

## Remembering the Power of Prayer

**L**ast month, the Lord gave me a reminder of how blessed I am to have people pray for the HHH ministry, my family and me.

With my mother in failing health, I made the choice to quickly go home to Canada and spend time with her. (This was just a couple days before my trip to Haiti with our church's youth group.) I arrived at her bedside that Friday evening, much to her surprise. My most vivid memory of our two wonderful days together is her sharing of how she prays for each one in our family every morning and evening.

As a child, I remember opening her bedroom door during her quiet devotional times and seeing her on her knees praying. I was in my twenties when, thru tears, Mom and Dad gave me their blessing to go serve in Haiti. During my time there, they prayed for me on a regular basis. I even got credit for Mom's successful weight loss program as she was so concerned for me (in spite of never hearing the many stories of my 'adventures').

Where would I be today if I had not had the prayers of my faithful parents? I am so blessed!

During our last few days in Haiti this summer, we took most of the youth who had graduated (at age 20) from the CFNE children's home on a beach retreat. This was a happy and relaxing reunion and I had the pleasure of sitting back and watching their joy as they interacted with each other.

Life has been very difficult for most

of these young adults since they left the comfortable and loving home environment of CFNE and moved back with a parent or relative. Most shared how it was a struggle spiritually as they received no encouragement from those in their present homes.

I was reminded of what my mother had just shared of her faithful prayers for me. I challenged our 'kids' to seek counsel and encouragement from the home leaders and pastors as they struggle with their life's circumstances. I

shared that I was challenged to be more faithful in praying for them, just as my mother still prays for me.

I am excited to have a NEW volunteer who is willing to communicate more

consistently the prayer needs of our ministry.

### Would you join us in praying for the youth and ministries of HHH?

- Let us know if you want to be added to an **e-mail prayer list**

to receive periodic prayer requests and praises.

- Notify us if you would like **more details** regarding a particular ministry prayer need mentioned.
- **Note to sponsors:** If you have not received an occasional e-mail from HHH, we probably do not have your email address. Please send it to us.
- For those living in the Raleigh area, we encourage you to **come pray with us** at our house – 2013 Midwood Drive – the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday night of each month at 7:30 PM.

As Jesus instructed his disciples, let us "always pray and not give up." (Luke 18)

*Stan Wiebe*  
State-side Director

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*  
*James 5:16b*



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LET US  
KNOW!

A Haiti Herald, August 2011

### Giving Thanks!

- Christ Covenant Church took a team to Haiti in July for a week of growth and encouragement with Haitian brothers/sisters-in-Christ! Senior pastor Tom Mercer led a **church leaders and pastors conference** for 4 days. Others partnered with Haitian leaders to present a **5-day camp for youth** from seven HHH churches. The week ended with a **beach retreat for 17 of the CFNE graduates**. Thanks be to God, many seeds were sown and watered!
- It was exciting to watch **Haitian youth leaders** plan and execute an expanded 5-day summer camp. A soccer tournament and Bible quiz contests were new additions enjoyed with great enthusiasm. We are encouraged to see how the camps have progressed over the past few years as they have taken over the leadership.
- Our **Stop Hunger Now container of food** arrived safely in Haiti. Stored in our school depots, it will provide daily nutritious meals in the new school year.
- Our **earthquake relief efforts** successfully ended with the building of five one-room houses for relocated families this summer. The committee in Haiti chose to build one-room houses in such a manner that the families could add a second room in the future. This allowed them to assist more families with the remaining funds.



- We have been blessed with a large collection of used **French children's books** from a school library in Manitoba. Thanks, Larissa Friesen and friends!!
- **School bags** continue to be sewn and filled with supplies by the ladies group at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Thank you, ladies!!
- Year-end Grade 6 government **test results** were quite varied with our Poteau school having 100% passing rate and our other two schools had considerably less. Our Grade 9 class at Tarasse had a 95% passing rate on the government tests.

### Please Pray For ...

- our **1,000+ students** who are beginning the new school year this fall. The Haitian government might delay school opening till October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If so, we may offer several days of Bible Camp each week in Sept. as an alternative.
- the six **CFNE graduates** as they adjust to life away from the home. Congratulations to Ancia, Dieula,

Emcia,  
Remise,  
Antonio  
and Duval.  
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continue  
assisting  
them with

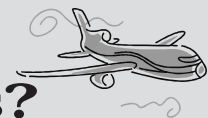
their high school education.

- the **home leadership team** as they decide which new children to accept into the home from their long waiting list.
- continued wisdom for the **university committee** in Haiti as they discern which 7 or 8 young adults they assist with university tuition. Funding Goal: \$5,000. We are grateful to have financial commitments for half of this. More is needed.
- discernment/wisdom in planning the construction of the **2<sup>nd</sup> story of the girls home** as well as the needed funding.

### Upcoming Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month - **Prayer meeting** for Haiti at 7:30 PM at the Wiebes'.
- Sept. 11 - Orientation for those interested in joining a **Jan. 2012 team (of ladies or couples)** to Haiti, hosted by Helen & Freddy Johnson (co-founders of Building Together Ministries). Please contact us for further details if you are interested.
- Mid-October 2011 – A small team from **Hamline Chapel United Methodist Church** in Indiana plans to travel to Haiti.

### Got Miles?



Please contact our office if you would consider redeeming air miles on behalf of HHH Haitian leaders as they visit the US or to allow select individuals to participate in a journey to Haiti.

We will keep your name on file and then contact you to make flight arrangements when a need arises.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HHH, CONTACT:

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