

Telling Stories, Reflecting the Soul

The camera is a funny thing.

To some the lens is a friend, a constant companion. To some a foe, a thief of the soul.

On March 31, a small camera crew traveled from Raleigh, NC to Haiti. Our crew, Dawnn Breynae, Brenda Herb, Stan Wiebe and myself, was on a mission to help reveal, not steal, the soul of the Haitians in partnership with HHH. Eight days later it seemed we'd gained so much more.

As the sun set over Gonaives Tuesday evening, we settled into our quarters at the Boy's Home. Bone-tired from a long trip from Port-au-Prince we had a late dinner and put our equipment in order for the days ahead. Main camera. Backup camera. Fresh batteries. Backup batteries. Lights. Microphones. Scripts. Outlines. Notes. Schedules. Lists, lists, and more lists.

We rose early each day. With the chickens, as it were, and just about every other animal imaginable. C'est l'Haiti.

The week passed quickly. Repeatedly selecting locations, translating instructions into Creole, adjusting lights and microphones, and praying. Lots of praying. Praying that dust, our ever-present enemy, wouldn't bring our equipment to a grinding halt. Praying that the Jeep wouldn't stall out ... again. Praying that the camera would indeed reveal the soul.

It was hard work. Who knew taking pictures demanded so much? But it was fulfilling work (made lighter

As we interviewed teens, all of whom started as small children at the Children's Training & Nutrition

Center (CFNE), we heard that a few of them will be leaving this summer to start a life for themselves. They have plans to gain a trade or go to college - dreams they would never have had without the help of HHH. "I'm so proud of [the



thanks to lots of preparation ... thank you, Dawnn and Brenda).

We were capturing words and images that had never been

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Haitian friends' words and actions.

recorded before. For the future. For HHH. For Haiti. That felt good.

And along the way, we were blessed by our

teens]," Stan shared. "They're doing so well. I'm impressed by their maturity, as well as their dedication and love for the Lord." The teens' success is an answer to years of countless prayers of supporters.

As we filmed the story of Faika, a young rural school girl at the primary school of Tarasse, we continued to be blessed. We followed beautiful Faika from the floor she slept on, down the busy road to school, and through a full day of learning and playing with friends in an open-air classroom. This third grader's story, as Dawnn put it, gives us "a sense of hope that Americans are helping girls like Faika have this opportunity."

For all of us, seeing the faith and strength of our Haitian family was amazing. It was difficult to remain detached as we attended to the demands of filming. Their unpracticed words moved our little film crew - at times to tears. From the other side of the camera, they spoke on surviving hurricanes, surviving poverty, even on coming from generations of voodoo. They spoke from their hearts. Prayerfully, their souls shine through on film, as well.

Linda Hargrove, Greensboro, NC



As we captured footage of an elderly couple (new homeowners due to hurricane relief efforts), we were blessed by their prayers for us and experienced faith shining through adversity.

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Coming Soon! ...
**A DVD featuring
HHH Ministries**

Your prayers for the production are appreciated.

A Haiti Herald, April 2009

Giving Thanks!

- The spring **revivals** at our churches have been an encouragement to the believers!
- At the **community crusade** in Poteau, many people made a commitment to follow the Lord.
- What a **joy and blessing** the recent video trip to Haiti was! While there, we were able to attend a **baptism** where five of the eight participants were youth from CFNE (the Children's Training & Nutrition Center).
- Vegetables from the **new garden** at CFNE are a blessing - thanks to assistance from members of the Argentinian UN forces.
- **House construction** as a result of the devastating hurricanes of September 2008 is ongoing. Many families in different communities are very grateful for the assistance they are receiving.



Baptism of Josena Leon

- We are grateful for **partnership** between **Habitat for Humanity** and our vocational school in the training of their tradesmen.
- We are thanking God for an answer to prayer for **HHH office assistance!** What a blessing it is to have Arlene Griffis helping to organize our sponsorship program!



Catching the daily flag raising on video



New garden at the children's home (CFNE)

Please Pray For ...

- The **successful completion** of our videos from the good footage that was taken in Haiti.
- **Wisdom** in knowing how to proceed with **house construction** at Sous Raille. The land we had 'purchased' is now in legal dispute with the seller.
- That our **students** will **excel** in their learning and receive the spiritual truths that are taught.

- The **planning** of our summer camps.
- Our new **leadership class** 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

- May 4, 2009 – 7:30 PM **Monthly prayer meeting** held at the Wiebes.
- June 2009 – **Jean Pere Nadioul** from Haiti plans to visit NC.
- June 2009 – Anticipated release of an **HHH ministry video**.
- Mid-July 2009 – Youth & adult group from Christ Covenant Church in Raleigh will assist with **several camps** in Haiti.

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