

June 11, 2010

Mr. H. Peter Muth
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Dear Parishioners of St. Brendan the Navigator parish,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$30,000 to the Haitian Health Foundation, for use in establishing small "Commerce" businesses for the survivors of the January 12th earthquake in Port-au-Prince. I'm sure Marilyn has told you of the numbers of people who have made their way into southern Haiti, increasing the number of poor under our umbrella of care by almost 50%. We are providing food, medicine and medical care for these poor refugees.



HHF recognizes that an important step on the road to recovery for the heads of households is the development of independence and self-sufficiency. It is critical for the overall society's advancement and survival that these victims are able to care for their families. Prior to the earthquake, many of these people were caring for themselves, but lost everything in this disaster. Your gift will be used to provide women with supplies to sell. For example, clothing

can be bought by the bale in Haiti, and most of it is of good quality, some has never even been worn and still have the tags hanging on them. Soap, candles, food products like spaghetti and tomato paste, and of course, fresh produce and meat are all useful staples for "Commerce" businesses. Most of these women have prior experience with "Commerce"; they know how to mark up an item, and how to re-supply their stores from the profits they generate from the initial grant they'll receive from you via the Haitian Health Foundation.



St. Brendan the Navigator Parish has been very, very generous and responsive to the needs of these poorest brothers and sisters in Christ. Please know that you are in their daily prayers. We certainly invite either of you, or both, to join one of our pilgrimages to Jérémie should you have interest in meeting the people to whom you have been so kind. Marilyn arranges all of the trips, and if you e-mail her at Marilyn@haitianhealthfoundation.org, she can provide you with all of the dates and make room available.

Again, thank you for reaching out with a caring and compassionate hand to these people who have suffered so much, and have known so little love and peace in their lives. Truly this hand up is a hand of hope.

With Appreciation,

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