

Joyous Thanksgiving!

Thankfulness may not be the first word you think of when Haiti crosses your mind. Having endured one disaster or crisis year after year, 2010 saw Haiti hit with a devastating earthquake and the recent cholera outbreak. Yet, in the midst of the pain, thanksgiving can be heard.

Mme. Marie Caride is one of the many grateful earthquake survivors. She so appreciates how the body of Christ has shared of their resources with those in need.

Mme. Marie Caride lost everything in Port-au-Prince as their house crumbled, killing her husband and their 2-year-old child he was holding in his arms. Marie traveled to Gonaives with her five surviving children. There a relative allowed them to live in a little mud hut, however, due to the very leaky tin roof, they had to drape a tarp inside. The four teenagers enrolled in the government school.

After local HHH leader, Pastor Olius,

heard that one of his neighbors was living in a very small mud structure with her five children, it didn't take long for him and his wife to visit this family, hear their story and try to encourage them. And when the local HHH leaders identified several earthquake families who owned land in the area and were suitable recipients of a new home, Mme Marie Caride was among them.



(Her deceased elderly mother had left a small lot in town for her and her two sisters.)

Mme. Marie Caride was the second

So far, earthquake relief efforts include:

- Nutritious meals, toiletries and paid prescriptions provided for survivors in the hospital
- Funds forwarded to a ministry in Port-au-Prince
- Partial scholarships given to 81 young adults to improve their masonry, carpentry and plumbing skills, allowing them to find better employment when returning to Port-au-Prince.
- Four youth (who lost parents) entered the children's home
- Homes rented for 60+ families who relocated back to our area
- Many students assisted with re-entering school
- Two new homes constructed for relocating survivors owning land in the area.

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From: Mme Marie Caride & children

Today is a moment I will never forget to tell our great Creator thank-you for all He has done in our lives. Dear brothers and sisters in the name of our Savior, we greet you. We ask that God throw many blessings on you for the work that you have done. Where we are at, with God we are not too bad.

The reason for writing this letter is because of the great work you did for us. A work that we had never hoped for. When we came, we did not have a place to sleep. Someone gave us a place to sleep but also gave us many hardships. We are very happy for the great work you realized in my life. We ask that God continue to bless you. We also say a big thank-you to the committee who are doing this big work.

With a heart that is full of joy, I am writing this letter to say thank-you. Thanks to all and may God continue to bless you all in general. Thank you.

recipient of a new cinder block home built through HHH. Each day, seven to eight volunteers from our Poteau and Sous-Raille churches eagerly assisted. Both the construction and carpentry boss donated most of their time as well. Mme Marie Caride and her teenagers worked hard every day serving breakfast, carrying water and block at the construction site. Food was provided daily for the volunteers. Within a week, this family was living in their new home.

What a joy to see the body of Christ at work. Generous donors from outside Haiti eagerly shared of their financial resources. Our church family in Haiti faithfully ministered to the needs of the victims and volunteered in constructing new homes. (And a New York ladies group is providing funds for Mme. Marie Caride to restart the commerce business she lost in the earthquake.) What great reasons to give thanks!

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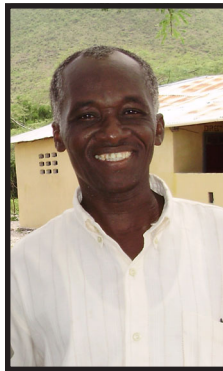
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Giving Thanks!

- Three HHH leaders from Haiti, **Pere, Jean Francois and Cherismond** visited the US in Nov. to share of what God was doing thru their ministries in Haiti! We are very grateful for the new sponsors received during this time.
- The **final two homes** are being constructed this month at **Sous Raile** where the devastating hurricanes hit in 2008. This makes 15 new homes that have been built in this community alone.
- The **faithfulness of the local Haitian church** is a blessing to so many as they continue to minister and encourage the relocated families of the earthquake.
- Praise God for His **faithful provision** thru the faithful support of so many friends who help fund the programs of HHH. It is a joy to partner together!

Please Pray For ...

- **Pastor Jeremiah's** continued healing from a bad motorcycle accident. We are very grateful that his life was spared and that he was able to receive medical attention. So far, we have received financial commitments



from HHH friends for half of his \$4,000 medical bills (including three children from NY, ages 6, 8 & 10, who are

forgoing their Christmas gifts so these funds can assist Pastor Jeremiah's medical expenses). What an amazing blessing.

- the **political situation in Haiti** as many are discontent with the elections that were held on November 28th.



More Giving Options!

HHH is now able to receive publicly traded stock and other non-cash gifts through our ministry fund at The Christian Foundation of the Triangle (www.christianfoundationtriangle.org).

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- our many **school students and families** as they celebrate our Savior's birth this Christmas.
- God's love, comfort and strength to be experienced by **the people of Haiti** as they continue to recover from the earthquake, cholera outbreak and political instability.

Upcoming Events

- 1st Monday of each month - **Prayer meeting** for Haiti at 7:30 PM at the Wiebes' Please join us!
- January 2011 - Two mission teams **travel to Haiti** to serve and encourage HHH friends.

Celebrating Christ at Christmas

Christmas is a special time of celebrating our Savior's birth and sharing it with others!

I recall last December as Pastor Jeremiah called me from our desert school at Pacot the day before the Christmas break. It was hard to talk as there was so much excitement and singing in the background.

Families and students had gathered to celebrate Christ's birth. What a great opportunity the students had to share the real Christmas story with their family and friends, many of whom do not know the Prince of Peace.

As we partner together, we are a part of sharing the Good News with our students and their families in Haiti! May Christ again be honored during this special season of celebration. ~ Stan Wiebe



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