

Laurens County June 8 Primaries

Republican Candidates

Governor

- Gresham Barrett
- Andre Bauer
- Nikki R. Haley
- Henry McMaster

State Treasurer

- Converse Chellis
- Curtis Loftis

State Superintendent of Education

- Gary L. Burgess
- Elizabeth Moffly
- Brent Nelsen
- Kelly Payne
- Glenn C. Price
- Mick Zais

U.S. House of Representatives District 3

- Richard Cash
- Neal Collins
- Jeff Duncan
- Joe Grumaud
- Rex Rice
- Frank Michael Vasovski

Lieutenant Governor

- Ken Ard
- Bill Connor
- Eleanor Kitzman
- Larry Richter

Attorney General

- Robert Bolchoz
- Leighton Lord
- Alan Wilson

Comptroller General

- Richard A. Eckstrom
- Mike Meilinger

U.S. Senate

- Jim DeMint
- Susan McDonald Gaddy

U.S. House of Representatives District 4

- Trey Gowdy
- Bob Inglis
- Christina Jeffrey
- Jim Lee
- David Thomas

Democratic Candidates

Governor

- Robert Ford
- Jim Rex
- Vincent A. Sheheen

U.S. Senate

- Alvin M. Greene
- Vic Rawl

State Superintendent of Education

- Frank Holleman
- Tom Thompson

U.S. House Office Representatives District 3

- Brian Ryan B. Doyle
- Jane Ballard Dyer

Advisory Questions Republican Party Primary

The following advisory questions will appear on the June 8, 2010, Republican Party Primary ballot. The questions are advisory in nature only and will have no direct effect on any State law or the S.C. Constitution.

Advisory Question 1

The healthcare reform bill recently signed into law by President Obama requires all American citizens to purchase health insurance or else to pay a fine to the federal government. The legislation also contains tax benefits and other inducements that apply only to certain states, benefits that were apparently designed to persuade those states' Senators or Representatives to vote for President Obama's healthcare reform Bill.

Therefore, be it resolved:

The South Carolina General Assembly should defend the freedom of all South Carolinians to make their own healthcare decisions by enacting legislation making it illegal to force the citizens of South Carolina to purchase health insurance or participate in a healthcare plan against their will, or to comply with any of the provisions or mandates of nationalized healthcare that do not apply equally to all states.

Do you agree with the resolution above?

- Yes
- No

Advisory Question 2

Growth of state spending should not exceed the growth of the economy.

Therefore, be it resolved:

The South Carolina General Assembly should enact legislation to limit state spending growth in South Carolina to a growth rate not to exceed the lesser of the annual percentage growth in income of the State's citizens, or the growth in population plus inflation.

Do you agree with the resolution above?

- Yes
- No

Students receive thanks from Haitian pastors

By Judith Brown
Staff Writer

With this week's visit by two Haitian pastors and school administrators, one from Haiti and another from the Dominican Republic, students from across Laurens County were able to hear first-hand some of the stories that riveted the nation in January when a massive earthquake devastated the capital city and surrounding area of Haiti.

It was especially meaningful, because these young people were among the many who had worked through schools and youth groups to raise money for at least one Haitian school badly damaged in the quake. Finally having an opportunity to meet some of the students, these ministers, who work for Mission Possible — an agency which helps fund schools run by nationals on the island of Hispaniola — were able to publicly thank some of those involved.

Among the fund-raising efforts was one at Laurens Middle School, which ran a campaign in February and raised about \$2,500. Laurens Academy did a one-day event and raised \$500, and the youth group of Hartness-Thornwell Presbyterian Church raised \$3,808.50 during the winter and spring. In addition, young men from the AMI Kids — formerly Piedmont Wilderness Institute — did yard work and similar jobs over several weeks and donated all the proceeds for the LaHatte school; and a girls' group at Bethany Presbyterian raised funds as well. LaHatte school is up in the mountains about an hour away from Port-a-Prince, and is yet to be repaired.

"I know you're here tonight because you love my country," pastor Herve Pierre of Haiti told the dozens of young people gathered at Harmony House in Clinton.



Photo by Judith Brown

TRIP OF THANKS — Moise Sam and Herve Pierre, Haitian and Dominican Republic school officials with Mission Possible, look on as fundraiser organizer Alexis Reese, with Jade Cade and Nicole Piper, present their "check" for the \$3,808.50 raised by the Hartness-Thornwell Presbyterian Youth Group. The men were in Clinton this week to give their thanks to students from Laurens Middle School, Laurens Academy and other organizations who raised funds to go toward the rebuilding of the LaHatte school damaged in the January earthquake. With the present rainy season, conditions in Haiti are still desperate.

Until the LaHatte school is repaired and safe for students, they have been meeting in a temporary shelter made by Pierre and others. About 200 students attend LaHatte. Pierre is the primary administrator over all the Mission Possible schools in Haiti, totaling about 3,000 students.

Pierre said most of the students and Mission Possible workers, all of whom are Haitian, lost loved ones in the quake, with had a death toll of more than 250,000.

"We all did," he said. "Because so many people live in Port-a Prince, and you have to go there for every document," so almost everyone in Haiti has family there. Pierre spent many weeks going down into the city to help move people out into the region up the coast where it would be safer, providing a camp for 110 people.

"It was, I tell you, a terrible time," Pierre said. "You see it on TV, but there (is) so much more." He said many Haitians

are turning away from voodoo because they see in such situations it has no power.

"Yes, we have lots of people die, but God is doing something."

Another pastor, Moise Sam, lives over the border in the town of Barahona in the Dominican Republic, and he oversees schools of Haitians and Haitian descent in schools there. Sam told stories as well, of a friend who was in the street at the time of the quake, and saw a mother make it as far as the door to push out her two children, just as the house collapsed on her.

"Those children looked back and saw the house fall on their mother," he said. "Thousands of stories like this happened that night on Jan. 12."

Sam said as soon as the badly-injured Haitians started coming into the hospitals in Barahona, teenage girls from his school began to go volunteer at the hospitals.

"People in Dominican Republic opened their hearts and homes and hospitals," Sam said. Patients were brought in any way possible, even in wheelbarrows.

The Mission Possible staff and students proved helpful, he said, because as Haitians, they speak Creole and Spanish, and could translate between the patients and the Spanish-speaking doctors of the Dominican Republic.

"I was so impressed by these girls," he said, "because these people were hurt so badly, it was hard for me to go there, and doctors would work so long and then have to go rest because ... children losing arms and legs, it is a very hard thing."

He saw the sacrifice of the American students and other supporters who have responded, however, as an inspiration.

"Because of your help and example, your impact is so great," Sam told those gathered. "People want to follow your example."

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Superintendent of Education:
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U.S. Senate:
Jim DeMint

Treasurer:
Curtis Loftis

Comptroller General:
Mike Meilinger

U.S. Representative District 3:
Jeff Duncan/Richard Cash (top picks)

U.S. Representative District 4:
Jim Lee

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Self Medical Group Welcomes Internal Medicine • Laurens

Self Medical Group welcomes Kurt R. Budelmann, M.D., and Internal Medicine • Laurens, formerly Laurens County Medical Associates, to its network of care. Dr. Budelmann is a board certified internal medicine physician who specializes in primary healthcare for adults. He also treats dermatological disorders in teenagers and adults. Dr. Budelmann has an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering from Johns Hopkins University and a medical degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center at the Syracuse College of Medicine. He completed a residency at the State University of New York Health Science Center at the Syracuse Department of Internal Medicine. He has practiced in the Laurens area for 13 years. The group will practice in the current location at 600 Plaza Circle in Clinton, and the phone number will remain the same, (864) 833-0055. The practice is affiliated with Self Medical Group, the not-for-profit physician division of Self Regional Healthcare.

Kurt R. Budelmann

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