



Mission-Haiti Newsletter

Love Jesus, Love Others, Make Disciples

November 2010

It's School Time!

Due to the earthquake, the president postponed school until October 11th. The kids are more than ready to head back. We have a record number in our program this year. Last year we had 690 enrolled. This year we have 1056 enrolled. We have spent the summer building classrooms and hiring more teachers for this Fall. We are still in need of many more classrooms and will continue to build as the funds come in so we can keep a good ratio between teacher and student.



We have 426 students on a waiting list to go to school. When the kids ask if they have a sponsor, it is so difficult to tell them "not yet" so please pass the word that for \$75 a year, you can send an elementary student to school and for \$150 a year, you can send a student to high school.

To improve communication between the sponsor and child, we have been blessed with a volunteer who is willing to translate all letters and now have a camera designated just for taking photos of the children receiving the gift from their sponsor. Many times in the past, a team member will take the photo and unfortunately the picture never gets sent back to the sponsor. For this we are very sorry and hope to improve on that.

The Orphanage

In a perfect world, the 2 new orphanages would be completed November 1st. First the neighbors on 2 sides of the property would not agree on where the property line was. When that was finally hashed out the rainy season came a month early. We are now in rainy season but I am praying that November is a great month for building. The kids are excited to have a new home and many of them are looking forward to having the opportunity to plant their own garden. I can already see competition growing. The boys are praying we can buy more land soon so they can be in charge of animals. Maybe we will have to start our own 4-H Club at the orphanage! We currently have 7 boys and 4 girls in the orphanage and 7 kids placed in homes waiting for the orphanages to be completed. If you are interested in sponsoring an orphan for \$50 a month, please contact us.

Special Needs

Our main focus is to bring the Good News to the people in Haiti but in a country where life is so difficult, it is hard to ignore the fact that they have very tangible needs also. I wanted to list a few needs that are heavy on my heart and if you or a group of you would like to take it on as a project, it would be a seed well planted.



1. I am friends with a lady that has a 12 year old daughter and a 3 year old son. Unfortunately she suffers from severe malnutrition and is easily taken advantage of. They have been homeless since I have known them. We currently have them living in a tent but I would like

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to build her a simple 1 room rock house with a tin roof and cement floor. We estimate this will cost us \$950.

2. I have a single gentleman that has been living homeless for 3 years now but also working hard to make mats out of grass, saving every penny to build himself a 1 room house. He has it to the point he can live in it but if he doesn't put cement on the outside of the walls, the rainy seasons will destroy all his hard work. Team members can help him do the work but we need approximately \$500 to buy the materials for the walls and \$188 to improve the roof.



3. This is the 3rd year we have partnered with a Haitian man to have a High School in Ti-Riviere. The closest High School is a couple villages away so the parents must either have their kids walk a couple hours to school or find homes for them to stay in the villages that have High Schools. (This has proven to be a disaster.) Having our own High School opens a lot of opportunities for ministry. Because of it being local, our missionaries and team members can teach Bible studies, life skills, and English to them weekly. The budget for the High School this year is \$7662.50. We were able to raise \$3,500 from Child Sponsorship but will obviously not be able to pay the teachers through the entire year. I think very highly of this man and his dedication to the vision God has given him. One day we hope to have Ti-Riviere self-sufficient but it is not going to come before we open their eyes to the truth that God has a plan for them. Giving them this message in school everyday will get them thinking outside of tradition.

4. I have many more dreams, visions and goals but I'll share those with you another time! We serve a big God so we might as well think big!

PLEASE NOTE:



IN ORDER TO SAVE POSTAGE, INK AND PAPER, BEGINNING IN 2011 SEPARATE RECEIPTS FOR EACH DONATION WILL NOT BE MAILED TO YOU. AN ANNUAL DETAILED RECEIPT WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Christmas is coming and I need help finding presents for 18 orphans. Here is my plan. Listed below are the names and ages of the kids. I need kids here in the states willing to go through their toy box to donate one of their toys to one of these children. Please do this soon as they will be taken to Haiti December 1st.

Girls:

- Francia-16
- Rose-10
- Lovely-10
- Lucy-9
- Manise-8
- Santia-7
- Mylove-21 months

Boys:

- Jamky-11
- Mikerson-11
- Jean-10
- Dolky-9
- Schinaider-8
- Demson-8
- Roody-8
- Nesli-4
- Anderson-3
- Wolfe-3
- Kenlove-2



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www.mission-haiti.org

Many Hands Make Light Work

We are so excited to have Cory Grimm, his wife Lynn, and their 3 children, Kester, Elizabeth, and Alexandria move to Haiti. They arrived on November 9th-even their dog got its flying papers! It is an answer to prayer as we have seen the need for more daily Bible teachings in the village. Children, youth and adults of all ages are asking to learn more. I think, "What a window of opportunity, let's take it!"

In my opinion, the medical situation in Haiti is as minimal as it was the first day I visited almost 16 years ago. Knowing that was not my gift, I didn't venture too far down that road but we are excited to have a team of volunteers very committed to providing excellent health care to the Haitians. Dr. Annette Bosworth and PA Susan Pfeifer will be working with an amazing team of RNs, and OTs while Sue Houck works full time at the clinic in Ti-Riviere. Not only will they be providing medical clinics but will also start classes November 2nd to educate the people on the causes and cures for many of their ailments. Instead of hosting mother classes 3-4 times a year, starting in January Sue Houck will be providing monthly classes.

One of our goals for 2010 and 2011 is to make our schools in Haiti a place that

graduates top notch students. This year Mission-Haiti was blessed with 2 outstanding volunteers, Kathy Lloyd and Colleen Logan. They started by visiting Haiti and hosting teacher workshops to see how the staff would respond to a new way of teaching. It encouraged them and they returned to the states ready to put hours into creating the best schools possible. All the way from the design of the building to the curriculum taught. Thank you to everybody who has been working so hard to gather or make educational toys for the schools and to Robyn Waterbury who has been giving up all her free time to writing and publishing books for the kids in Haiti.



(Pictured above is the Grimm family)

The Grimms and Susan are going as volunteers. Although they will be living very primitive, they will still need funds to cover items such as food, gas, airline tickets, school books and God-willing internet. (Internet connection is always a challenge in Ti-Riviere.) We also have several volunteers that are committed to spending a lot of hours both here in the states and also in Haiti. If you would like to show your support for them, they would really appreciate it. You can either donate online or mail in a check. If giving online, please send an email after donating so I know who the gift is intended for. If sending a check, please include a note specifying who it is for.

Upcoming Trips

Our trips are booked full through next summer but if you or your group is feeling God calling you to Haiti next Fall, please contact us.





CURRENT NEEDS:

Food

Canned chicken, ham or spam
Instant oatmeal packets
Powder milk
Jelly

Marriage items

Black or white suits
Wedding dresses
White button up long sleeve men's shirts
Wedding bands or rings

Other items

Life Jackets for kids ages 6-16 years of age
Hand drums
Laundry detergent
Liquid dish soap
Bike tubes, tires, chains
Children Vitamins
Children's Tennis shoes sizes 1-5

Artist to paint sheets for classroom dividers. We have the sheets, just need the artist. (Example shown below)



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