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NEWSLETTER

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Establishing Sources and Supplies in Haiti



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During a January trip to Port-au-Prince, Leogane and Jacmel, George Garland and David Stillman of PPAF and Fritz Clairvil of PathToHaiti and SimACT, Inc., accomplished several important steps in the "**Haiti Cookstove and Fuel Alternatives**" project. Their meetings resulted in the start of fuel purchases by project participants (replacing fuel donations); establishment of several sales points for fuel; confirmation of experiences and satisfaction among current stove users; readiness to purchase stoves and fuel by neighbors of pilot group members and members of participating organizations. In addition farmers and distillery owners affirmed readiness to move forward and obtain support for improving production and several government officials welcomed the team's leadership in this work.

PPAF began to focus on bioenergy in 2008 and 2009, convening seminars at United Nations Headquarters and in the Dominican Republic. The current

work in Haiti builds on this. Since September 2012 PPAF and PathToHaiti / SimACT have piloted the use of ethanol cookstoves (single and double burners) from Dometic. Project Gaia, Inc., provided a selection of stoves and related technical support. The work is the first of its kind in Haiti.

The January trip proved these cookstoves are obtaining a ready acceptance at several levels -- with low-income mothers, community group representatives, small business (artisans), and hotel buffet lines. Potential customers for stoves are ready to buy stoves and fuel. The PPAF team and local collaborating organizations are pleased at this progress, and are taking steps to ward creating and supporting sustainable local business.

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Group Discussions in Leogane



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A key feature of the time in Leogane was deliberation on costs and benefits, challenges and opportunities in producing high-proof alcohol as fuel for cookstoves. Local distillery owners, who currently produce beverage-grade alcohol (i.e. *clairin*) from sugar cane, want to supply this new market and are exploring with our team the best ways to proceed. In coming months the Foundation and PathToHaiti will source technical and financial support to improve the distilleries and improve the capacity.

Papier Mache Masks for Carnival



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The light-hearted photo above masks a serious problem. Every papier-mache item for Jacmel's famous carnival requires a cooked glue that up until now has been prepared over a charcoal fire. The Artisans Association president (r) and his colleagues are eager for ethanol cookstoves and fuel to replace the trees lost for the sake of good times, and they want to increase their work's profitability through economies afforded by the new methods. Already participating in the pilot project, they await additional stoves through Project Gaia for purchase by members and for rental within the association.

Listening and Learning



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The team of PPAF and PathToHaiti met in Jacmel with counterpart staff from the Art Creation Foundation for Children and with a group of low-income mothers whose children are enrolled there. In Leogane the team met with representatives of community organizations. All are participants in the stove and fuel pilot project. They provided valuable information on their experiences, comparisons of fuel costs, and their neighbors' desire to buy into the new system. One woman in Jacmel even said that when her neighbors learned she was going to a meeting about the project, they paid her taxi fare!

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Upcoming Events

February 4 - United Nations Office for Partnerships - David Stillman will speak to a group of University of Pennsylvania graduate students and faculty about the work of the Public-Private Alliance Foundation in Haiti. 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

February 20 - Rotary Club of New York International Breakfast - David Stillman will update the group on the Foundation work in piloting cookstove and fuel alternatives in Haiti. 8:30 a.m. Venue: Church Center for the United Nations. To reserve: \$20 - please contact ppafoundation@gmail.com

Recent Events

January 6 - Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist - The UN and Global Affairs Committee hosted a presentation on the Foundation's work in Haiti. George Garland, PPAF Board Member, and David Stillman, spoke to an audience of more than 70.

January 12 - The James Jay Dudley Luce Foundation - An opening reception commemorated the Third Anniversary of the Haiti Earthquake. This mid-town Manhattan event featured a photography exhibit from Project ISTWA and a presentation by PPAF. The photographs and the PPAF exhibit remained on display through January 31. Congratulations to the Luce Foundation for its new space at 61st and 2nd Ave.

Comings and Goings

Dr. Ruth DeFord (Kotecha) joined the Foundation's Board in December. Ruth is Professor Emerita at Hunter College and Graduate Center of the City University of New York, where she taught music history and literature from 1977 to 2012 and served as Music Department Chair at Hunter College from 2006-2012. She is the author of numerous published scholarly papers, book reviews and conference presentations. She is also the author of critical editions of music. DeFord also has worked parttime since 1999 with the Structured Credit International Corporation in an administrative capacity.

In addition to board membership and volunteer activities with numerous music organizations, Ruth serves as a board member with the Rivertowns League of Women Voters and the Hudson River Audubon Society. She has also served on the board of the Fund to Preserve Hillside Woods and as a docent with Friends of the Zoo, Bronx Zoo. Her greatest interests are environmental protection, women's rights and economic development. Dr. DeFord earned a B.A. from Oberlin College, B.Mus., Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and a PhD (musicology) from Harvard University. Her languages include German, French, Italian and Latin.

Farewell and best wishes to **Matt Jones**, our outgoing bookkeeper/accountant. A mid-career student, he graduated as valedictorian of his graduating class at Mercy College and is now engaged in a Master's program in Accounting in addition to his day job with the U.S. Postal Service. Matt has been an essential part of our team since April 2011.

A warm welcome to our new bookkeeper/accountant **Richard Barbieri**. Richard has a B.S. in Business Administration and experience as a controller accountant and tax consultant.

Welcome also to our latest interns, **Oksana Gapyuk** (Ukraine) from Mercy College and **Otto van Krugten** (Netherlands) and **Daniele Assuncao** (Brazil) from EF International School.

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