

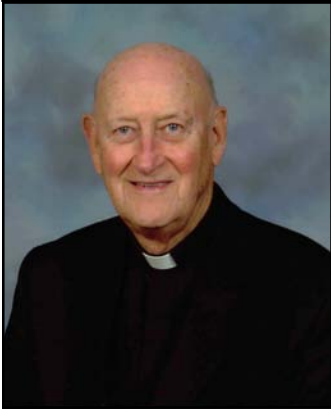


The Visitation

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Newsletter of Visitation Hospital Foundation

Fr. Bevington Retires and Makes VHF Recipient of Gifts



Fr. Bill Bevington
sure he was ready to enter the priesthood.

Board member and friend, Fr. William Bevington, who is 83, retired on July 1 after nearly 57 years of service as a priest in the Diocese of Nashville. After serving as pastor at several parishes, he served for the last 19 years at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Hendersonville, TN, where he was loved and respected by parishioners.

Fr. Bevington has a heart for Haiti and traveled there with Theresa Patterson in 1983. His love, compassion, and generosity for the Haitian people prompted him to request that in lieu of gifts to him for his retirement, donations be made to Visitation Hospital Foundation.

Fr. Bevington has local roots in Nashville and graduated from Father Ryan High School in 1942. He and six others from his class of 50 became priests. However, after graduating from high school, he wasn't

He studied aeronautical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, and on Dec. 8, 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy and was part of a program that allowed him to continue his studies while a Naval officer. World War II ended before he completed his degree, and after leaving the Navy, Fr. Bevington went to work for a short time at McDonnell Douglas as an aeronautical engineer. He continued to think about the priesthood, and in 1947, Fr. Bevington entered the Seminary at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, IA. He studied there for one year then attended the North American College in Rome and was ordained a priest on Dec. 8, 1951.

When Fr. Bevington returned to Nashville, he began a career in education, starting as a teacher at Father Ryan for six years. He then worked as a teacher and pastor in Memphis and Chattanooga before returning to Nashville in 1969, and began a string of assignments as pastor of five different parishes.

Fr. Bevington has served on the Board of Directors for Visitation Hospital Foundation for the past three years and will continue to serve in this capacity.

(Some historical data on Fr. Bevington has been taken from the Tennessee Register feature of Fr. Bevington, June 13, 2008.)

VHF Awarded C.A.P. Grant!



Dr. Bob Lorschach

Visitation Hospital Foundation has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the College of American Pathologists (C.A.P.), written by Dr. Bob Lorschach, Director of Hematopathology, Department of Pathology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), in Little Rock. The College's Foundation's Humanitarian Grant Program funds pathology and medical services to underserved patients and in underdeveloped areas. The grant is only awarded to physicians who are members of C.A.P.

VHF received the maximum funding for the grant, and these funds will go towards the purchase of a hematology analyzer and supplies, other laboratory test supplies, and books for the lab at Visitation Clinic. In addition, Dr. Lorschach and a medical technologist from UAMS will visit the Clinic and install the equipment, making sure it is operational for the Clinic Staff. The grant will be awarded to Dr. Lorschach at the annual Pathology convention in September.

We are forever grateful to Dr. Lorschach for spending countless hours writing the grant that will enable us to purchase the laboratory supplies we need. He has a huge heart for Haiti, and we appreciate all his work on behalf of Visitation Hospital Foundation.



Stories from the clinic. (see p. 3)

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Our Mission

Visitation Hospital will provide competent and compassionate healthcare to the people of southwest Haiti and will empower them with resources to pursue their basic right to health and health education.

The Visitation

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Development Director's Corner

An Example of Loving Kindness: A Tribute to Fr. Bevington & Fr. John Kieran

There are times in our lives when we are touched deeply by someone, and because of that person and his/her example, we become better people ourselves. Fr. Bill Bevington and Fr. John Kieran have certainly been examples of loving kindness to me.



Fran Rajotte,
VHF Development
Director

Fr. Bevington was the pastor of St. Henry Church in Nashville, where I attended for 24 years. He served as pastor for 7 of those years. I have never known anyone to be as deeply spiritual or caring, and he was there for me during a particularly difficult time in my life. I believe he is so in tune with his own spirituality that he understands how to bring out the best in those around him. We have managed to stay in touch throughout the years, and now, Fr. Bevington serves on the Board of Directors for Visitation Hospital Foundation, where he continues to be a part of my life.

I first met Fr. Kieran at a Parish Twinning Program conference in Indianapolis several years ago. He has been so generous to VHF throughout the years, and I finally had the opportunity to meet

him in person. When he invited me to Conyers, GA, I was touched by how much the parishioners of his parish honored and respected him. He has a heart for the people of Haiti and continues to support our Foundation's work.

Both Fr. Bevington and Fr. Kieran traveled to Haiti with Theresa Patterson in past years and were deeply touched by the plight of the Haitian people. Both of these men are very humble and caring and want to do all they can to help the poor. Last year, Fr. Kieran reached a milestone in his life and celebrated 40 years of priesthood. In lieu of gifts, he asked that his parishioners, friends, and relatives send a gift to VHF in his name. This year, Fr. Bevington retired after nearly 57 years in the priesthood. He, too, decided that in lieu of gifts that donations are given to VHF. We are ever so grateful to these two men for their support, unselfish generosity, and compassion.

Seeing the poor suffer because they lack food, medications, homes, and basic health care urges them to make a difference. What an example of loving kindness they have been to me—to us all!

St. Cecilia Carnival



Reach Out to Haiti raised \$2,800 for VHF!

They did it again! The fifth grade class at St. Cecilia Elementary in Stamford, CT, hosted its annual Haiti Carnival in June 2008 and raised \$2,800! The school children, under the direction of Bea Kelly, have been offering these carnivals for the past five years. Kelly said that she has now been asked by the parish to host a carnival with the fifth grade CCD children in April 2009! VHF truly appreciates the efforts of the children, teachers, parents, and of course, Mrs. Kelly, for their dedication and support of VHF and our mission to provide hope and healing in Haiti.

Vehicles for Charity

Please call 1-866-628-CARS (2277).

VHF Website Updated!



Newly Updated VHF Website

Have you been to our website lately? We have updated it with several new features including our 7-minute DVD, a photo gallery, news and events pages, and much more. We hope you will check us out at <http://www.visitationhospital.org>. It is now as easy as ever to make an online donation to Visitation Hospital Foundation. Just click on "Donate Now" at the top of the main VHF website.

Volunteers are our Best Asset!

We want to take this time to thank each and every one of you who have helped us at VHF in any way from event support, grant writing, Board and Committee service, photography, and much, much more. We would not be where we are today were it not for folks like you! If you, too, would like to help, send us an email at VisitationHF@aol.com

Stories from Visitation Clinic

by Karen Jung, Clinic Administrator



2-year-old Septama Fanderlie Needed a Heart Specialist

This child is 2-year-old Septama Fanderlie. Septama was brought to the Clinic presenting with high blood pressure and blood passing from her left to right ventricle. She needed to be seen by a heart specialist, but unfortunately, none exist in Haiti. The child, Septama, will travel to Port-au-Prince for an

echo cardiogram, and the results of this exam will be taken to a cardiologist in the U.S. Once Visitation Hospital is completed, patients such as this will be helped without having to wait months or years for visas to be approved. Visitation Hospital Foundation is partnering with the International Children's Heart Foundation (ICHF) in Memphis to provide pediatric cardiovascular surgery. An ICHF team will travel to Haiti and treat between 125-150 patients per year.



Patient with Lymphatic Filariasis

This elderly gentleman, Camille, lives in town and has a very severe case of Filariasis. I first met Camille when I was living at the rectory and it was quite obvious he was sick; one could easily see the signs of his disease. He was first seen when Dr. JF and nurses Ginette, Nadine, and I

made a house call. About two weeks later, when he had still not visited the clinic (his family said they would bring him), we picked him up, and brought him here. All the nurses worked together to clean him up and Dr. JF examined him to confirm his original diagnosis and to also ensure his heart was strong enough for surgery. The good news is that it is. We are currently in the process of getting permission from his family to have the surgery done, and it will be paid for by an anonymous donor.

Hope & Healing for Haiti events raise over \$300,000!



Jeff Raabe speaks at the Hope and Healing Chattanooga event.



Dr. Bill Gavigan & Diane Ryder at the Nashville Hope & Healing event.



Ken Schmitt and Ed Johnston at the Nashville Hope & Healing event.

Supporters from the greater Nashville area filled the Cathedral Fleming Center for a *Hope and Healing for Haiti* breakfast fundraiser for Visitation Hospital Foundation on April 19, 2008. The first similar event was held in 2005. Funding will benefit the expansion of the Visitation Hospital project in Petite Rivière de Nippes, Haiti. To date, a 4,065 sq. ft. outpatient clinic has been constructed including the infrastructure and several other buildings such as staffing quarters, a storage facility, and guards' quarters. The phase two plans call for the construction of an Ambulatory Surgery Center and expansion of the staffing quarters. Funds will also cover costs of maintaining the Visitation Clinic. We are grateful to Ed Johnston of Brentwood, TN (event organizer), Fr. William Bevington, Dr. Denis O'Day, Dr. Tom Grabenstein, Dr. Tom Heering, and Fr. Edwige Carre, for sharing their experiences with guests at the breakfast.

For the first time, and against all odds (due to inclement weather) members of the Chattanooga community participated in a *Hope and Healing for Haiti* breakfast fundraiser on May 8 at Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, TN. Thanks go to Jeff Raabe, event coordinator, and Notre Dame Principal Perry Storey. Parishes throughout Chattanooga were represented. Fr. Joe Brando, pastor of St. Jude's Church, led the invocation and shared his personal experience in Haiti. Also, State Director, Chris Devaney, shared his own personal experience, explaining the importance of good medical care in Haiti. Judy Smith, a Haiti missionary, was on hand to share her personal heartwarming story.

A special "thank you" goes to the Core Teams and Table Captains of both *Hope and Healing* events. The total amount raised to date is over \$312,000 in gifts and pledges. Our construction goal for the phase 2 upgrades is \$650,000. "We are well on our way," said Theresa Patterson, VHF Executive Director. "We are so indebted to our volunteers for all they do for us. From the very beginning, this entire project has been an act of faith. What we have learned is this project is progressing not on our timetable, but God's."

MEMORIALS

† In memory of **The Deceased Members of the Anderson & Hakim Families**, by Raymond & Vickie Hakim, Franklin, TN

† In memory of **Josephine Quintana**, by her daughter, Vera Trotter, Rossville, GA

† In memory of **Kasey Hosey Hansen**, Indianola, IA, by Maureen Hosey-Williams, Murray, KY

† In memory of **Dorothy Ellis**, Taylorsville, KY, by Carla & Bernard Rauen, Goshen, KY

† In memory of **Betty Clerc Dooley**, by Joan Wagner, Signal Mountain, TN

† In memory of **Thomas A. Dooley, M.D.**, by Charlotte V. Simon, Chattanooga, TN

† In memory of **Klaus Peter Nentwig**, by his wife, Mrs. J. Marion Nentwig, Signal Mountain, TN

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* In honor of **Jack Goodrum**, Nashville, TN, by Jamie & Tammy O'Rourke, Brentwood, TN

* In honor of **Pope John Paul II Class of 2008**, Hendersonville, TN, by Pope John Paul II High School

* In honor of **Sr. Priscilla Grimes, D.C.**, by Christopher Young, Hendersonville, TN

* In honor of **Wanda Heering**, Fulton, MS, on Mother's Day, by Tom Heering, D.M.D., Gallatin, TN

* In honor of **Anna Elisabet Sandell**, by Hakan Sundell, Nashville, TN

* In honor of **Dr. Denis O'Day**, Nashville, TN, by Anita Sheridan, Nashville, TN

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Tribute to Monroe Carell, Jr.



Monroe Carell, Jr.

Visitation Hospital Foundation joins the community in mourning the recent death of Monroe Carell, Jr. Carell provided much love and compassion to organizations throughout the community, and most recently offered his support with a gift of \$25,000 to Visitation Hospital Foundation towards the construction of an Ambulatory Surgery Center at our clinic in Petite Rivière de Nippes, Haiti.

Carell served as CEO of Central Parking Corp, which he inherited from his father in the late 1960's. The company increased over the years from 10 lots to more than 4,000 facilities in the U.S., Europe, South America, and Asia under his leadership.

His parents Edith and Monroe Carell, Sr. were instrumental in the construction of a church in Haiti, through the first "twinning" 30 years ago with St. Henry Church in Nashville, TN. Following in the steps of his parents, Carell has generously supported a number of organizations in Nashville including the Monroe Carell Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Aquinas College, the Diocese of Nashville, St. Bernard Academy, and the Dominican Sisters, among others.

His presence in our community will be deeply missed.

Alan Dooley is VHF's Newest Board Member



Alan Dooley

VHF welcomes Alan Dooley of Nashville to its Board of Directors. Dooley has served as a member of VHF's Advisory Council, Medical Advisory Committee, and Building Committee over the course of the past six years and has also been the organization's architect since 1999.

Dooley designed Visitation Clinic in Petite Rivière de Nippes, Haiti and is developing the organization's six-phase hospital campus plan. He has 20 years of widely varied experiences as a custom residential and commercial architect. He is also a 3-D rendering specialist and has a current interest in sustainable "green" design.

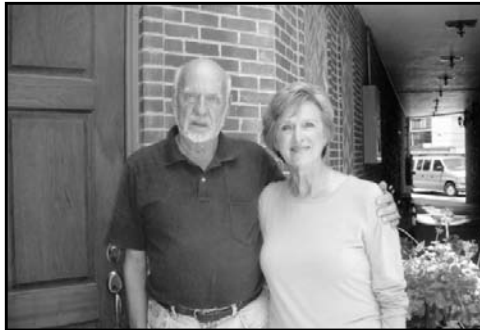
Dooley attended the University of Tennessee College of Architecture and worked his way through college spending summers in construction for Senator Bob Corker, when Senator Corker had a small company in Chattanooga. He also worked for Earl Swensson Associates.

After working for Aspen Street Architects in Angel's Camp California, Brentwood-based Edwards and Hotchkiss, architects, and the State of Tennessee Capital Projects Management, Dooley began his own practice in 1999.

When he is not busy working in design, he enjoys outdoor activities of trail running, backpacking, hiking, cycling, mountain-biking, whitewater kayaking, and canoeing with his family, and serves as a Boy Scout leader. A native of Signal Mountain, TN, Dooley lives in Nashville with his wife Vicki, daughter Melissa, and son John, and is a parishioner of St. Henry Church.

Cyril & Nell Evers

Members of St. Catherine Church in Columbia, TN, Cyril & Nell Evers have a passion for Haiti. The Evers are benevolent benefactors, who gave a sizeable gift to help complete construction of the Visitation Clinic in Petite Rivière de Nippes, Haiti.



Cyril & Nell Evers

"We are so blessed that the Evers decided to make us a recipient of their good will for the Haitian people," said Fran Rajotte, development director. Recently, Rajotte visited with the Evers and shared with them the photo of the finished clinic and future plans to begin the Ambulatory Surgery Center and entire Hospital Campus. "They have been very interested in our work in Haiti and continue to be. Their love and compassion have resulted in helping us complete the Visitation Clinic, where lives are being saved daily," Rajotte continued. To date, the clinic staff has treated over 5,000 men, women, and children.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Hope & Healing for Haiti—Washington, D.C.** If you live in the Washington D.C. area, we invite you to a Hope & Healing event in early winter. Coordinator Pat Newman, and Fran Rajotte will meet to discuss the details in August and more information will follow.
- ◆ **Hope & Healing for Haiti—Sarasota, FL.** Those living in the area of Sarasota will be invited to a Hope & Healing breakfast in the winter. This event is being coordinated by Frances & Mike Sosadeeter. Watch for more details in our winter newsletter.
- ◆ **Hope & Healing—Indiana.** Three years ago, under the leadership of Joe Zelenka of Indianapolis, IN, VHF hosted a Hope & Healing for Haiti luncheon and raised over \$170,000! Zelenka has agreed to host another such event in Spring 2009. We hope that people in the Indianapolis area will support us and attend this fundraiser. More details to follow in the winter newsletter.

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