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"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

October, 2012

After a busy spring hosting our Stamford Benefit Dinner (huge thanks to all who attended and supported- your gifts enabled us to send more computers to Duchity for the computer training center), we jumped full swing into promoting and preparing for our summer ministry teams.

We were greatly encouraged by the response we received for summer teams- both from those interested in coming and those wanting to support tangibly. Since this was our first time hosting teams at the library building, we did need to outfit the building with beds, linens and kitchenware. A surplus of supplies came in- dishes, silverware, serving dishes etc...! God provided above and beyond. Thank you to so many who gave!

As an organization, we were able to see our vision of effective teams come to fruition. Teams ran 2 Vacation Bible School programs, hosted evening worship services, built 10 bench/desk combos and 11 book shelves! A special treat was hosting a party for our 50+ sponsored children. How cool to have them all together and see so many lives impacted by your faithful support. And nothing compares to the time the teams spent loving on our community and modeling Christ! That is what serving here is truly all about. Both teams exceeded our expectations!

Consider joining us for Summer 2013- it's not too early to let us know you're interested! Email info@hopemissioninternational.org for more information.

## Fall HOPE Benefit

Saturday November 10, 2012 6:30 pm @ Calvary Chapel 175 Westminster Road, Canterbury CT Join us for an evening of Praise and Fellowship Learn more about the work of HOPE in Haiti Desserts and Coffee will be served A Love Offering will be taken Please R.S.V.P by November 8th to Elisabeth Hamburg (860) 861-2314 or elisabeth@hopemissioninternational.org









## Testimonies from Summer Team Members

Karina Silva (age 14) Eastford Baptist Church, Eastford CT.

"My experience in Haiti has been one beyond words! I have always prayed to God about doing ministry outside the country. It amazed me how people could go, do ministry and fellowship when they couldn't even speak the same language. I was so excited when I was able to experience it for myself. The people there were so welcoming. The sights were breath-taking! I miss the children there. We told Bible stories, we laughed, and played with them, despite the language barrier.

I grew spiritually on the Haiti Missions trip and learned many lessons; gratitude, patience, and that God's Love speaks all languages. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul shared that if he could speak all the languages of earth and Angels, but did not love others, he would just be like a noisy gong.

For anyone going on a missions trip or not, God's Love is meant for everyone. It speaks all languages."





Lynda Rivers Coventry, CT

"I am so thankful for our time in Haiti. Even knowing ahead of time something about the conditions there did not prepare me for how many people there are, how little many of them have and the need for the Lord there. But through all that Haiti is a country of beauty, joy and the Lord was with me like never before. When I met Roseberta, my HOPE sponsor child, it will always be one of the best moments I have ever experienced. I made friends in Haiti that I know I will see again, Lord willing, when I go back and if not I know I will see them in eternity! In all the years of Bible study, mission classes, church leadership, retreats and revivals I did not realize how to give God the control on my life that I gave Him in Haiti. I have had my "90 minutes" in our eight days in Haiti! God is so Good!"



















Patsy Loux Calvary Chapel, Canterbury CT

"This summer I had the opportunity to see HOPE in action when I went on a short term mission trip to Haiti. I was part of a group of six that traveled to the town of Duchity, where we visited the library that HOPE had provided for the town and participated in reaching out to the residents through bringing needed supplies and sharing Jesus through a vacation Bible school for the area children. It was an experience I will never forget. It is one thing to read about the great needs of an impoverished country like Haiti, but quite another to see them up close and personally. It is something we in the US really cannot understand. But the bottom line is people, people that Jesus loves and that He gave his life for who need our love and help. And the people of Haiti, despite these needs are a vibrant, hopeful and caring people. They are a people who, like people everywhere, need the Lord.

When I first saw the library that HOPE had built I couldn't help but remember when, not so long ago, it was just an idea that the ministry leaders were thinking of doing. What a testimony to God's faithfulness and the generosity of God's people that it is standing there today, already something of a community center in this rural town! As soon as we were settled in there, we were surrounded by curious children who became a part of our lives over the few days we were there.

We were able to interact with many of the children and adults of the area through a VBS where the children enjoyed a lunch along with learning about the Lord. Language barriers did not get in the way when we shared smiles, laughs, food and prayers. In the evening the local pastor held revival meetings where there was incredible singing. Not a hymnal in sight, yet the people there knew every word of the songs that were sung!

We also had a special meeting with many of the local school children who are being sponsored by individuals through HOPE's sponsorship program. I saw the tangible results of this program, how it blesses these children with funds for school supplies, shoes and other clothing. A number of our group were able to meet and talk to their sponsored child. I also saw many children outside the building who were not sponsored, peeking in and obviously wanting to be a part of the sponsored group. This was heart-breaking to me and indicative of how much more needs to be done in Haiti.

I consider it to be a privilege and a blessing that I was able to visit such a beautiful country and get to know its people a little bit. It was exciting to see what a great impact even the smallest efforts of God's people can have when they step out in faith. One of HOPE's leaders, Wilfred, challenged me from the book of James: "I will show you my faith by my works". The people of HOPE are doing just that, reaching a country for Jesus Christ by looking out for their needs and sharing His love with them. I left Haiti feeling great admiration for its people, and for the many people who work on their behalf in Christ's name. I hope I can return one day!"

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## Ways to Get Involved

- Check out our web page: www.hopemissioninternational.org
- "Like" us on Facebook for updates and prayer requests



- Pray for HOPE, the Pestel community and the country of Haiti
  - for weekly youth and adult computer classes to be effective
  - for weekly youth and adult Bible studies: that the Word would be taught boldly and applied
  - for our sponsored children as they attend school
  - for our national partners: Pastor Zacharie, Josephat, Silvance, and others as they serve the Duchity community
- Join a Summer Ministry Team
- Consider becoming a regular monthly supporter-
  - help us reach our need of \$450/month to underwrite the computer classes
  - \$5,000 for internet access at the library for computer classes
- Consider sponsoring one of the many children available on our website @ \$20/month

