

Haven Newsletter



Opening of the new path in Ile a Vache by Haven Founder Leslie Buckley and Haven Volunteers May 2013

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Hi everyone,
As always at Haven, we have much to tell you! Last month, our volunteer team returned safely from Haiti after a highly successful and enjoyable Volunteer Programme. On the island of Ile à Vache, the team built a children's playground and a much needed path from the village up the hill to the orphanage. The town's local school also received attention as the team installed three computer rooms and painted the outside of the building. Haven Founder and Chairman Leslie Buckley said he was honoured to be able to hand over such wonderful facilities and improvements to the community of Madame Bernard and he expressed his thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work and commitment. The Livelihoods programme in Gonaïves are going from strength to strength. The Ecosan latrine programme, which was highlighted in the April Newsletter, is also thriving with 30 latrines in Mornville and 10 in Nordiesse. We held two golf events across May and June. George Hook was among the participants in the Haven Golf Classic in Castle Golf Club, Rathfarnham. Across the Atlantic, we had the Haven US Golf Classic in the Garrison Golf Club in New York. Both events were a huge success and raised much needed funds for

Haven's work in Haiti.
June saw the launch of Faces of Cork (#facesofcork), an exhibition which portrays the faces that reflect the communities of Cork City and Cork County. The black and white images of both the famous and the locals of Cork are in support of Haven and Mary Mount Hospice.
This month, we will be hosting our third annual Dock Dip. Teams from local businesses will compete for the title and bragging rights! Leslie has even promised to join the participants by jumping into the Grand Canal. We're filling up earlier than ever for our next Volunteer Programme in April 2014. Upcoming fundraisers include the Cork Lunch on the 20th of September and

the Nire Valley Drop cycle during the October Bank Holiday.
Thank you so much for all your support and we hope you enjoy the July newsletter.
The Haven Team



Haven Staff with Haven Ambassador George Hook and Haven Volunteer Peter Williams at the Golf Classic last May

Livelihood Programmes in Gonaïves

Sewing: The sewing training is progressing well and all 60 machines have now been delivered to Gonaïves.

Adult Literacy: The Adult Literacy Training is ongoing and the Dept. of Education will make 3 visits this month to the classes to supervise the training and evaluate the participants. Certificates will be issued by the Department to the successful participants.

Boat Building: The original 25 boats have now been completed and handed over to fishermen. Due to the sails contribution from Digicel Foundation, 22 more boats are currently under contract to the local boat makers. A sailing regatta is planned for the 11th of July.

Community Health Workers: This past month 456 house to house assessments were completed and this brings the total number of visits to 606. Meetings were held in the community on the importance of vaccinations and oral hygiene. Family planning was also discussed during these meetings and family planning methods were distributed including condoms, Microlut and Depo Pevera.



Community Development Officer: The Community Development Officer has met with 2 of the savings groups this month to verify that all is being carried out as per their training. These groups have now started to issue small loans to their members.

These programmes are funded by Irish Aid.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project in Gressier



The programme is continuing with all 30 latrines ongoing in Morneville and all 10 ongoing in Nordiesse. All 4 school projects have commenced and are nearing completion with 1 roof on and the other 3 about to start roofing. Heavy rain at night has caused flooding on the treacherous mountain road in Morneville and the river at Nordiesse, severely curtailing deliveries of important materials to the area. The river bed is the only access to Nordiesse. Haven has contracted a four-wheel drive truck from Caritas and this is improving the delivery of materials. 255 people attended training sessions in the past month on oral faecal disease, use of latrines, water treatment, hygiene and sanitation. 5 sessions were held in the schools with 49 pupils attending.

This programme is funded by Irish Aid.

HAVEN AMBASSADORS



George Hook



Paul O'Connell



Tomás O'Leary



Clodagh McKenna

Volunteer Programme 2013

From the end of May until the beginning of June, Haven Volunteers once again travelled to Haiti on the Haven Volunteer Programme. This time, the team worked on the island of Île



Haven Volunteers Dermot Heffernan hard at work

à Vache. The Haven volunteers worked round the clock to install a pavement up a steep hill from the local market and port, Madam Bernard's, painted and refurbished computer rooms in 3 local schools, refurbished the local pharmacy and restored community areas. The group worked against the clock to install the pavement before the imminent hurricane season. Another major tropical storm is forecast again this year for the small island which is still trying to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy last October. The road is the main route to L'oeuvre St. Francois d'Assises orphanage and the local schools.

The School

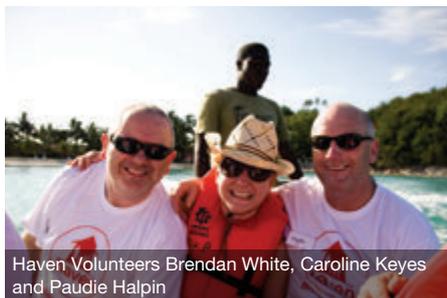
Volunteers worked tirelessly with the local community to install three computer rooms in the local school of Madame Bernard – a hugely important upgrade. They also built bookshelves for the school. This programme was ran in conjunction with Soul of Haiti and Camara.



Haven Volunteer Jonathan Cairns giving an exercise class in the local school



Haven Volunteers being waved off at Dublin Airport by Haven Ambassadors George Hook and Clodagh McKenna



Haven Volunteers Brendan White, Caroline Keyes and Paudie Halpin

The Road

The road from the local market and port to L'oeuvre St. Francois d'Assises orphanage and the local schools becomes impassable during the rainy season for children with disabilities. The team resurfaced the path to allow for ease of access for the children and the local residents.

The Painting

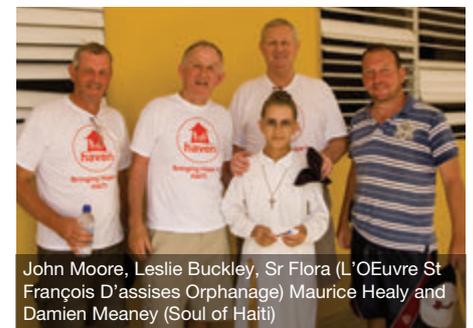
The team added some nice colour to the village by painting the inside and outside of one of the churches, the school and the newly built offices inside, an upgraded house, a fence and the local community area. Other jobs completed included making a concreted area in the orphanage, cleaning out the pharmacy, tidying the local community and planting a garden.

The work carried out during our Volunteer Projects cannot be overstated – there is always much to be done and our volunteers this year worked tirelessly to achieve so much.

April 2014 Volunteer Programme

Despite all the good work that was done during the recent Volunteer Programme, there is still much more to be done in Haiti. The Haven Volunteer Programme will be returning to Haiti from the 18th- 27th of April 2014.

If you are interested in taking part or would simply like to find out more information, email Antonia.king@havenpartnership.com or phone us on 01 681 5440.



John Moore, Leslie Buckley, Sr Flora (L'OEuvre St François D'assises Orphanage) Maurice Healy and Damien Meaney (Soul of Haiti)

Pictures: Fiona Brophy

Volunteer Profile - Get to Know Haven's Volunteers



Oisín O'Callaghan,
Haven Volunteer

Questions

Favourite subject in school?

Geography. It was simple and our teacher called us 'wretches' when he was unhappy with us in a dramatic tone, always made me laugh!

First live concert you went to?

Foo Fighters. To this day one of the best concerts I've been to.

Favourite joke?

I tried wearing skinny jeans but, I could never pull them off.

What's your party piece?

Rapping 'Azealia Banks - 212' on request.

Your most annoying trait?

Giving out about being hungry far too much.

If you were an actor/actress, who would you be?

Ashton Kutcher, that lad is living the dream!

What animal do you most identify with?

Dogs, I think they get me more than humans do sometimes.

Dream dinner date?

Rachel McAdams & Tapas!

One item you could not live without on a desert island?

My Tamagotchi.

Superhero power of choice?

Ability to control time.

Upcoming Events

The Cork Lunch

Our annual Cork Lunch fundraiser will take place on the 20th of September. Haven Chairman Leslie Buckley will be among the speakers and the event will also be attended by Ronan O’Gara, George Hook and many more.

Nire Valley Drop

The inaugural mountain bike race will take place during the October bank holiday weekend. If you’re looking for an adventure, this will be right up your street. This off road cycle takes place in the beautiful Comeragh Mountains in Co Waterford.

The Dock Dip

The Dock Dip makes its triumphant return this July. Six teams of three will be competing for this year’s Dock Dip trophy at the Waterways Visitor Centre in Grand Canal Quay. This year, Haven’s Chairman Leslie Buckley will be braving the jump with the participating teams. To sponsor Leslie’s jump go to www.havenpartnership.com. For more details on these events, please contact Bo on 01 681 5440.

Review: Haven Golf Classic



Haven Golf Classic

The annual Golf Classic was a huge success and raised over €18,000. Haven ambassador George Hook kicked off the day in Castle Golf Club, Rathfarnham. Teams of four took part in a great day of golf, dinner and wine.

Review: US Golf Classic

On the other side of the Atlantic, the US Golf Classic was a great success. Congratulations to Pat Tully and his team from American Ireland Fund who came out on top. The event raised over \$40,000 (€30,500) for Haven’s projects in Haiti.

Review: Faces of Cork

Faces of Cork is a joint venture by Haven and Marymount Hospice to raise funds and awareness for the vital work both



Faces of Cork Launch in Cork Airport



Faces of Cork Exhibition in Cork Airport

organisations do. The exhibition’s launch took place on the 18th of June in Cork Airport. Munster Rugby hero Ronan O’Gara opened the exhibition.

Faces of Cork is of large portraits of faces of the people of Ireland’s largest county – from the young to the old, the famous and the not-so-famous. The strong emotive imagery will celebrate the proud people of Cork and raise funds and awareness for both Haven and Marymount Hospice, who provide respite care, intermediate palliative care and continuing care to the elderly and to patients with progressive illnesses.

At the launch, a total of 60 portraits were unveiled. These are located at Cork Airport and in a handful of locations around Cork City Centre. The Exhibition continues until September 2013. www.facesofcork.com



Faces of Cork Launch



Cork GAA dual player Eoin Cadogan at the launch of Faces of Cork in Cork Airport

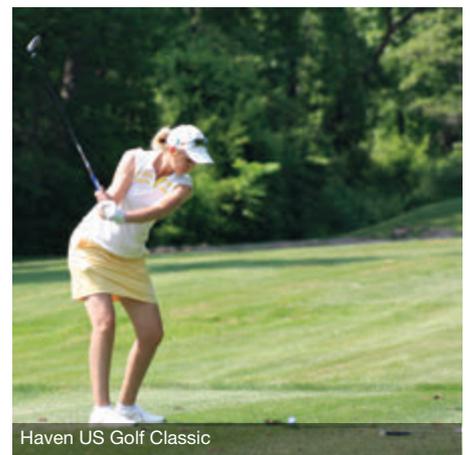


Haven US Golf Classic

Review: Lions Second Test Match

On the 29th June in the Aviva stadium LK Shields invited their clients to enjoy the thrills and spills of the **Lions v Australia** fixture with live on-site commentary from **George Hook, Tom McGurk and Hugo MacNeill**.

The game was brought to us live through large screens and with the Aviva pitch below, the atmosphere was fantastic. Over €17,600 was raised over all. Special thanks to LK Shields for backing this event.



Haven US Golf Classic

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