

The Haiti Effect

What impact will a missions venture to Haiti have on a person's life? When reflecting on his experiences in Haiti, one traveler responded with the following words:

When you see the Most High God respond to the rich faith of a fatherless Haitian child, one realizes that He is closer and stronger than you had first presumed.

As you observe profound Haitian generosity among starvation, a neighbor sharing food they don't have to spare, one understands that the world is much more beautiful and much more broken than first expected.

Just like the cross of Christ, so much light and darkness dwelling together in such close proximity. Experiencing these contrasts compels you toward a deeper, more vibrant faith.

If you were used to having your daily "quiet time" with Christ, Haiti will surely ruin that. Before, during and after a trip your quiet time will no longer be quiet at all for God's voice will pour all over you; directing you to seek justice, defend the cause of the oppressed and walk humbly with Him.

When you experience the brutal economic disparity on this small island, the pursuit of green pieces of paper with pictures of ancient presidents becomes even more glaringly

meaningless. Your desire for personal comfort begins to dissipate like a fog in the morning sun. The Spirit of God invites you into the joy of exploring how open handed you can be.

After a trip to Haiti, you find yourself hungrier and thirstier than ever for justice and righteousness, for the very will of God to be done on earth (not just in Heaven). God opens your ears to hear the cry of the oppressed. And when the Creator opens your ears to this lament, your journey will never remain status quo or predictable.

After learning faith lessons from Haiti, you can easily find yourself returning to the island for more. To all who have ears to hear: Haiti will awaken your spirit to the pulsing, unquenchable beat of the advancing Kingdom of God. You will never again be the same.

We never know what impact a missions encounter in Haiti will have on someone's life.

But God does, ... He has great plans ... and it's for His glory and our good!

Will you consider a visit to Haiti?

Stan Wiebe, Director of HHH

Hours on planes and enduring the infamously pot-holed Route 1 from Port-au-Prince to Gonaives had taken its toll. At last, we arrived at the childrens' home in Poteau.

We were eager to experience Haiti but also ready for sleep. However, an innocent mistake, a faucet left open, had inundated the concrete guest room floor. Our soggy shoes slogged toward the bed that we had been anxiously awaiting. A hallway light faintly illuminated the task ahead.

Lack of tools caused us to discover our hands, our God given hands. Black hands, white hands, together scooping up water. Black and white hands filling tin buckets. Bucket after bucket was filled and poured out over the parched Haitian soil.

The children who helped us flashed bright smiles in our direction. The forgotten faucet had opened the doors to rich, new friendships. Our common task had bridged any economic, racial or language barrier that stood between us.

Soon the floor was dry, but now the room was flooded with God's presence. We took off our shoes and sandals because we were ready to sleep, but also because we knew we were standing on holy ground.

*Aaron and Angie Van Heest, Michigan
July 2007*



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Giving Thanks!

- Our **three primary schools** opened on September 10th with an enrollment of over 700 students.
- The teachers of the Tarasse school opened the **1st year of secondary school** in their community, donating a lot of their time to make this possible.
- Our children's home has 23 youth in **secondary school** and two young men in **university**.
- We are assisting an additional 18 youth with their **monthly tuition** to attend secondary school.
- The **vocational school officially opened** on October 8th. Due to the good enrollment, we will be offering mechanics and electrical classes twice a day. Other trades are being delayed at the present time.
- In September, an **electrical work team** from Indiana completed the wiring of the vocational school. Pastor Bob Cannon also taught

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donations can be given to:**

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Celebrate Christmas with Haiti

*... by "giving" one of the following gifts!**

Creole Bible @ \$8/each

Song Book or Creole New Testament @ \$3/each

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Small, hand-built church/school benches
@ \$50/each

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** A Christmas card can be sent to acknowledge any
gift given in honor or in memory of a loved one.*

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Biblical life skills to the older youth of the home which was greatly appreciated.

- **Pastor Jean Francois Vivil** is presently visiting Raleigh and will spend time with his extended family in Miami before returning to Haiti later this month.

Please Pray For ...

- **Donations** to fund our various educational programs.
- Our **students** to be able to study well this school year.

- Our **churches** as they continue to share of Christ's love.

Upcoming Events

- A group of fourteen from **Christ Covenant Church** in Raleigh will be in Haiti November 8-13th with the focus of a Pastors/Leaders conference, children's programs and building church/school benches.
- HHH plans to take a group to Haiti in January if there is enough interest. Please let me know if this is of interest to you.