

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Weekend of July 20/21

**This year, Haitian Pilgrims celebrates 20 years of serving the poor according to the Gospel of Matthew!**

## The Story of Haitian Pilgrims

Haitian Pilgrims is a group of St. Philip parishioners who heard God's call to help the poorest of the poor in Haiti. In 1999, we chose the village of Boileau and began working to help them become financially self-sufficient. We have provided access to clean water, built a clinic to provide medical care to pregnant women and young children, and built a school that serves 450 children annually. Through our college scholarship program, three students have earned teacher certifications, and twelve students are currently in college earning degrees in agriculture, nursing, finance, and IT.

## Our work in Haiti

- Your contributions have provided medical care at our Centre Materno Infantile de Boileau Clinic predominantly serving expectant mothers and young children.
- Funding for St. Therese School in Boileau enabled 500 children to be fed nutritious lunches and supplemented the payment of teachers' salaries.
- Eleven graduates of St. Therese School are currently attending college on scholarships.
- This year, Kernstty Jeannot is the first Moise Nacier Scholarship beneficiary to graduate from the University of Notre Dame in Les Cayes, Haiti, with a degree in Nursing.
- Also graduating is Saphanie Destinas with a degree in Finance.

**Father Constant, the Pastor of St. Therese Parish sends his sincere gratitude to Father McDaniel and all the people of St. Philip the Apostle for their generous assistance.**



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

*As you leave Mass on July 21/22, please stop and*

### **Take a gift tag from the Garland.**

This helps us provide immediate support.

### **Take a coin box (or two).**

By dropping your spare change in the box each day you will contribute to changing the lives of the poor. Coin boxes will be collected in mid-November.

Or contribute online at [haitianpilgrims.org](http://haitianpilgrims.org)

*Haitian Pilgrims' motto is "Live More Simply, So Others Can Simply Live." We are inspired by Matthew 25:35-40. Learn more about us and our mission at [haitianpilgrims.org](http://haitianpilgrims.org)*