

**Regarding obituaries:** Abbreviated listings of area deaths are provided as a free service by FAN staff. Those wishing to have a full obituary printed may submit the complete obituary and \$20. A photograph may be included with the obituary for an additional \$5.00. If you know of someone who has inadvertently been omitted, please tell us.

### Mr. Leland Branch

Mr. Leland Waite "Lee" Branch, 85, of Fruitport, passed away Monday, October 22, 2012. He was born August 21, 1927 in Muskegon to Leslie and Clara (Meuer) Branch. He married the former Delores May Cooper in 1951. She survives him.

Memorials: Covenant Community Church.

### Mr. Donald Burrous

Mr. Donald Burrous, age 76, died November 12, 2012. He was born February 2, 1936 to Sollie and Vera (Huff) Burrous. He attended Fruitport Schools. His wife, Janet, survives him.

Memorials: Ottawa County Salvation Army or Western Michigan Teen Challenge.

### Mr. Kevin Eldred

Mr. Kevin Eldred, of Fruitport, passed away Wednesday, October 3, 2012. His wife, Nancy, survives him.

### Mr. John E. Knoll

Mr. John E. Knoll, age 72, of Twin Lake, passed away Wednesday, October 3, 2012. He was born January 21, 1940 in Muskegon to John Edward and Evelyn Tressa (Robinson) Knoll and had been a teacher for Fruitport Community Schools.

Memorials: Calvary Church Mission Fund.

### Mr. Vincent D. 'Doug' Miller

Mr. Vincent D. "Doug" Miller, age 59, of Fruitport died Sunday, October 7, 2012. He was born July 19, 1953 in Grand Haven to Vincent and Charlene (Weaver) Miller. He was a Fruitport High School graduate.

Memorials: Vincent D. Miller Memorial Fund or the Arthritis Foundation.

### Mrs. Lois Olsen

Mrs. Lois Ione (Briggs) Olsen, age 78, of Muskegon, passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2012. She was born in Muskegon on December 2, 1933 to Fred and Vada Briggs. She married Richard Olsen in 1950. He preceded her in death.

Memorials: The Children's Miracle Network (DeVos Children's Hospital), Ronald McDonald House in Grand Rapids, or a local children's charity of your choice.

### Mr. Nathaniel Santos

Nathaniel Allen Santos, 18, passed away Sunday, November 18, 2012. He was born December 26, 1993 in Muskegon. He attended both Fruitport and Mona Shores High schools.

Memorials: Donations in the name of Julia Chapman to be distributed to local animal rescue programs.

### Mrs. Ardis Schmidt

Mrs. Ardis Schmidt, age 85, of Nunica, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2012. She was born December 11, 1926 in Muskegon to Arthur and Ada (Tyler) Johnson. Ardis married Edward Schmidt in 1946. He survives her.

Memorials: Building or Education Fund of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

### Mrs. Patsy Wier

Mrs. Patsy Lee Wier, age 77, of Fruitport, passed away Wednesday, October 24, 2012. She was born in Muskegon on August 5, 1935 to Marion and Mildred (Youker) Cook. She married Jack Wier in 1981. He preceded her in death.

Memorials: Fruitport Lions Club or Sanctuary at McAuley Activities Center.

### Mrs. Joy Ann Williams

Mrs. Joy Ann Williams, 81, of Norton Shores, passed away October 28, 2012. She was born to Sidney and Gladys Parketon on December 31, 1930. Her husband of 61 years, Lyle A. Williams, survives her. She was a member of Fruitport Congregational UCC Church.

Memorials: Harbor Hospice.

Those who need food, call  
**Love INC 777-3905**  
They will arrange for you to pick the  
food up at a local food pantry.

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## Progress in Haiti

By Tom Braak

(Submitted by Faith in Action International)

I am so excited about all that God is doing for and through us in Haiti. I've sensed for years that God had plans to change the way we reach people, but didn't know what form that would take. As our church leadership programs grow, it is starting to become clear this is the way. We began the program at the request of lay pastors in the mountains who desired theological training. We now have 120 people coming from 60 churches, and the only thing holding us back from accepting hundreds more is



the lack of a facility large enough to hold them and the funding to feed them.

Please consider sponsoring a church leader for a year of four seminars (\$120), or perhaps your church would sponsor a seminar (\$1,500). Plans are coming soon and will include a large conference hall for several hundred people to attend!

One hundred families are making relatively



large sums of money with their small vegetable gardens. The typical farmer outside our program earns an average \$200 a year. We have many families in our programs who are making over \$400 their first year having a small vegetable garden; some are making far more. These same gardens should be producing over \$600 each next year with the same plants! Peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and papaya are all perennial. Imagine if you could see your income rise 50 percent in one year!

We recently purchased six large male goats from the Dominican Republic and have given them out to communities in the mountains. One of these is a Nubian goat. When crossed with the local female goats, the female offspring can produce up to three times as much milk as compared to native breeds. The other five goats are Boer goats, known for their large amount of meat and great health.

We've dreamed for years of having a piece of land on which to experiment and demonstrate with different crops, raise animals to distribute (goats, chickens, turkeys), hold meetings, and house staff, both foreign and Haitian. We purchased the land a couple of years ago and have begun construction on the missionary home/guest house. When completed, we will be able to house up to 15 guests.



This is just the first building to be constructed at the FIAI Ministry Campus.

The ministry campus is critical for the sustainability and expansion of this ministry. It will cut costs over time (e.g. rent), provide a safe place for mission groups to stay, keep vehicles and equipment secure, and function as a living demonstration of healthy, sustainable agricultural practices that can be utilized throughout the region. This campus will become the heart of the ministry operations and the key to FIAI building toward the future. We will continue to build over the next few years.

Please help... You may donate by check payable to Faith In Action International, P.O. Box 171, Spring Lake, MI 49456 or online at [www.faiainactionint.org](http://www.faiainactionint.org). This is a non-denominational, non-profit organization. •

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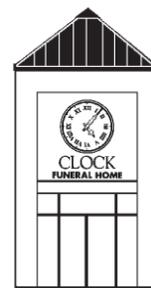
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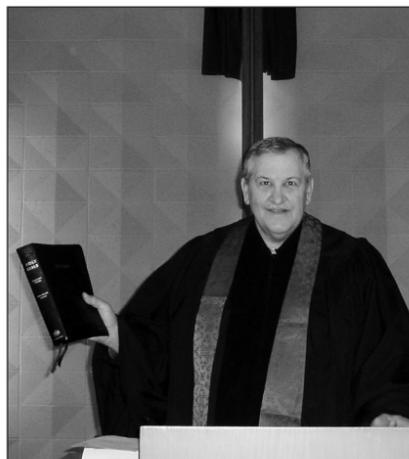
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When our new minister Mike Scott came, he brought the manual.

Our church service starts with traditional & praise music, and after a few songs, the youth go to their Sunday School. ~ Preschool through High School ~ Nursery Provided ~

