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A Foundation Born to Aid Haiti



MICHEL JOBIN PICTURED ABOVE WITH
KAMI MANUFACTURERS.

In July of 2009 Michel Jobin was invited to speak at a Knights of Columbus social event in Orangeville Ontario. After his message, Michel, who has over 20 years of experience in aid to Haiti, was acclaimed and approached by members of the audience, willing to help in the founding of a charitable organization.

Since that day, a board of directors was formed, a constitution was drawn

up with the following mandate:

Promote the preservation of the environment by reducing the felling of trees.

Provide alternative sources of fuel for cooking in the North East of Haiti, and eventually beyond.

Create sustainable improvements in the quality of life of the Haitian population, especially women.

The initial idea Jobin had was to introduce kerosene stoves thus, hopefully replacing charcoal as cooking fuel. Charcoal is unhealthy, slow and irregular and increasingly expensive. With all these considerations, it

is the primary fuel used in the majority of homes. It greatly contributes to the deforestation of what was once known as the “**Pearl of the Antilles**”.

In the next five years, KAMI hopes to introduce three definite programs;

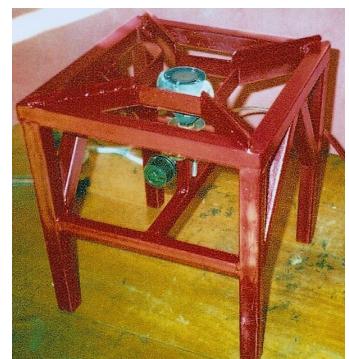
Locally manufactured kerosene/biodiesel stoves as a replacement for charcoal.

Provide environmental education to grade school students.

Increase *Jatropha culture to be transformed into biodiesel for use in oil lamps and kerosene stoves.

Jatropha, the Fuel of the Future:

**Jatropha is a tropical, non-comestible plant which produces nut-like seeds. These particular seeds have a very high oil content.*



THE KAMI STOVE

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The roots of KAMI

KAMI is derived from the founders names, KAthleen and MIchel Jobin, hence the name chosen.

The foundation hopes to make a very positive change in the lives of the people of Haiti. To do this, KAMI plans to

work through the “grass roots” of the population. That is why the foundation started in a small town, where ordinary people will benefit and participate actively in the proposed changes.

Several cooperatives,

women’s groups and schools have actively gotten involved with our mission and are now very motivated and excited participants.

Much more work is left to do, but this is only the beginning.

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My Last Mission Trip to Terrier-Rouge, Haiti

By Michel Jobin

In April of 2009, determined to introduce an alternative to the use of charcoal fuel, I returned to Terrier-Rouge; I brought with me the kerosene stove, which I imported from the Philippines. Terrier-Rouge, a quiet rural village in the N.E of Haiti, is located between Cap-Haitian and Fort-Liberte, where I lived on several occasions over the past 15 years.

Knowing that the kerosene stove would be very effective, I returned to Haiti in November 2009, after the formation of KAMI Foundation. The goal was to explore the feasibility of having local manufacturers, with whom I had worked in the past, build steel frames for stoves, which would be better suited for Haitian cooking. I also wanted to meet with target groups and individuals. This endeavor was to sensitize them to the problem of deforestation and the devastating environmental effects of charcoal. I planned to motivate and interest people in the use of kerosene stoves as an alterna-

tive and give basic formation on utilizing them safely.

The local interest in our project went far beyond my expectations. After briefing five manufacturers, they eagerly went to work, anxious to show me their first models of the stoves. Within a few days, they had built a total of ten different stove frames; all were different to each other, but all of them met with my proposed standards.

Along with my house staff and my long time and loyal assistant Jocelyn Latour, we prepared a formation session. Once word of our new technology circulated in the town, people of all sorts and talents visited my improvised premises, curious to see with their own eyes, this new technology.

We repeated hundreds of times the (*How to light the kerosene stove safely demonstration*). A total of 169 villagers, 59 of them women, took these 30 minute workshop/ discussions. All of the visitors showed great enthusiasm to this pressured kerosene stove.

They were amazed to discover that kerosene produces a similar blue flame to propane, when under pressure. They were especially impressed with the formidable heat that the stoves produce.

With one gallon of kerosene lasting for 22 hours of continuous heat, a litre of water boils in only 4.5 minutes. This is by far a better heat source than the more detrimental charcoal. As kerosene is available everywhere in the country, for its use for lamp oil, it is also much more economical than the very expensive charcoal. The people thanked KAMI Foundation for this wonderful initiative and expressed hopes that our efforts will grow soon and for many years to come.

Eight of the ten stoves built were left with families, who are expected to take part in an evaluation when I return in April 2010. I spoke with Jocelyn Latour who says that the stoves are working very well, people are pleased to cook indoors, as it has been raining for the past three weeks.

Jocelyn Latour the Right Hand Assistant

Pictured on the right with his family is Jocelyn Latour, Michel's assistant in Haiti. As Michel has stated, Jocelyn's invaluable help keeps procedures in action while Michel is away.

Along with helping to supervise the manufacturing of the KAMI stoves, Jocelyn also visits the families, who now use the stoves on a regular basis. These visits help the people by having any questions answered. Training is also provided where needed. A very important factor to the regular visits, is to report to Michel how the people are adapting to the new technology of being



able to cook without charcoal, along with comfortably preparing family meals indoors.

Jocelyn is pictured with his beautiful family, who are also involved with this project.

Pictures of a New Way of Life



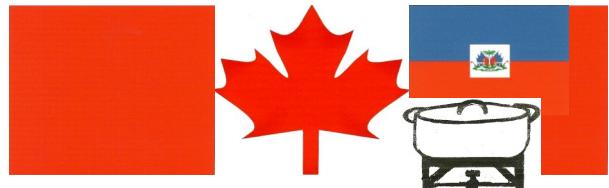
Picture here are family homemakers enjoying the comfort of being able to cook indoors. Cooking with charcoal is done completely outdoors, even in the rainy season.

To the right, a KAMI kerosene stove under construction.



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A NOTE TO SUM UP



KAMI's

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

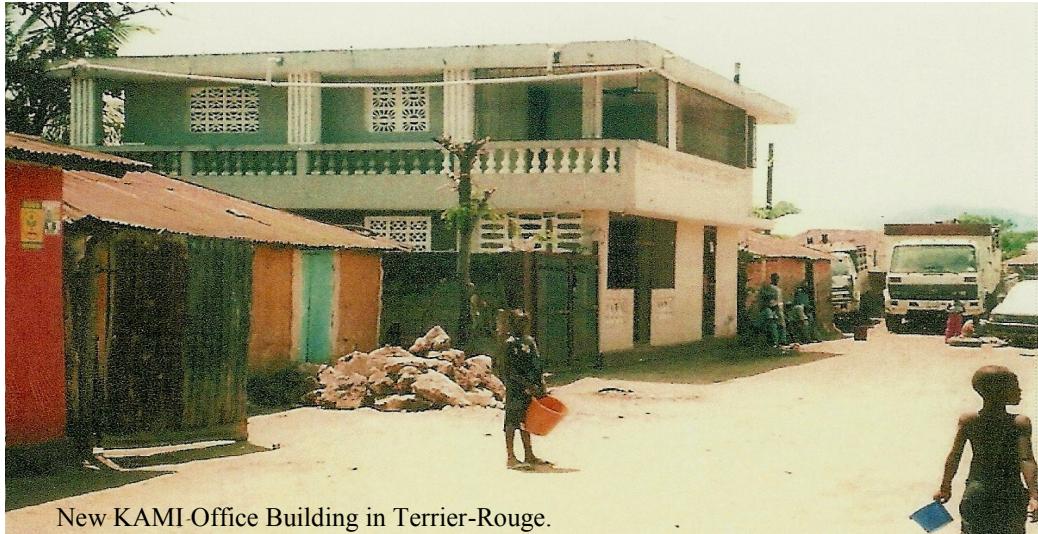
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*We Welcome and are Actively Seeking
Financial Contributions.*

KAMI is just getting started and is off to a remarkable beginning. Our application to become a Charitable Organization will soon be submitted to Canada Revenue Agency for approval.

At this time, we cannot provide official receipts for your donations, but we do have very ambitious plans to move forward. Our objective for 2010 is to manufacture 100 stoves and install them in many homes. We are providing a viable alternative to the destruction of trees, which are now nearly non existent in Haiti. Because of the stoves, daily life is changed for the better since meal preparation no longer takes the whole day.

If you can help us during this initial phase of our development, your donations would be most gratefully received. Please see the address below where you can mail your donations. Thank you very much, your help will benefit a hurting nation.



New KAMI-Office Building in Terrier-Rouge.

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The village of Terrier-Rouge is situated 40 kms from the northern border, between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Although a fair distance from the capital of Port-au-Prince, it is easy to get to from Puerto Plata D.R.

Terrier-Rouge will be the home of KAMI's National Office. Its new premises will soon include an office and accommodations for visitors.

Starting in the Fall of 2010,

KAMI will be in position to host some guests. The two story house named 'LAKAY KAMI' (the house of KAMI) will provide guests with a simple, but safe place to stay. The food will be prepared by our cook Nazou, who also takes care of the housekeeping. With Nazou, Jocelyn my assistant and Wislin helping our guests, their stay in Terrier-Rouge will be pleasant.

Different visits can be arranged for the inquisitive visitor, such as visits to the households where

our stoves are in use; we would also visit the facility where the stoves are manufactured, including schools and cooperatives.

This is an experience that we encourage you to contemplate. If you have special skills in the arts, sports, music or other areas, we could set up for you to lead workshops with local groups.

No special qualification is needed, just an ability to fraternize and share with others. Please contact Michel Jobin.

