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## Small comforts in a HARD WORLD

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### South Shore group's efforts provide housing, work to Haitian village's desperately poor

FOND DES BLANCS, Haiti

Inside the small, concrete house, magazine clippings that hang from the wall double as decorations, and a floral tablecloth adds a burst of color to a drab room.

A dusty kerosene lamp that provides a flicker of light once the sun disappears sits on a table. Here, as in nearly all houses in rural Haiti, there is no electricity.

To most Americans, such living conditions are unimaginable. To Celaine Ennaude and her family, they are far better than anything that could have been expected.

Ennaude, who has 10 children and has buried two husbands, used to live in a mud hut that tilted to one side after years of abuse from rain and wind. A thatch roof provided so little

protection during storms that she and her children would sleep underneath beds, rather than on them, trying to keep dry.

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A Story of Hope, Charity and Faith

The charity of a South Shore organization helped pull Ennaude from that poverty. Two years ago, the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation paid to build the three-room house where she now lives.

"It's a new life for us," Ennaude said in Creole as she stood on the small front porch of the house late last month. She was surrounded by a gaggle of children, and a proud, subtle smile washes over a face etched with creases.

"Before, we were kind of miserable and now we have a good life," she said.

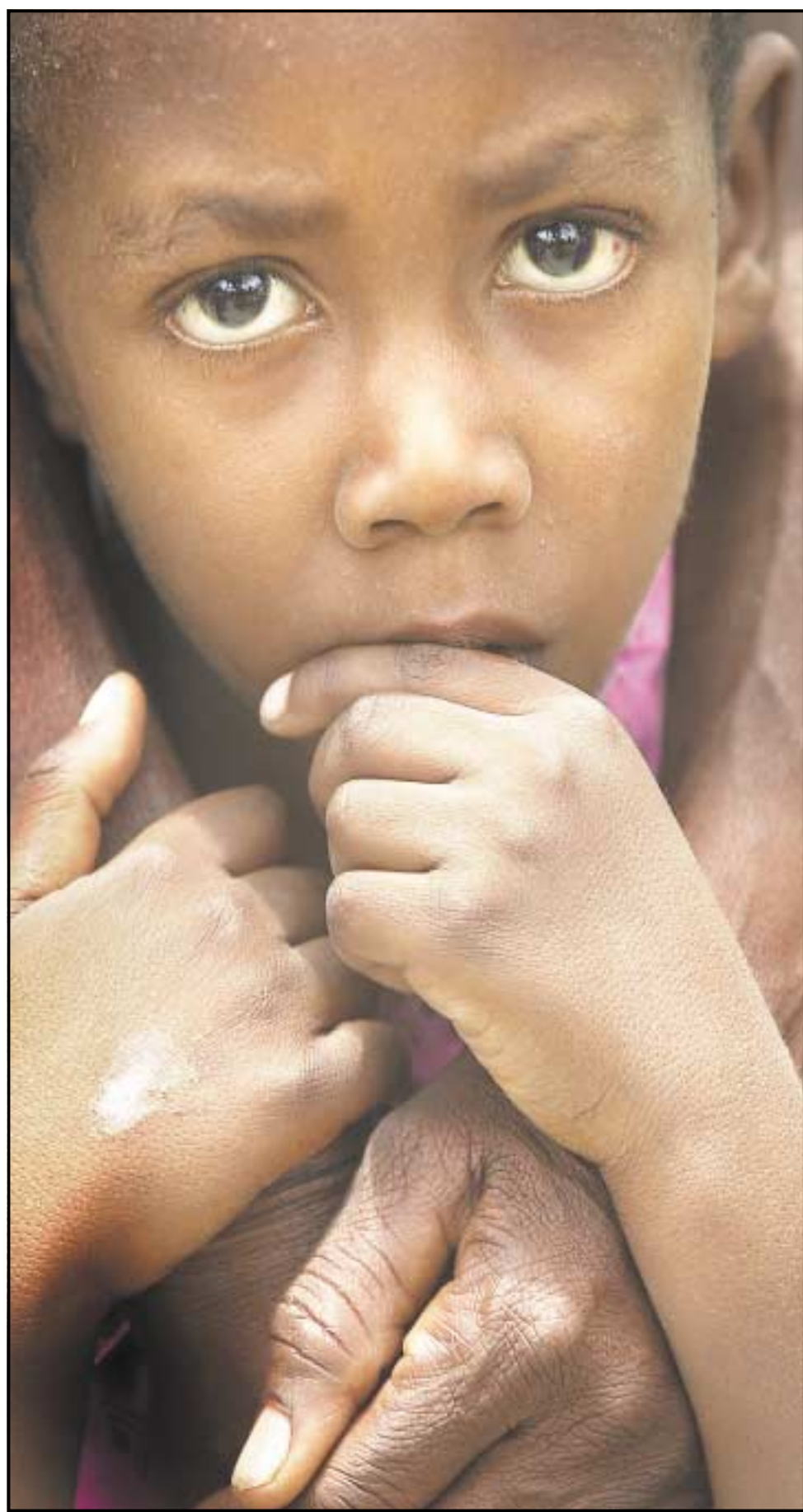
The St. Boniface Haiti Foundation has relied on the support of families from the South Shore and beyond for 20 years to bring humanitarian aid to Fond des Blancs, a rural region in southwestern Haiti.

The organization, begun by parishioners of a Quincy church and now operating from the Randolph home of one of its founders, initially focused on medical care.

But as volunteers spent more and more time in Fond des Blancs, they were introduced to families living in crumbling huts that provided no protection against rain, heat and animals that wander the rough terrain. The organization found itself branching out and trying to meet another basic need: shelter.

Since June 2001, when the Ennaude family's home was finished, the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation has built 13 other houses for Fond des Blancs residents. More are in the planning stages.

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■ Bernard Ennaude, above, one of 10 children, is embraced by his twice-widowed mother, Celaine Ennaude. The family lived in a mud hut with a thatch roof, like the one shown at left, until the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, a South Shore organization, built them a new house.

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## South Shore is bracing for storm's wrath

### Harbormasters, boat owners scramble to prepare for the powerful hurricane

By TAMARA RACE and JESSICA VAN SACK  
The Patriot Ledger

South Shore boaters and fishermen are bracing for Hurricane Isabel, which is expected to hit the East Coast later this week.

"This is a big one," Plymouth lobsterman Stoney Holmes said yesterday.

Harbormasters are urging people to get boats out of the water, but Holmes said he would wait until Wednesday to remove his boat.

"I can't pull the boat out and miss a bunch of days of fishing. If it's a direct hit, I'll pull it out of the water. If we only get 68 mph winds, I'll ride it out on my mooring."

Hurricane Isabel weakened slightly early today but still packed powerful Category 4 winds as it swept across the Atlantic Ocean on a course aimed at the mid-Atlantic coast.

Models showed the storm weakening during the next four days but hitting the East Coast with 130 mph winds late Wednesday into early Thursday. The storm is predicted to strike somewhere between North Carolina and New Jersey, said Krissy Williams, a meteorologist with the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The storm was centered about 820 miles south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., and about 525 miles east of Nassau in the Bahamas early today. Isabel was moving west-northwest at about 10 mph.

Patriot Ledger meteorologist Rob Gilman said to

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### Be prepared

■ Have an emergency supply kit with portable radio, flashlights, extra batteries, canned goods, manual can opener, bottled water, extra prescription medicine and first aid kit

■ Make temporary plywood covers to protect windows and sliding doors and secure with screws

■ During a power failure, open refrigerator as little as possible

■ Exercise caution when going outside to inspect for damage after a storm

Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

## Pope's fight with illness inspires parish priests

By CHIRAG RABARI  
The Patriot Ledger

Pope John Paul II's latest pilgrimage has raised more questions about his health and ability to travel, but it is also bringing renewed respect and admiration for the 83-year-old pontiff from Catholic leaders on the South Shore.

"He's a very courageous and dedicated individual, and he's doing as much as he can with God's help," said the Rev. Richard Curran of St. Mary of the Sacred Heart in Hanover. "He's an inspiration to us all."

John Paul II, who suffers from Parkinson's disease and arthritis, appeared ill during this past weekend's four-day pilgrimage to Slovakia. He was unable to

complete his arrival remarks when he landed Thursday in Slovakia, the first time in 102 foreign trips such a problem had occurred.

He also was unable to complete his homily during a service honoring two clerics persecuted by the former communist government and was seen struggling to catch his breath before departing for Rome.

The pope now uses lifts to get on and off planes and sits in a throne-like chair on wheels that allows him to celebrate Mass while seated. One of the last times he was seen standing in public was

in June, when he rose from his chair with great difficulty to greet visiting Secretary

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## To avoid spreading Earth germs, Galileo will crash into Jupiter

By ANDREW BRIDGES  
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA plans to crash its \$1.5 billion Galileo spacecraft into Jupiter next weekend to make sure it does not accidentally contaminate the planet's ice-covered moon Europa with bacteria from Earth.

After Galileo's orbit carries it behind Jupiter at 3:49 p.m. next Sunday, the aging probe will plunge into the planet's stormy atmosphere at a speed of nearly 108,000 mph. Its suicide dive comes at the end of

its 35th orbit of the planet — far longer than the 11 orbits the spacecraft originally was planned to complete.

The heat generated as it streaks through the atmosphere will vaporize the nearly 3,000-pound spacecraft and the untold millions of microbial stowaways lurking since its 1989 launch.

The crash will ensure that Galileo does not hit Europa and spill bacteria onto the ice that caps its enormous oceans.

Europa, a planet-sized moon, is widely

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