



Mission Haiti Newsletter

Love Jesus, Love Others, Make Disciples

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May School Picture Trip

Prayer Partners Needed

Last month 3 men (Eli Logan, Cory Grimm, Peter Jenkins) started the task of gathering information on each family that lives in Ti-Rivier and the surrounding villages. The mountains are full of paths so with a GPS they started visiting each house. This information will be used for several purposes: give all children the opportunity to go to school, ensure that those being treated medically are completing their prescriptions, and most important, that every house will have heard the Gospel. If you would like to be a Mission Haiti Prayer Partner, please contact Peggy (palmond@knology.net) or Laurie (slschumer@invisimax.com)



Check on the progress of our new and improved website at www.mission-haiti.org



Once a year, we take on the task of taking a photo of every child that has a sponsor and many photos of kids that hope to have a sponsor soon. This year, we were blessed to have John Gadbois spend a week in Haiti taking countless hours of pictures of the children. Team members not involved in the picture process were busy making bunk

beds. In one week, we were able to complete 7 bunk beds.

It has been less than a year since we started 2 young men with their own fishing business. We were very excited as it was both providing



crabs for the orphanage and money for the young men to help pay their way through school. Our first bump in the road happened in February when we lost almost all of our crab cages to 7 days of windy weather. The cages were already in the water and it was too dangerous to go out and get them. We replenished our cages and

started again. Last month we lost over half of our cages to 2 men who have started their own fishing business in the village. Word has it they have cut the ropes on our cages sending them to the bottom of the ocean. Unfortunately we do not have photos of them doing it so nothing can be done to stop them. Our 2 young men are very discouraged from their losses but enjoyed taking John, Matt and Sam Gadbois out on the water to help them empty the crab nets. On the way to the airport, we made one last stop at an orphanage in Port-au-Prince. It is hard to see so many babies and toddlers just sitting in a bed; in fact, it is one of the most difficult things I do in Haiti but I find comfort knowing that for this one day, that baby was held, sang to and told of God's promises for his/her life.



Welcome! Welcome!



We are very excited to welcome Fern Haan to the orphanage. With 8 kids now in the house, there is never a dull moment. Her many years as a nurse in South Dakota is definitely coming in handy. Although the kids keep her busy, she also volunteers at a clinic in Haiti.

Jasmine, our daughter, has moved to Haiti to work in the orphanage. She is engaged to Reuben, the gentleman that heads up our children's ministry. They make a great team and we are excited to have Reuben as our son-in-law. Mike and I are excited about

the thought of grandkids but we are not sure we are ready to be called grand__ and grand__ yet.



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Partnering with LifeLight Communications

Josh and Rachele Brewer, mission coordinators for LifeLight led a team to Ti-Rivier to share the Good News and to speak on the subject of Purity among the youth. One evening we shared with the girls the importance of dressing modestly. I was wishing we had clothes to distribute but we didn't. I was so touched when without asking, the team members said they would give their clothes to them. We invited all the girls

to go home and ask God if their clothes pleased Him. If they did not, they could return them the following evening and exchange them for clothes we had. Sure enough several of them showed up and traded their clothes in for modest ones. One of the girls ran home and came back later saying, "They all fit and they are beautiful!" The guys also made the children a swing set.

Nesly, our 2 year old, is almost permanently glued to it.

On another note, LifeLight puts on an annual Music Festival that you don't want to miss...and it's free! For more information, check out www.lifelight.org.



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Taking the gospel under a mango tree...

The same day YWAM flew home, Pastor Jeremiah Johnson, his wife Rachel, their 2 daughters and 6 others flew in. Maybe you are thinking, "This is crazy, how many teams does it take to spread the Gospel?" The truth is, God still needs more. The people in Ti-Rivier are hungry to know about Jesus and the Bible. They have questions but nobody to give them answers. Pretend you have no

radio,

no books, no movies, no Bible, no youth group, no church clothes and no friends that can clue you in. It leaves you hungry. Sylvio, a kid from our youth group was taking what he learned and sharing it with the young men that lived near his house. They got so excited they showed up at church but the Pastor wouldn't let them in because they didn't have church clothes. (You must have slacks, button up shirt

and dress shoes to enter church.) They asked Sylvio if the team would visit them and pray for them. I can remember the 30 minute walk to where they were gathered under a mango tree. It was the team's last day and we were exhausted. I think we all would have agreed to turn back



if given the choice. That changed when we started talking to the young men and seeing how hungry they were. They said, "How can we learn about Jesus so we can

put it into practice?" Jeremiah listened to them, answered their questions and shared how they could

become a follower of Jesus. You didn't have to ask them twice, they were ready before we arrived. We left them with our word that we would return in August and sit with them under their tree, worship together, and continue talking about Jesus. To that, they replied, "then we are going to make this place beautiful."

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Partnering with YWAM Minnesota

If you have never heard of YWAM, it is Youth With A Mission. (www.ywam-mn.org) Part of their ministry is training up people to know what God's purpose is for their life. They also take youth on mission trips to several places in the world. We were blessed to have them lead a youth group from Washington to Ti-Rivier. After morning devotions, our days were filled with house visits, playing with the orphans, building a

sand box and sharing Bible lessons thru skits, puppets, & crafts in the schools and by the water. We had youth group every evening. Our last evening together, the American youth group washed the feet of the Haitian youth group, and prayed a blessing over them. A night I won't soon forget. It is not always easy to humble yourself and be the servant but when we

do, God moves both on the servant and the one who is surprised at being served.



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Andi's Journey

On the latest trip, we were able to assist a Haitian youth named Andi Gedna to come to the states to have surgery on his foot. Andi had a kerosene lamp fall on his bed when he was a toddler. The accident left his leg burned and his foot deformed. He is in the states now getting the medical attention he needs.

Please pray for Andi during this time as well as the doctors as some extremely important medical decisions are being made that will affect the way he walks.