

## Women's Federation Medical Mission Reports Visit to Haiti

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*A group of young people welcome the arrival Women's Federation for World Peace team during their sixth annual Haiti Summer Service Project.*

The sixth annual Haiti Summer Service Project (HSSP), sponsored by the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA, took place in Ouanaminthe, Haiti from June 24 -- 30, 2013. Based on an overwhelming response to last year's HSSP, we prepared to hold seminars and a mobile medical clinic to reach more than 500 clergy, educators, men, women and children. Nine volunteers from the United States, including the U.S. President of WFWP, Mrs. Angelika Selle, joined with seven volunteers from Haiti for the one week project. To everyone's delight, the result was more than 850 participants who showed tremendous interest and enthusiasm for the teachings and the project.

Although our official program did not kick-off until June 24th, our team was able to meet with two different women's groups. On Saturday June 22nd, we met with a small local women's group of 22 from Ouanaminthe. Mrs. Selle shared about the founder's vision for the Women's Federation for World Peace. She gave news and background information about Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who established the first chapter of WFWP in 1992, together with her husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Mrs. Selle explained Dr. Moon's desire to bring world peace through the "logic of love." She said that women have the power to do this because of their motherly hearts, which are nurturing and capable of raising others.



*Mrs. Angelika Selle (third from left), met with Haitian team in Ouanami on June 28 to prepare for the medical mission.*

The next day, Sunday June 23rd, our team of volunteers spent the morning sightseeing. We visited the newly-built Henri Christophe University in Limonade and the city of Vertiere – where the Haitians gained their independence from the French in 1804. That afternoon, we met with a newly organized WFWP chapter in Cap Haitian. Mrs. Selle shared the same message about the founders with them as with the Ouanaminthe group. The Cap Haitian ladies sang songs for us and presented a beautiful, wood-carved plaque to Mrs. Selle to give to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Our team was deeply moved by their determination to work with us and set up a successful chapter in Cap Haitian in Northern Haiti.

On Monday, June 24th, we began our regular schedule. That morning, we met with 170 Haitian youth to teach the Character Education curriculum from the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) program. First, Mrs. Selle welcomed the mixed group of high-school students, middle school students and a few elementary school students. She told about Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the work of WFWP. Following her presentation, Ms. Manasa Kanithi, an International Relations graduate from the University of South Florida, taught an overview of the character education series, "Discovering the Real Me". After this, Mrs. Diane Girard, an elementary school teacher in San Antonio, Texas, shared her advice on practical ways to apply character education. The students responded with many questions and were eager to learn more.



*Rev. Levi Daugherty guided the Haitian clergy to organize themselves.*

In the afternoon, our team met with 244 women leaders from the entire northern part of Haiti. After Mrs. Selle's introduction to WFWP, she spoke on the topic of "Herstory: New Era, New Mindset. Women's Role in the 21st Century". Mrs. Selle spoke about the history of women from the Biblical times to the present, of how women have gradually been recognized as instrumental and even crucial in creating world peace. She referred to the Global Women's Peace Network. Mrs. Selle shared how women must network to resolve the various challenges we all face in the family, community, nation and the world.

On Tuesday, June 25th we began our presentations for the Haitian ministers. 49 clergy plus 319 women leaders and youth heard the Introduction to the Divine Principle given by the Rev. Jeddie King, from Florida. Also, after a fine lunch, attended by 700 people in all, Rev. King taught the "Principle of Creation." The ministers were attentive and had numerous questions. They were excited to have the revelation of the Divine Principle to explain the hidden meanings of the Bible. At 3:00 p.m., the ministers left as they had a minister's alliance meeting to attend. We continued with song and praise and testimonies. We selected 20 of the women leaders for a planning session to open a WFWP chapter in Ouanaminthe. Mrs. Angelika Selle presided over the meeting.



*The sanctuary of Port au Prince.*

Wednesday, June 26th, 65 minister's came to hear more Divine Principle, plus the women leaders and families, totaling near 400 persons in all. Rev. King taught "The Fall of Man" in the morning session, and Minister Elma King gave "Christology" in the afternoon session. The ministers were deeply moved by "The Fall" lecture and asked question after question regarding the meaning of the fruit and the identity of the serpent. One lady minister stood up and said she had received a revelation during the lecture, that opened her understanding about Eve, how Eve's womb was tainted by Satan and lost God's lineage and how God used Mary's womb to restore God's lineage. Everyone was moved by her sharing and it helped bring more understanding of the seriousness of the Fall of Man.

Rev. Levy Daugherty announced that a United Federation of Churches (UFC) chapter would be formed on Friday, June 28th with a selection of 40 ministers from the area.



*Haitian ministers and their spouses receive the Blessing.*

On Thursday, June 27th, the ministers met for a third session of Divine Principle. This time Rev. Daugherty was the lecturer. He presented three parts, "The Life of Jesus," "The Second Coming" and "The Life Course of Rev. Sun Myung Moon." The ministers were greatly amazed by what they heard and had many questions and comments. Rev. Daugherty emphasized what Jesus meant by "becoming perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect," that is, to perfect one's relationship with God and God's love.



*Many participants gathered at the first day of the Divine Principle seminar.*

The Divine Principle workshop concluded with a graduation ceremony. As a result, each of the 117 ministers received the Ambassador of Peace appointment. Pictures were taken of the clergy and the staff. Following this, 12 ministers and their wives received the Holy Wine and the Holy Blessing of Marriage. All in all, it was a fitting conclusion to a remarkable three days of religious education.

Friday, June 28th was our final day of the project. We focused on providing a mobile medical clinic in and around Ouanaminthe throughout the day. More than 70 patients were seen by our volunteer doctors and nurses. Medicines and care was given to all. Mrs. Fannie Smith and the Chicago WFWP chapter as well as Mrs. Diane Girard and her church's Sunday School group donated all of the medicine for the clinic.



*Many Haitian clergy attended the Divine Principle Seminar.*

Once again, with the help of our Heavenly Parent, we were blessed with a successful project. Ministers were educated, women leaders met, the youth gained character and the sick were cared for. Altogether, 850 people participated in the HSSP this year. Even now, the ministers who attended the Divine Principle seminar are planning for a special seminar in November for 500 clergy. I know God is moving in Haiti and that the potential is great for God's work to blossom there. May God bless everyone who made this possible and may God bless Haiti!