

Finding the True Riches

January 18, 2011
*twelve women
 from eight
 different
 churches in Raleigh, NC
 boarded American Airlines -
 destination Gonaives, Haiti.*

This mission team formed as these women heard Jesus invitation to their hearts to “Come. Come and See. Come and see Me among My people in Haiti!”

Leaving behind hair dryers, makeup, cell phones, blackberries, emails; overcoming fears of cholera and malaria; letting go of anxieties of potential political unrest — the team stepped on board, hearts filled with trust in God and expectancy for their spiritual journey with Him.

Each member was given a small prayer journal with a photo of a heart on an exterior wall of a Haitian hut. Transposed on top were these



words “What the eye has not seen, does not move the heart!”

The following quotes from Susanne Berger show how hearts were truly moved and transformed.

When Helen asked me to pray and consider going to Haiti, my first question was — “What are we going to do?” The answer was simply, “We’re going to see Jesus - to experience the risen Christ in Haiti!”

“Well, yeah, that’s nice,” I thought “but what do I tell my family and friends that I am going to Do in Haiti,” for a familiar, persistent inner voice was nagging. “To be worthwhile, you must be productive; get lots done!”

As our feet hit the ground and the days unfolded, I saw Jesus everywhere! I was soon to understand the reality that I was here to Be, to learn what real joy, faith, love, trust, commitment, service, hospitality, prayer and praise is from my Haitian brothers and sisters.

Jesus was present in the joyful, sincere worship in the dirt-floor, USAID tarped walls of Dolan church. Jesus was ministering to us through the Haitian women who rose early to cook



delicious meals for us with few modern conveniences. Jesus loved us through the children at the HHH home who delighted to spend time with us. Jesus spoke through the vulnerable testimony of a Haitian principal who shared of the tragic death of his firstborn and his choice to trust God and serve Him even in tragedy. Jesus touched our hearts through the grateful smiles of teachers as we listened to joyful songs of their students. Jesus was in the sick, abandoned babies we held at Mother Teresa’s Home for Children “for as you’ve done it unto the least of these, you’ve done it unto me.”

Once I released my compulsion to Do, and allowed myself space to Be, I learned so much. This amazing trip, after all, was certainly not about me, nor even about Haiti; rather it was about Jesus, who calls us daily to “come and see Him.” — in Haiti and right here in our home town as well.

Susanne Berger is a nurse. She and her husband serve at Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry. This was her 1st mission experience.

Helen Johnson ~ Raleigh, NC

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James 2:5 (NASB)

Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the *poor of this world* to be *rich in faith* and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

A Haiti Herald, February 2011

Giving Thanks!

- Twenty-nine students have officially graduated after completing the 3-year program of automobile mechanics and electricity at the HHH Poteau vocational school.
- Pastor Jeremiah is slowly improving from his serious motorcycle accident in October.
- All our 1000+ primary students are enjoying a nutritious meal every school day.
- The two January teams to Haiti were blessed and a blessing, as



they shared Christ's love, the gift of presence and Biblical training and encouragement!

Please Pray For ...

- the effectiveness of the ministry leaders, pastors, school teachers and home staff as they train the next generation for Christ.
- the run-off elections that are scheduled for March 20th and that the new government would work as a team to lead and assist their country.



Upcoming Events

- 1st Mon. of each month - **Prayer meeting** for Haiti at 7:30 PM at the Wiebes'. Please join us!
- July 2011 – Pastors and leaders training sessions, as well as youth camps are planned.

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