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HOPE Community Library

"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

February 2012

HOPE Computer Training Center

Through your generous giving, the HOPE Computer Training Center opened this past January! In December, 6 laptops, printer, and software applications were delivered to Pestel. Wilfrid was able to set up the computers and hire a computer teacher. We are blessed that our teacher is fluent in both computer skills as well as Bible teaching. We currently are holding one class for youth and one for community leaders. Each of these classes have 10 students. For many of these young people, it was the first time they have seen a computer! As they learn how to use a computer, access applications, navigate the internet; our primary purpose is to introduce them to the person of Jesus Christ. We are excited about how God will use this new ministry within the Pestel Community. Please pray for the following:

- weekly travel for our teacher: he travels from Port-au-Prince each weekend to teach
- for God to raise up a leader from within these classes to take on and continue the training
- for the monthly funds necessary to underwrite the costs (approximately \$450)
- for the students to be challenged to accept Christ and to grow their relationship with Him

Ministries Update

Each week two Bible Studies are held at the HOPE Library. Led by Pastor Zacharie, one study is for adults and the other for youth. Both studies have approximately 35 members. We were able to visit the groups in December and were encouraged by their enthusiasm and desire to know the Word of God.

Our Child Sponsorship program continues to grow. We currently have 43 children sponsored! God is using this outreach to encourage local families and show that God is interested in meeting their tangible needs. Thank you to all who have committed to sponsoring!

In January, we also began a weekly Film Outreach. We show Christian and family friendly movies at the library. This provides a nice break for the community and a time to visit together. We pray that the spiritual messages and positive themes take root in the hearts of those that attend.

Benefit Dinner- April 14, 2012

In December, we hosted a benefit dinner for our supporters in Eastern CT. What a wonderful evening with friends, celebrating all that God has been doing through HOPE. Thanks to all who served through musical presentations, food preparation and set-up. We will be hosting our 2nd Annual Benefit Dinner in Stamford in April. Please join us!

HOPE Benefit Dinner

Saturday, April 14, 2012
7:00 pm at the Stamford Italian Center
1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT
Join us for an evening of Praise and Fellowship
Learn more about the work of HOPE in Haiti
Dinner Ticket ~ \$15 A Love Offering will be taken
Please R.S.V.P by March 31, 2012 to
Wilfrid Decossard (203) 918-2748 or info@hopemissioninternational.org
also online @ www. hopemissioninternational.org



2011 Team members with Patrick, one of our sponsored boys.
He lost both of his parents last year. HOPE was able to provide food and clothing. Thank you SBC Ladies for faithfully sponsoring Him.

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
- Join a Summer Ministry Team
- Consider becoming a regular monthly supporter- help us reach our need of \$450/month to underwrite the computer classes
- Consider sponsoring one of the many children available on our website @ \$20/month

To learn more about these opportunities- visit our website



Summer Ministry Teams

We are THRILLED to have two Ministry Teams traveling to Haiti this summer. They will be building bookshelves and benches for the library, holding Vacation Bible Schools and hosting our Annual Revival Meetings. Please pray for these teams!

There is still time to join! Consider joining us for a unique experience in a 3rd- World Community. You will have the opportunity to see the vast difference that Haiti offers- the beautiful simplicity of its rural communities and the hustle and bustle of its ever growing cities. Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to be the light of Christ and share encouragement with those we minister to. Trips cost approximately \$1600. For more information, contact Elisabeth: elisabeth@hopemissioninternational.org

Wish List

Perhaps you have some items looking for a new home? Or, you'd like to create a collection project for your Sunday School class, home Bible study, youth group, community group etc... Here are some ideas!

For Outreach Ministry

- 5 additional laptops
- Permanent Internet access (approximately \$5,000 for set-up at library)
- Men's gently used clothing
- Books: Creole, French, Spanish and English
- DVDs: Christian and family friendly films (G and PG)

For Summer Teams

- twin sheet bedding
- pillows
- durable plastic plates/cups/serving platters and serving utensils
- plastic table clothes (6 8 foot tables)
- TOOLS: screwdrivers, hammers, tape measures etc....

Dreaming BIG (but not to big for our GOD!)

- 15 passenger van or large truck
- propane stove and refrigerator
- table saw
- additional monies towards summer work team projects

Thank you for standing behind us! We are amazed at what God is doing through HOPE and humbled that He chooses to use us. You constantly remind us of how FAITHFUL our Great God is!

For Haiti~ Wilfrid Decossard and Elisabeth Hamburg

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