

*Plan B: 4:30 am and writing out of disappointment, in response to morning text from Isaiah 58:10-11 "if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted....the Lord will guide you...you will be like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."*

*Hope of an agreement with the Haitian Methodist church that would allow water in a thirsty land, dashed in one brief irrelevant document, wakes me with the need for an immediate "plan B".*

*United Methodist presence is woefully inadequate to meet significant need for food, education or community development for the 50,000 citizens on South La Gonave. Staples of rice and beans are luxury items, virtually no children are being enrolled in many schools and pastors arrive with long lists of people starving and limited water even after "Fay".*

*Haitian Church hierarchy admits funds for hot lunches in remote areas will be redirected due to the expense and difficulty of transportation. They have no plan to use the drilling equipment other than income from leases, and in some schools, 4 months of last year's wages are still unpaid to teachers.*

*Support for us has been faithful and adequate to meet our needs. One donation was designated for teacher salary in a school, and a small amount designated for food for the poor. Four students have received scholarship money teams are scheduled for school construction.*

*We developed a plan to repair the well at Dent Griern and put a much needed well near the west end of La Gonave, That plan was based on the possibility of GBGM grant money available for a short period and a cooperative agreement between the EMH and Haiti Outreach.*

*The EMH contract denies "cooperation." Available money is insignificant to meet food needs and money given to the church for the school last year was not used appropriately. Isaiah 58:11 determines "plan B." To distribute designated funds simply for what food we can provide, then focus on what we can do to bring water to thirsty west La Gonave.*

*"The Lord will guide you..."*

*Shirley, early Aug 19, 2008, La Gonave*