Land was purchased in June 2011 for construction for a new Matthew 25 House. The M25 House was damaged in the earthquake, and we have been forced to find a new location for our hospitality house in order to accommodate the many visitors who come to Haiti to do mission work.

We hope within the next few months to inform you of the cost estimate on a storage building and house. Our dream for now is to first construct storage space by June 2011 for unloading next spring’s container shipment.

Earthquake Tent City
The tent city known as Camp Izmery was closed in February 2011 when all the displaced quake victims relocated. We had supported the tent city through many means, and we are indebted to those at Matthew 25 House who worked so very hard. A huge “Thank You” to Director Sr. Mary Finnick and Pat & Vivian Tortora and all the others at Matthew 25 who lent a hand to assist the people of the tent city. We also aided the 2,000 victims in the camp with supplies, water, cooks to prepare food, maintained garbage collection, and we shared usage of our cistern and our generator. We helped them to organize a committee, hire helpers, and arrange for security. We also supported a temporary school with its set range for security. We also supported a temporary school with its set range for security. We also supported a temporary school with its set range for security. We also supported a temporary school with its set range for security.

Containers were loaded the week of April 29, 2011. They included over 18,000 items and were successfully shipped to Haiti and unloaded. Our dedicated Sea Coordinator Pat Rehovsky was heading up his last shipment. We gathered goods April 4 to 15. Containers were loaded the week of April 18. Our Haiti Coordinator, Domond, was able to get the paperwork through the government and through Customs. They unloaded the containers on June 30 and July 1, 4, 5, and 6. Thanks to Pat’s helpers: Mary Rehovsky & Mark Dorais and all the others. See the photos on pg. 4.

We are still looking for a Co-Coordinator to work with Pat Rehovsky for the 2012 shipment with the possibility of their taking over as Coordinator the following year. A 3-week commitment is necessary—in addition to assistance in obtaining workers, contacting the freight forwarder, fielding calls, etc. Person must have ability to lift heavy items and ability to learn to operate a forklift. If interested, call Theresa Patterson at (615) 298-3002.

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Next Sea Container: April/May 2012
(Exact Date Will Be Seen in Later Mailing)
In Haiti, we have had another very busy year of travel, with numerous groups traveling down to visit twin parishes. We enjoyed great fellowship, Sunday masses, feast days, holy days, and simple meals shared. Too, we endured sleep-deprived nights at rectories, driving rocky mountain roads, rain-swollen rivers, and yes, even a few flat tires. Yet, it was a great year of post-earthquake stewardship. Thanks to everyone who made the effort and bore the personal expense of traveling to improve their human bonds with the poor of Haiti. May God remember you always.

Theresa has traveled to Haiti 6 times this year thus far to introduce parishioners to sister parishes and take care of other business as well.

- February: The highly organized parish team from both St. Ann-Baldwin, MI and St. Ignatius-Luther, MI visited Nôtre Dame de Deliverance in the Fort-Liberté diocese. PTPA Board Member Fr. Ron Schneider led the group and co-celebrated the mass there. The group also enjoyed time spent with the Bishop. The people of the parish threw a big going-away party for them before they left. After that visit, Theresa ventured to Visitation Clinic and joined up with Liz Gude and her granddaughter to donate time assembling furniture for several days that had been sent on the previous sea container shipment. They were then joined by a parishioner from St. Joan of Arc Church in Saint Clair Shores, MI to travel together to newly twinned Dessources Parish in the Anse-à-Veau/Miragoâne diocese. The parish is very poor, and residents have to walk several hours to get fresh water. Their church is still missing its roof since the quake in 2010. Their grade school is holding classes in a garage.

Also in February, a new group from St. Cecelia Church in Algona, IA went to Chantal Parish in the Les Cayes diocese. The group of six included Fr. James Secora. Long-time friend of PTPA, Fr. Joe Beckman, joined them too. (See special “Thank You” to him.)

- May: Four parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake-Holland, MI went on their first exploratory visit to Labrande Parish in the Gonaïves diocese. Père Wilner Hilaire hosted their productive visit.

- June: Theresa traveled to Haiti to finish the bulk of the purchase of the property for the New Matthew 25 House.

- October: Three people from South Burlington, VT visited a new parish in the Hinche diocese known as Boc-Banique (Creole spelling Boc-Banic). Theresa also then visited the VHF Clinic in Petite Rivière de Nippes to unpack goods sent on the 2011 sea container shipment.

- November: Three people from Christ the King Parish in Nashville journeyed to see the parishes of Roche Plate and Pilette in the Cap-Haïtien diocese.
PTPA welcomes the new twinned parishes:
- Holy Spirit in Indianapolis, IN with San Francisco de Asís in Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- St. Joseph Parish in Marietta, GA with San José in El Rodeo, Guatemala
- St. Marco Parish on Marco Island, FL with San Juan Bautista Chamula in Chiapas, Mexico
- St. Mary of the Mills in Laurel, MD with HOPE (“Helping Older People Equally”) under the direction of the Pallotine Missionary Sisters in Punta Gorda, Belize

St. Peter Church in DeLand, FL, which is twinned with Nuestra Señora del Rosario (Our Lady of the Rosary) in Sabanagrande, Honduras, is organizing a fundraising activity in January 2010 for a micro-loan women’s project identified by Our Lady in their strategic plan. As part of the fundraising event, they will have a dinner and a silent auction. Their keynote speaker will be Your Eminence, Cardinal Mgr. Oscar Andrés Rodriguez Maradiaga! We wish St. Peter a successful event on behalf of the women of Honduras!

We have many more parishes in Central America, South America, and Mexico waiting to be twinned. If you know of a parish in the US interested in twinning with a Spanish-speaking parish, please contact Frances. A heartfelt “Thank You” to all the parishes for their commitment to their sister parishes. May the birth of Jesus bring us closer to the needy whom we all so much love and may it also enlighten your sister parish relationship to be mutually and equally enriching. Have a blessed 2010! - Frances Sosadeeter

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Matthew 25 House continues to receive guests in spite of the planned later relocation. Special thanks to all the people who have helped at Matthew 25 for any length of time this year. We appreciated the time and efforts of Mary Bowers, Catherine Birdwell, Jan Magnuson, Sr. Anne Wisda, and others.

- Please contact Sr. Mary to make a reservation so that she may send you the form for you to fill out.

The Folks at Matthew 25 House Always Need To Know:
- Dates & times of your arrival & departure (airport & M25)
- Whether group needs to be picked up at airport
- Whether you need vehicles, interpreters, and/or drivers
- Number of people in group & their gender
- Any in-country flights or other special requests
- Cost: $35 per “room-night” per person

Matthew 25 House (Note: Two letter t’s in Matthew)

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The web site contains Forums.
They cannot receive a fax at M25 House.

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The Connection

Is Your Parish Tithing for PTPA?

We have been blessed to have almost 50 parishes tithing on a regular basis to give general donations to our Program. Others tith by giving an annual donation. For those not tithing, we would ask you again to consider contributing monthly or yearly to PTPA an amount equal to 6% of the amount which is sent directly to your twin parish or project (or anything you can give). Whatever you decide, we thank you for your interest & participation.

Matching Funds: Please check with your employer for gift-matching opportunities for the donations you give (or plan to give) to PTPA for our general use.

Estates: Please keep us in your estate plans and wills. Thanks for responding so generously!

Thanks to QAC! Queen of Apostles Community Church has held another picnic for the Program. Each year, they hold a “Haiti Picnic” to raise funds for PTPA and increase awareness. This year, they raised $3,176.70. Thank you as always to Becky Sommer and all the others for their efforts!

INFO BOX
You can research Haiti on www.google.com and www.wikipedia.org (even airlines) and look for books (etc.) on www.amazon.com

Handouts Which You Can Request from PTPA:
Travel Guide, Fonkoze Bank Instructions, Book & Media List, Med Mission Notebook - Please give $50 to offset our mtbk. costs

Phone Calls to Haiti: First, dial international code (011), then country code for Haiti (509); if it’s a 7-digit number, then either dial 2 for a land line phone number or dial 3 for a cell phone number first; then dial 7-digit phone # (if 8 digits, dial w/o 2 or 3)

Fonkoze Transfers: 1-800-293-0308 E-mail: fundnotice@fonkoze.org

Book: Twinning Faith and Development by Tara Hefferan

Book (Medical): Where There is No Doctor 1-800-729-1796

Book (Medical): Haitian Creole Pocket Med. Translator (508) 435-7377

Book (Creole basics): Survival Creole (785) 864-4431

Creole Dictionary: Diksyonè Kreyòl by Jeanty www.amazon.com

Creole Dictionaries Etc.: Creole Institute (812) 855-4988

Books/Schoolbooks in Creole: Educavision 1-800-983-3822

Bibles in Haitian Creole: www.internationalbibles.com

Recommended Book: Mountains beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

Airline to Port-au-Prince: American Airlines from Miami or NY Delta Airlines goes from New York to PAP Spirit Airlines goes from Fort Lauderdale FL to PAP

Fort Laud. to Cap-H: IBC Travel (954) 834-1700 1-866-422-7000 Agape Flights-by special request: www.agapeflights.com

Airlines inside Haiti: Dial (011)(509) first (Answerer may not speak English) *Matthew 25 House can help you with interior flights MAF (Mission Aviation) 2510-8086 E-mail: MAF-US@maf.org Tropical Airways-PAP 2298-3444/-3445 Port-de-Paix 2268-5770 Salsa Airlines - U.S. (954) 990-1700 / PAP (509) 2813-1222

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