

Encouraging One Another

God is doing an amazing work in and among our partners in Haiti as they faithfully minister to the children and families in the schools, churches and children's home.

For this reason, I count it a joy to lead groups of supporters and friends on a "mission adventure" to Haiti. Once there, I can introduce them to our wonderful children and staff. As well, the team members share through love, talents and availability – all of which are a blessing to their new Haitian friends and their fellow team members.

In December, a group from Indiana renovated the bathrooms at the girls' home. As well, optometrist Dr. Stacey Pruitt tested the eyes of nearly 500 patients in five rural communities where HHH serves. Both tasks were greatly



appreciated and the travelers were blessed, too.

In January, a group from my church, (Christ Covenant in Raleigh, NC), led a pastor's conference, a youth drama and rally, presented a science/discipleship class at the secondary schools, distributed the prescribed eye glasses and did a room makeover at the girls' home.



Our goal as a ministry is to partner, share and assist our Haitian friends in such a way that their daily ministry efforts are more effective. One of our participants described it well in the post-trip review that they

submitted upon their return.

"The very best part of that project was how the kids slowly went from watching us work to taking over our jobs – leaving us to watch them work. It appeared to bring them and us greater joy to see them complete the work and enjoy a job well done."

I truly believe it brings God glory as we work and minister together. And it certainly encourages us at Hearts and Hands for Haiti!

So, through whatever avenue you are called (prayer, sponsorship, acts of service, encouragement, in-kind donations, etc.), your partnership with HHH and our brothers and sisters in Haiti is an encouragement. Thank you and may God be praised!

Stan Wiebe, HHH Office

I'm the One Doing the Ministering ... Right?

What an exciting opportunity I had been given, to go to Haiti and serve the Lord in various ways! We would be sharing testimonies, doing some practical work projects that were needed, share our faith with the Haitians and a host of other activities...I could hardly wait.

Funny how things sometimes go differently than we plan.

After a long and exhausting day of travel, we finally arrived at the children's home. I was beyond exhausted. We got off of the bus and were immediately greeted by a crowd of children singing and welcoming us with hugs. We quickly sat down to our first Haitian meal and then were taken to our rooms for the night.

Suddenly, my heart started beating very fast; out of nowhere, I could feel all of the awful sensations that I had learned to fear and dread. I was having a panic attack. I have dealt with panic attacks every now and then. But of all places, I didn't want to have one in Haiti. I prayed, "Lord, please don't let me have one here."

A panic attack is a strange thing—you're gripped in fear for no *real* reason at all. It feels like you are falling into a pit that you can't get out of. I was officially in the pit. I woke up the next morning afraid to even walk out of my room.

But God had something very special in mind for me: a twelve year old boy named Mois was waiting outside my

door. When I emerged, he attached himself to me. We had never met before and yet suddenly we were arm in arm. I didn't know one word of Creole or French, but Mois didn't seem to mind and just kept smiling at me. I couldn't help but smile back. (Little did he know I was shaking in my boots).



I happened to have a picture book in my hand of English and Creole words. Mois started looking at it and then began to

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*Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up, ... 1 Thess. 5:11*

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I'm the One ... *(Continued from front)*

teach me Creole as we looked at each picture. He giggled at my pronunciations and patiently repeated certain words over and over and *over*. The more I concentrated on the words he was teaching me, the less and less the

fear had a grip on me. In fact, I suddenly realized the fear had completely let go. I was fine. "Oh dear Lord, thank you for sending me this precious boy," I prayed.

The next number of days Mois would be by my side, holding my

hand, smiling at me and singing—he loved to sing to me. I came to Haiti to minister to these kids, however, God had hand picked Mois to minister to me. Funny, that wasn't how I planned the trip to go.....

*Recent Mission Trip Participant
with HHH*

Giving Thanks!

- The **rebuilding of homes** (lost as a result of the devastating hurricanes of September 2008) has begun! The youth of our children's home enjoyed assisting in the construction of a house for an elderly lady during their Christmas break from school. We have also purchased nearly 3 acres on a dry hillside in Sous Raille where we plan to build up to 15 houses.
- Funding has been provided whereby we can increase our **school nutritional program**.
- Cherismond and Cherlyne Delva's **little girl** Shesderlie safely arrived (via c-section) on January 13.



- With the help of many generous financial donors HHH exceeded their 2008 **annual budget**.
- The two recent groups that went to Haiti brought great **joy and blessings**.

Please Pray For ...

- Wisdom for the **Vocational School leadership team** as they discern how to assist the students who are having difficulty paying tuition due to the hurricane losses.
- Upcoming **community crusades** hosted by our churches this Spring.

- Our many **students** in school – that they will excel in their learning and receive the spiritual truths that are taught.
- New **leadership classes** that are beginning in our primary schools and church youth groups.
- Continued wisdom, discernment and strength for our **leaders in Haiti** as they faithfully minister.
- Favor with the filing process as HHH establishes a **charitable trust** in Canada.

Upcoming Events

- March 2, 2009 – 7:30 PM **Monthly prayer meeting** held at the Wiebes. Please join us the 1st Monday night of each month.
- Early April 2009 – A small team plans to travel to Haiti to record video footage of HHH ministries.
- Mid July 2009 – A Summer Youth Team plans to assist with a Youth Leadership Camp



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