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Haiti Missions—Up-dates

Greetings to everyone!! I am writing to share a few up-dates on several areas of ministry in Haiti.

Haiti continues to struggle with the on-going food crisis and rising costs of supplies and gasoline. We thank everyone who has made sacrifices to help us to continue to feed so many people, help with clothing and supplies, provide housing for the homeless and orphans, provide education and also distribute goats to people to help them become more self-sufficient. Below are a few photos again of how desperate Haiti really is and people receiving goats and supplies in our surrounding villages.



Above are Photos of Goats Being Given in our Villages



Above are Photos of Clothing, Food and Supplies Being Distributed

Dry food, clothing and other necessary items are distributed through our 5 churches, during village outreach, through the schools and our Nepley Clinic programs.

We appreciate your help which enables us to reach out to help thousands of people.

The Nepley Homeless Shelter is now completed and painted. This project was a big one and at one time seemed impossible but it was a great need in order to be able to look after the

people properly and provide shelter and a place for them to eat. The people we house and feed there are so happy to have bedrooms and a place to call "home." Many others come and go as they face times of crisis and even need temporary help. This facility is always busy and full of people. As fast as food is prepared it is eaten by people in need.



During the construction of this project from start to end we were able to provide jobs for over 200 Haitian people who worked in some way on this building. With all of our projects we try our best to provide as many jobs as possible to the people of Haiti so they can have some type of income. On the top floor there is a large dining room and kitchen plus bedrooms and 2 washrooms. On the bottom floor are more bedrooms plus the Nepley Clinic and 2 washrooms.

Below is a little girl who was brought to the shelter 2 weeks ago who needed immediate help. Her name is Renete and her father abandoned her and her mother was electrocuted a few weeks ago while hanging out laundry on the power lines that she thought were turned off. Renete watched her mother die and we are currently taking on the responsibility for this little orphan girls needs.



Another large capital project we have been working on is almost completed and soon ready for use. For years we have not had a proper orphanage facility but last year God provided the funds we needed to give our orphaned children in the Santo area a new home. The work has moved along well and in the Santo area has also provided employment for many families during construction.

We are anticipating that by August all of our children will be able to move into this beautiful home which will be a permanent place for them until they are at the age where they can support themselves and build a life of their own.

Below are photos of the new Santo Orphanage



In the Rum Village we have also purchased a piece of land. The People in this village are extremely poor and have no water at all. By August we are planning to have a well drilled on the land. Of the 200 people who live right in this village, 115 are now saved and have left their voodoo beliefs. Our tiny temporary block church there only holds about 70 people so there is no room for everyone to attend services. Having purchased the land there, our future goals for the Rum Village area include building a church to seat 200 people and begin to provide education to some with hopes of one day opening a school for the children and the illiterate.

Below are Photos of the Land We Bought



Mardoche and Stania both grew up in the Nepley Homeless Shelter because their parents had no possible way to care for them. We looked after their needs from the time they were young and gave them an education. Mardoche and Stania are both leaders in the church and a few years ago they became best friends and eventually decided they wanted to marry each other.

In April we helped them have a wedding and set them up in a one room house to begin their lives together and Mardoche was blessed with a way to begin a small business for a source of income. This month Stania will begin a 3 year Nursing School Program. God has taken these 2 young people who started at the bottom, were homeless and had nothing and he has turned their lives around and now they both have a bright future full of hope.



Above is a Photo of Stania in her School Uniform, the Hospital where she will take her Training and a Photo of her and Mardoche together.

Mardoche and Stania are only one success story, however the list goes on. We can't always write about each one because there are so many.

Even though Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, we have proof that we can take people from a level of poverty and give them a future. It takes prayer, hard work, patience and finances but it is possible. These success stories happen because of people like you---who choose to make sacrifices in your own life to bless someone else.

The needs in Haiti are endless, and as soon as we change one person's life, there is another one waiting in line for help. Haiti is a very overwhelming place to do mission programs because of the great need, but when we see lives changed like the example I've given of Mardoche and Stania, it keeps us so encouraged and it makes us want to reach out even more! All of our 5 churches in Haiti are filled to capacity. There is no seating room left because people are coming to know Christ from the love and Compassion they receive through the mission work we are doing.

God's Kingdom is being built, people are leaving their voodoo beliefs and coming to know Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. Every week our Haitian Pastors send reports of more people accepting Christ including children in our 2 schools.

That's the heart of Haiti Missions.....reaching people for Christ by demonstrating "Compassion and not just saying we care, but showing we really do!" We do our very best to try to help every person who comes to us in need. It's not always easy, but when we do our part, God does the rest!!

Thank-you for joining hands with us and being part of our team to help share God's Love in Haiti and change lives!

Please keep us in prayer that God will continue to do miracles and we will see even greater breakthroughs.

There aren't enough words to express the thankfulness we feel in our hearts towards each and every one of you for your prayers and financial support and the encouragement you give through your words in cards, letters, e-mails and phone conversations!

Next to God, "You are the gas in our tank that keeps us going!"

Have a wonderful day and I pray God's richest blessings on your life!

Love and prayers,

Joy Jones (Madame Jwa)

