• **Project Partners**
  • Deep Springs International
  • World Concern in Les Cayes, Haiti

• **Populations Served**
  • Three underserved rural communities
    Torbeck
    Chantal
    Ducis

• **Timeframe**
  • June-August 2008 in Haiti
  with ongoing work in Atlanta
• **Project Goals**
  • Gain research experience in a limited resource, developing world setting
  • Train Haitian staff in household survey techniques
  • Conduct baseline research regarding household water use in rural areas

• **Expected Outcomes**
  • Launch CDC-approved Safe Water System in 9 schools in 5 villages
  • Increase water treatment in rural households
  • Decrease diarrheal disease among children under five, thus decreasing child mortality rates in southern Haiti
• **Progress to date**
  • Completed field experience 8/30/08
  • Conducted water-use survey in 600 rural households
  • Ongoing work in launching Safe Water System in schools and villages

• **Next steps**
  • Analyze survey data for prevalence of disease, factors related to water treatment
  • Provide research results and recommendations to Deep Springs International and World Concern
Children gathering water for their household in Torbeck, Haiti
Project Partners
• Jolivert Safe Water for Families, Jolivert Haiti
• World Concern / ACLAM, Les Cayes Haiti

Populations/Communities Served
• Religious leaders, health workers, secondary teachers and community members in the Haitian villages of Torbeck, Chantal and Ducis

Project Timeframe
• June, 2008-August, 2008 Research in Haiti
• Fall 2008 Ongoing work in Atlanta
Project Goals

- Advance the state of knowledge about safe water projects by introducing the discussion of religion, a topic historically neglected in the safe water arena.
- Introduce new water treatment solution to rural Haitian communities
- Conduct qualitative and quantitative research around water usage
- Develop culturally appropriate secondary school curriculums in business and health
- Document project progress for fundraising through photography and film

Expected Outcomes

- During focus groups that are participatory in nature, religious leaders, health workers and community members will discuss local programs for safe water. After identifying assets of both projects and implementing organizations, the religious and health communities will be linked and participation will increase.
- Curriculum development completed and introduced to secondary schools for implementation throughout Les Cayes and surrounding communities.
- Use of photographic and film documentation will be used to facilitate dialogue between American and Haitian churches in order to encourage future financial support of safe water projects.
Progress to date

• Field Research completed 8/2008
• Curriculum development finalized and being taught in secondary Schools in Les Cayes and surrounding communities

Next steps

• Interviews with individuals in Atlanta working on safe water projects in Haiti
• Analysis of data collected in Haiti and in Atlanta
• Composition of Best Practices Manuel to be published and distributed to all participants from focus groups and interviews in Haiti and Atlanta
• Identify Atlanta churches to present documentary materials for fundraising.
Community Water Meeting outside Les Cayes, Haiti
Project Partners
• Children’s Nutrition Program, Leogane Haiti
• Jolivert Safe Water for Families, Jolivert Haiti
• World Concern / ACLAM, Les Cayes Haiti

Populations/Communities Served
• Religious leaders, health workers and community members in Leogane, Jolivert and Les Cayes Haiti

Project Timeframe
• June 1, 2008 - August 29, 2008 Research in Haiti
• Fall 2008 Ongoing work in Atlanta
Project Goals

• Advance the state of knowledge about safe water projects by introducing the discussion of religion, a topic historically neglected in the safe water arena.
• Assess the contribution of religion and religious entities implementation of safe water projects.

Expected Outcomes

• During focus group that are participatory in nature, religious leaders, health workers and community members, will discuss local programs for safe water. After identifying assets of both projects and implementing organizations, the religious and health communities will be linked and participation will increase.
• By using question guides to conduct in-depth interviews with religious leaders, members of local churches, faith based organizations, and NGOs I plan to gather information on best practices for implementing safe water systems and partnerships in Haiti.
Progress to date

• Field Research completed 8/29/2008
• Transcriptions of Focus Groups held in Haiti
• Transcriptions of Interviews with NGOs in Haiti

Next steps

• Interviews with individuals in Atlanta working on safe water projects in Haiti
• Analysis of data collected in Haiti and in Atlanta
• Composition of Best Practices Manuel to be published and distributed to all participants from focus groups and interviews in Haiti and Atlanta
Community Focus Group with health workers in Leogane, Haiti