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### MISSION BASE UPDATE

From news reports, many of you are aware of the volatile political conditions that plagued Haiti early in the new year. Fortunately there has been a measure of resolution to the conflict. According to Reuters (May 10,2004): *“Some 3,500 foreign troops, half from the United States, the others from France, Canada and Chile, are now in Haiti. Up to 6,700 U.N.-organized troops and 1,622 civilian police are to replace them on June 1.”* The presence of foreign troops has stabilized the country allowing Chris Rolling and Barb MacLeod to remain in Haiti despite the volatility. The people on the base are all safe and sound and continue to do the work Clean Water For Haiti has committed to do.

So far this year, the mission has hosted a filter technician training course for students sponsored by Save the Children as well as independent students and students sponsored by a local cement factory’s community development program. The classes now incorporate business training to help new technicians to set up shop successfully.

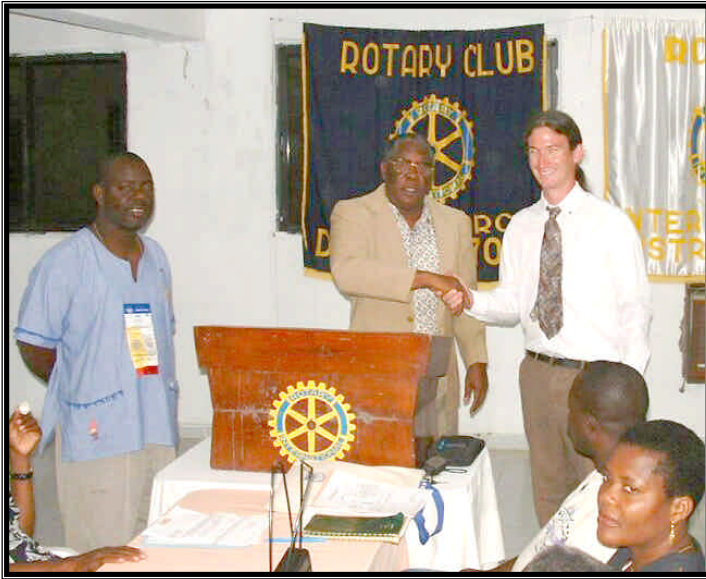
Chris attended a conference in the Dominican Republic as part of the BRAVO project which is an international testing program being designed to test the BioSand Filter’s effectiveness so that it meets the World Health Organization’s standards. For more info check out [www.cawst.org](http://www.cawst.org).

At left is a picture of Chris taken in a secluded community; seven hours hike into the mountains. Shortly after this photo was taken, the mother goat butted him and he had to beat a hasty retreat. So as you can see it isn’t all serious work, all the time.

#### ***Well Drilling in Collaboration with Cup of Cold Water Ministry***

Well drilling has been taken to a new level as the drillers now have a drill bit that will allow drilling through soft rock. It is slow but has opened up accessibility in rocky areas. So far the crew is still getting used to using the new equipment and they have run into some difficult circumstances such as drilling through rock to hit a cave and losing all the drillers gel in the hole. Ah well its all par for the course. They are starting to drill a well in the hills around St Marc, in an area that is very desperate for water. Local gang members burnt down the community church during the past uprising and unfortunately one of the drillers was robbed on his way to the work site so now they always travel in groups of 2 or more for safety. Please pray for the successful completion of this well and the safety of the workers.

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### Rotary Club

Clean Water For Haiti is now part of the Rotary Club in Haiti. Chris made the decision to join the St Marc Rotary because it is one of the few organizations in Haiti that volunteer their time and resources to develop their country. The Rotary Club in St Marc has already been involved in a Water Filter Project in the Artibonite Valley, about one hour North of St Marc. Hopefully another project may be approved for the zone we are operating out of. We are very proud and supportive of Chris Rolling's leadership and initiatives on behalf of the mission. He is pictured here being accepted into the organization and was even able to give his acceptance speech in Creole!

### What Has Tal Been Up To?????

Most of you already know that Tal has been in Canada for the last few months fundraising, speaking, recuperating, and reconnecting with his wife and family. Here is a brief update of his activities since being back:

- ◆ Participated in the Missions Weekend at Vernon Alliance Church
- ◆ Spoke to the Community Baptist Church in Vernon
- ◆ Addressed the at St Mary's College in Calgary
- ◆ Spoke to the Foothills Alliance Church in Calgary
- ◆ Addressed the Catholic High School Teachers Assoc. in Calgary
- ◆ Spoke to the Vernon Rotary Club
- ◆ Addressed the Employee Group at Enbridge Corp. in Calgary
- ◆ Spoke at the Pentecostal Church in Salmon Arm

Still to do before he returns to Haiti in July, 2004:

- ◆ Fundraising dinner and auction
- ◆ Speak to the McLennan Christian Fellowship in Alberta
- ◆ Speak to the Manning Calvary Gospel in Alberta
- ◆ Attend the Mary Tidlund Foundation AGM in Alberta
- ◆ Attend the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology celebration in Calgary.

### SUPPORT

Please support this project in any way that God moves you.

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### In Canada

Cheques can be made payable to:

**Clean Water For Haiti**

Mail to:

**c/o Vernon Alliance Church**  
**2601-43<sup>rd</sup> Ave.**  
**Vernon, BC,**  
**V1T 3L1**

### In USA

Cheques can be made payable to:

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