Haiti is approximately \$9,000 USD. [Please consider contributing to the transportation fund](#) so the children will continue to benefit from continued distribution of the meals so generously provided by FMSC.

## Jobs and Blocks for Arcahaie

We are thrilled to report that after considerable delay, the concrete block plant donated by **Encompass Church** in Arden Hills, MN is up and running!

The addition of a rock crusher purchased by Loving Hands Ministry and generators contributed by World Wide Village has created much more of an industry than originally anticipated. **Eight people are employed** currently with more to be hired as production increases. Another eight or nine men are employed with the crushing operation. At full capacity, the plant is capable of producing **3,000 to 3,500 blocks per day**. Currently there is a backlog of orders for the blocks.



## A New Building for "Relief"

Imagine this is your school lavatory.



In February, a team of seven (Debbie Andrews, Bill and Val Brass, Lori Geiger, Matthew Hoffman, and Randy and Pat Mortensen) spent three days of their Haiti experience adding a roof to a newly built latrine and painting classrooms at the Nehemiah Vision Ministries school in Chambrun. The school children now are thrilled with their clean, safe bathroom facilities and brightly painted classrooms. Pastor Esperandieu Pierre stated, "one of our small girls exclaimed it was too pretty, clean, and too nice to p\_ \_ p in!" However, the boys and girls are all happily using the facility shown below.



## School in Paradise

From your generous gifts, World Wide Village has been supporting Coeur (meaning "heart" in French) School a small school in Dumont, Haiti, since October 2008. Gary Borgendale, Phil Gusick and Randy and Pat Mortensen recently visited the charming little school on the Southern Haiti coast to take pictures of and collect information on the 150 students and seven teachers.

The group was able to spend time with Seraphin and Dieuna Bonne Annee, the head master and his wife (also a teacher at the school.) Their love for their family, the students and their community shines through in talking with them.



Dumont is a tiny village with few resources available, but the students still have big dreams of a better future. When asked what they would like to do one day, we heard responses of "police officer," "minister," "carpenter," "dressmaker" - even "president!" With your financial help, we can continue to help these children achieve their goals.

Only \$1,500USD per month fully supports the school (paying seven teachers, two cooks and a cleaner; providing lunches every school day; and providing teaching materials). Your monthly gift of **\$25 will provide school lunches for 55 children**; contributing **\$50 each month will help cover the cost of one teacher**; or your monthly donation of **\$100 will provide the propane** to cook meals for the entire month (eliminating the need for wood or charcoal and preserving precious trees).

## Medika Mamba

The Medika Mamba program will begin implementation very soon at Cazale. Look for updates in the next Village Update.