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Clean Water on Ile à Vache

This UV system was installed in July 2007 inside an orphanage on Ile à Vache, a small island 5.5 miles off the coast of Les Cayes. Founded over 20 years ago by a French nun named Sr. Flora Blanchette, the orphanage is home to orphans and abandoned children from the island and from the mainland. Being responsible for over 70 children, 20 of whom are severely handicapped, Sr. Flora was in desperate need of purified water.

Like many people on Ile à Vache, the children in her care were constantly suffering from intestinal problems caused by the contaminated local water sources. Attached to a 500-gallon cistern, the system is working incredibly well for the orphanage as well as for many community members, whom Sr. Flora provides with access to the purified water. Sr. Flora and two of her Haitian employees know how the system works and are adept at maintaining it and changing its filters regularly. In addition to installing the water system, Hope for Haiti has worked to provide Sr. Flora with needed medications and medical personnel as often as possible.



Top right: Hope for Haiti staff member, Clausel Jacques, performs a maintenance check on the water system. *Bottom:* Some of Sister's Flora's children during a visit from the University of Scranton's International Service Trip, June 2010.