

Seeing the Fruit of Love

Hesitation gripped me as I prepared to meet with the three young men who were soon to graduate. After 11.5 years, they would leave the children's home (Centre de Formation et de Nutrition des Enfants) - a place where they have been nurtured and disciplined in a safe and secure environment.

How could we send them out into this difficult world of hardship in Haiti?

The young men were eager to meet, so we began with a word of prayer. Next, I shared with them how proud I was of

them, of their maturity and the evidence of Christ in their lives. Though it was hard to see them leave, they would always be a part of our family and I would continue praying for them.

They then took turns speaking, each sharing



CFNE Gradutes Flaubert, David and Duquene

HHH MISSION STATEMENT

In obedience to the words of Christ to love our neighbor as ourselves, we partner with Haitians in the area of Gonaives, Haiti giving care to children and families in need.

Together, we offer opportunities to develop physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually into mature Christian adults who can provide for themselves and their impoverished nation.

We serve on the principal that the best way to love our neighbors in Haiti is to support them as they serve one another. This partnership encourages mutual spiritual growth as we share and learn together.

with very grateful hearts that they understood and truly sensed this was their time to venture out on their own, making space for other young boys to come in who needed assistance.

I was overwhelmed with joy at seeing what God had done in each

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A Remembrance AND A Prayer FOR HAITI

The evening silence was broken by the sound of distant drums and chanting of voodoo worshippers in the nearby areas. These satanic rituals continued through the night and into the morning as the sun began to rise above the peaks and valleys surrounding the boys' compound of the children's home where we were staying.

As was the custom in the morning, the boys arose near sunrise for their daily devotions. This particular morning I was already awake and standing outside waiting for the sun to break in the distant horizon as I heard them gathering below. With the drums and chanting still filling the stillness of the early dawn, I heard the boys sing in Creole, "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

Their voices overwhelmed the

sound of the voodoo worshippers as the sun rose and brought ever increasing light to the surrounding hills around us. By the time the boys finished their song of praise, the drums and chanting had ceased. The light of day had dispersed the darkness of the night.

What a great spiritual analogy of the Son of God overcoming the spiritual darkness in the world. Praise the Father that the kingdom of the Son has brought deliverance from the kingdom of Satan.

Some of the children that were singing had been brought to the children's home because their voodoo parents could not keep them or had to abandon them to wander the streets to fend for themselves. Now these precious

souls are learning the Scriptures and singing of the One whose blood can cleanse from all sin, and the One who breaks the bondage of the devil, who holds all men captive to do his will.

Pray that the God of grace will be merciful and open the hearts of these children (and their families) just as He opened Lydia's heart to hear the message of the gospel.

My mind is drawn to 2 Cor 4:6 - "For God, who said 'Light shall shine out of darkness' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

*Jack Holmes, Rocky Mount, NC
~ Christ Covenant Church Mission Team, July 2008*

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A Haiti Herald, August 2008

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of their young lives and their desire to follow Him.

In a letter of appreciation from graduate David Valrin, he writes,.

“At this moment, I cannot tell you how I feel. I have a joy that overflows in my heart and a sadness that I’m leaving the home. I say thank you for all that has been done

for me. With all the years I’ve been at the home, it has become like a mother to me, I have received a lot of training, it has changed my life and made me strong.”

We are so grateful that God allows us to touch the lives of so many youth in Haiti. We expect more young boys to move into the home this month, and, with each one, we

have the opportunity to radically impact their lives.

As worded in our mission statement, we are called to partner with leaders in Haiti in loving our neighbors as ourselves. Clearly, the labors of love expressed by our friends in Haiti and America are continually bearing fruit to the glory of God. Thank you for your partnership in this endeavor!

Stan Wiebe, HHH Stateside Office

Giving Thanks!

- Thanks to a generous Raleigh foundation, we have been offered a **\$5,000 matching grant** for new money we receive. This is a great opportunity to have your donation matched - either as a new or regular donor giving above your regular amount.

received the gift of a lifetime. Flaubert’s father attended the service and **committed to follow Christ** as well! Praise be to God for His gift of Faith!

- In addition to his graduation from CFNE, David celebrates his **graduation from highschool** - a major accomplishment in Haiti.

He hopes to study education and to start a school someday. (A sponsor for his college tuition is needed.)

- The Wiebe family has been blessed to host the lovely

Darlene Nadieul from Haiti for the past month. She has truly been a blessing in our home and in her assistance with the Haiti ministry. Many thanks to her family for sharing her with us. (Please pray for her as she seeks God’s direction for her college education in the US.)



- In mid-July, a team from Christ Covenant Church in Raleigh, NC assisted with **Summer Bible Camp, Pastors/Leaders conference** and a **youth rally**. It was a blessing for all involved.
- One of our CFNE Graduates



Lt: Children at Tarasse Bible camp
Rt: Grace Halverson with new friends

Please Pray For ...

- Additional **funds to assist the local churches** as they distribute rice to the hungry. Five distributions have been a blessing and we have funds for two more.
- The **teachers’ conference** to be held the last week of August. Pray that the teachers will be encouraged to share the gospel and disciple the many students they will teach this coming year. School begins September 2nd.

Upcoming Events

- September 8th - 7:30 PM **Monthly Prayer Meeting** held at the Wiebes. *Please join us!!*
- September 2008 - **Jean Pere Nadieul** plans to visit the U.S.
- October 2008 - An **Indiana group** plans to renovate the girls’ home bathrooms.
- Fall 2008 - An HHH team will share in the **vocational school dedication**, planned for Oct. 11th.

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