

Sharing the Blessing of Books

Looking at the many children surrounding me, you would think I was handing out candy. But no, I am asking a student to read a French version of the book, Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss. It was amazing to see how interested the other students were to see and hear the story.

On previous visits to Haiti, I was always struck by the absence of books for the children to read. I have always loved to read, and have taught reading in the

public schools for years. I know how important it is for children to learn to read and to have the opportunity to be transported to other places through books.



Combining my passion for reading with the need for these children to have books in their native French language, I proposed to Hearts and Hands for Haiti (HHH) the idea of a 'roving library' for our three schools. Starting with a donation of \$1,500, we used one-third of the money and purchased 108 books, written in the French, from

Scholastic Books of Canada, who generously gave us a 50% discount! The books were divided by topics and grade levels into three plastic tubs to be shared by the three schools on a rotating basis.

On my recent visit to Haiti, I asked the directors of the schools how they liked the 'library', which was

started on a trial basis. The response was an enthusiastic; "The books are wonderful and yes, please send us more!" They reported that the non-fiction books were helpful with the students' exams. HHH has just ordered more books with the remaining money to send to our Haitian schools before the new school year begins.

We would love to continue to buy books written in French for our HHH schools. To continue to build the roving library, we need your help. We need funds, of course, but could also use suggestions of sources from which to purchase books in French. We prefer to choose the books ourselves, with input from our Haitian teachers.

Please join us in creating HHH libraries so that children may learn to read, be transported and transformed. To help, please contact me at brendaherb@mindspring.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Brenda Herb, HHH Board Member

Thank You, Lord!

As we shot video footage in April of the work of HHH in Haiti, I was so encouraged to hear story after story of how God has blessed over the years. The teens from our children's home (CFNE) made me especially proud and grateful.

Over 12 years ago, we took in 30 young boys and it has been over 10 years since we took in 20 young girls. Now, these children are nearly grown and many have left the home – most of them maturing young adults, eager to succeed and share of Christ's love.

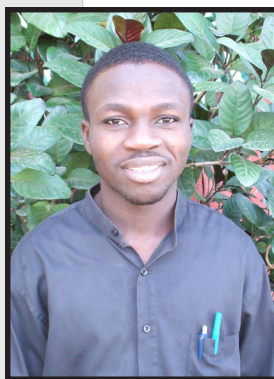
We at HHH say thanks to so many of you who have faithfully prayed and supported these youth, assisting them to be where they are today. Please join us as we thank God for what He has done!

Stan Wiebe, HHH Director

Interview with Lynton Huguens Joseph, Resident Youth living at the Centre de Formation et Nutrition des Enfants

At the time when we came to CFNE, we were children that did not know anything and could not take care of ourselves. Now we have youth that are attending university, finishing high school. This home was started to form a new generation, help children that were abandoned, those that were on the streets, those that did not have any hope. And today they can be a model and we have a reason to celebrate for the work that is happening here.

Special thanks to the three men who established this place, as they have worked very hard in our lives to help us be where we are today, and for our supporters. Today we are able to talk well, can speak well in front of groups of people and it is because of the grace of God that has led you down this path. CFNE is doing work that is spiritual, social and also cultural in the lives of these children. Tomorrow, we will be able to go out and share with other children of what we



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*We give thanks to You, O God, ... For Your name is near;
Men declare Your wondrous works. Psalm 75:1 (NASB)*

A Haiti Herald, June 2009

Giving Thanks!

- **Home construction** (as a result of the devastating hurricanes of September 2008) is ongoing!
- Despite the troubled economy, we are grateful for **financial provision** for HHH ministries.
- The **08-09 school year** is ending well inspite of a late start last fall!

Please Pray For ...

- Our **students to excel** in their learning as they finish their year-end exams.



Current Ministry Requests

FUNDS for Summer Bible Camp - Donations will be used to provide **lunch for the campers**.

WEDDING DRESSES & RINGS - Donated items will assist adults of the Tarasse Community Church wanting to be married.

UNIVERSITY SPONSORS - We are grateful for the sponsors of three students who are studying medicine, computer engineering and education. Feguens, Valmy and Fonsner are expected to enroll in university this fall and will need sponsors as well.

Please contact Stan Wiebe if you would like to assist with any of these endeavors.

- The **successful completion of HHH dvds** from footage recorded during April's Haiti trip.
- **Summer camps** planned by HHH community churches.
- **Wisdom and discernment** in knowing how to proceed with creating or finding jobs for graduating CFNE youth.

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have learned - able to evangelize and train others socially. We will have the knowledge to train a new generation if we go and form a new institution like this in the future.

... also with our faith, this has been very important. I am someone who loves God a lot. Before we came here, we did not know who God was. Since we have come to CFNE, we have had a lot of teaching and opportunities to learn about God. With God, this generation can change. We older youth are working in the church to help it work well, all for the glory of God. It's not that we are doing this on our own strength. It is God working thru us. We want to continue walking as God would desire and asks us to.

We are happy to be the people we are today. We will continue to be faithful in all that we do to receive the grace of God. I would like to study diplomacy and advance to work not only for the improvement of this country but also for the Kingdom of God. This has given me an opportunity to talk a little about myself, about CFNE and what God is doing and I thank you for that.

- Lynton Huguens Joseph

Upcoming Events

- July 6, 2009 - 7:30 PM **Monthly prayer meeting** at Wiebe's home.
- Mid July 2009 - A youth & adult group from Christ Covenant Church in Raleigh will assist with **summer camps** in Haiti and host a pastors/leaders conference.

- August 2009 - **Jean Pere Nadiuel** of Haiti plans to visit NC and IN.
- November 2009 - **HHH trip** to Haiti planned.



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