September 16-22

SUNDAY: Pray for Episcopal parishes in Port au Prince as their members face challenging living conditions, and for their clergy.

MONDAY: Thank God for the numerous organizations that are helping Haiti in a variety of ways and pray that they will begin working in stronger partnership with one another.

TUESDAY: Pray for a consistent source of clean water for the Clinic and for the provision of a new water pump.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for the many who are unemployed or underemployed in Haiti and for Soso, the long time Clinic custodian who is now blind and unable to support his family.

THURSDAY: Lord, please keep in your good grace the teacher who alone brought about 20 children down from a mountain community one morning to see the dentist and to obtain much-needed dental extractions for these children in her school.

FRIDAY: Thank God for our partnership with St. Louis Catholic Church in Billings, Montana, who have given generously to support the ministry of HOM in Mirebalais and Desvarrieux.

SATURDAY: Pray for the parents of children who are ill.

Photos courtesy of Bishop Whalen.
Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti: before and after the January 2010 earthquake.

September 23-29

SUNDAY: Lord, thank you for the friendship and mutual trust of the pastors, Père Bien-Aimé and Père Jeannot, enabling cooperation and sharing of talents, doing your work and with your guidance.

MONDAY: Please pray that the wonderful people of Haiti would not be forgotten by the rest of the world.

TUESDAY: Pray for reliable electricity to be maintained at the Clinics.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for wisdom for the leadership of St. Blasé Orphanage as they seek out opportunities to provide additional orphan support.

THURSDAY: Pray for greater educational opportunities for the young people in Haiti.

FRIDAY: Pray for the HOM Executive Committee that God will grant them wisdom and courage and joy as they lead.

SATURDAY: Thank God for the water purification system that was installed at St. Blasé Orphanage and the way that it provided clean water to the whole community after the earthquake in the midst of the cholera outbreak.

Left and Middle: St. Blasé Orphanage; *Right*: St. Pierre School.

September 30 - October 5

SUNDAY: Pray for the lay leaders of St. Pierre Episcopal and St. Louis Catholic churches.

MONDAY: Pray for the continued rebuilding of the infrastructure throughout Haiti.

TUESDAY: Pray for the transition in our work as we adapt to the construction of a new hospital for Mirebalais.

WEDNESDAY: Thank God for the children in St. Blasé Orphanage for their unique stories of God's sustaining and protecting work.

THURSDAY: Pray that God will continue to nurture optimism and hope in those who teach the children of Haiti and are working to prepare them for a brighter future.

FRIDAY: Thank you, Lord, for the privilege we have to partner with communities in Mirebalais. May our hearts be strengthened in an ongoing way with your compassion and generosity.

Saturday, October 6, 2012

Moon over Mirebalais

Fundraising Feast for Haiti

6:15pm @ St. Clare's

HOM focuses its efforts on the city and surrounding area of Mirebalais, which is in the mountains, about 35 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince (PAP). HOM is dedicated to helping the people of Mirebalais, especially the children, and educating people in the U. S. about this devastated country.

Our partners on the ground are two churches in Mirebalais: St. Louis Catholic and St. Pierre Episcopal. They give us a reliable base from which to operate in Haiti and are accountable to us for the goods and services we provide. For more information: http://www.haitioutreachmission.org/

St. Clare's 40 days of Prayer for Haiti

Scenes from St. André Mobile Clinic: *Top*: Mothers with babies in the waiting room. *Bottom right*: Dr. Dominique Matthews examines a tiny patient. *Bottom left:* Kathy Graham, RN, with a patient.

August 27 - September 1

MONDAY: Pray that the local leadership in Mirebalais will have the foresight and wisdom to lead efforts that do most to improve conditions for all residents, like clean water, reliable electricity, and improved public sanitation.

TUESDAY: Bless the work, O Lord, of the medical and dental clinics that provide needed care for the people of Mirebalais.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for St. Blasé Orphanage and the 50 children for whom it is home.

THURSDAY: Pray for St. Pierre and St. Louis schools in Mirebalais and Our Lady of Grace school in Desvarrieux.

FRIDAY: Thank God for those from St. Clare's who have been a part of the mission teams to Mirebalais in these past six years.

SATURDAY: Pray for the mobile medical team that visits the outlying villages of Desvarrieux, Trianon and NoYo.

Clockwise from top left: St. Pierre Clinic triage room; Dr. Joseph at St. Pierre Dental Clinic; St. Pierre School; HOM fluoride treatment program at Our Lady of Grace School in Desvarrieux.

September 2-8

SUNDAY: Pray for Père Jeannot and his family, pastor of St. Pierre Episcopal Church in Mirebalais, that he may continue the work of the school, providing spiritual and educational guidance for the children as well as the rest of his congregation.

MONDAY: Pray for Sadrac Ceus, Pere Jeannot's brother-in-law, who lost his beloved newlywed 30-year-old wife Bibiane earlier this summer.

TUESDAY: Pray that God will grant continued strength and determination for the people of Haiti in the midst of the chaos they experience.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for Dr. Anthony and Dr. Cadet at the St. Pierre Clinic that they may be filled with joy and strength as they serve.

THURSDAY: Pray for dedicated teachers in the schools we support, particularly in outlying areas.

FRIDAY: Pray that the bonds of trust and friendship may be nourished and strengthened between the people of Mirebalais and HOM.

SATURDAY: O God, we pray for the infants in Haiti and especially that you will watch over newborns who have lost their mothers in childbirth and give ample milk supplies to the caring women who take these infants to nurse along with their own infants.

	Haiti[1] (2010)	**Michigan[2] (2010)**
Population	10 million	9.9 million
Non-adult population	*< 14 yrs:* 36%	*< 18 yrs:* 24%
Birthrate	3.2	1.9
Infant mortality	70/1000	7/1000
Life expectancy	62 yrs	75 yrs
Literacy rate	49%	92%
High school attendance	20%	96%
GDP/resident	$671	$34,893

[1] United Nations Statistics Division; UNICEF, Index Mundi.
[2] US Census; NAAL

September 9-15

SUNDAY: Pray for Pere Lévêque Bien-Aimé, pastor of St. Louis Catholic Church in Mirebalais, and for blessings in his parish work keeping the schools running and ensuring the well being of the fifty children of the St. Blasé Orphanage.

MONDAY: Pray for those in positions of authority in Haiti.

TUESDAY: Thank God for the many people who ensure the smooth functioning of the Medical and Dental Clinics.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for children in outlying areas who do not have consistent access to clean water.

THURSDAY: Pray that the school meal program may be able to continue—for some students, this is their only hot meal of the day.

FRIDAY: Thank God for the vision, faith, creativity and hard work of the HOM founders, Dominique and Roger, and for those who contribute to the development of this ministry.

SATURDAY: Pray for greater literacy among the children in Mirebalais and throughout Haiti.

Clockwise from top left: Sorting bins of donated medical supplies; May 2011 HOM trip (*from left to right)* Mark Davis-Craig (St. Clare's), John Morgan, John Messina (St. Blasé), Dr Mimi Parker (St. Clare's), Fr Faublas, Fr Jeannot; Our Lady of Grace School in Desvarrieux; Preparations for fluoride treatments.

A Prayer for Haiti

Most Holy Creator God, Lord of heaven and earth, we bring before you today your people of Haiti.

It is You who set in motion the stars and seas, You who raised up the mountains of the Massif de la Hotte and Pic La Selle. It is You who made her people in your very image: Their gregarious hearts and generous spirits, their hunger and thirst for righteousness and liberty. It is you, O Lord, who planted the rhythms of konpa, Twoubadou, and zouk in the streets of Cite-Soleil;
You who walk the paths outside of Jacmel and Hinche. Your people, O Lord, cry out to you.

Haiti, O Haiti: The world's oldest black republic, the second-oldest republic in the Western world.

God, You are the One who answers the cries of the suffering. You are a God who sees, frees, and redeems your people. "I too have heard the moaning of my people," you spoke to Moses. Now, Lord, speak again to Chanté, Agwe, Nadege, and Jean Joseph. Speak now, O Lord, and comfort Antoine, Jean-Baptiste, Toto, and Djakout. Raise up your people from the ash heap of destruction and give them strong hearts and hands, shore up their minds and spirits. Help them to bear this new burden.

As for us, Lord, we who are far away from the rubble and the dust, from the sobbing and moans, but who hold them close in our hearts, imbue us with the strength of Simon the Cyrene. Help us to carry the Haitian cross. Show us how to lighten their yoke with our prayers, our aid, our resources. Teach us to work harder for justice in our own country and dignity in Haiti, so that we may stand with integrity when we hold our Haitian families in our arms once again.

We ask this in the name of Jezikri, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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