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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

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December 2013 Ministry Trip Report ~ Wilfrid Decossard

“We held a three-night revival service focusing on the Supremacy of Christ, our value in God and how Christ can change a life. Pastor Don Rivers (the husband Lynda, a board member) started the first night by washing the feet of three local pastors and explained that Jesus Christ did not come to be served but to serve. He was quickly able to establish a relationship with the community by demonstrating a humble heart. We recorded 250 people during the last night of the three-night revival service. 20 people received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Pastor Zacharie has written down all the names and promised to follow up with them and to invite them to our weekly Bible Study.

We prepared meals and dined with 15 community leaders including our seven workers who support our mission and the different ministries sponsored by HOPE. All attendees received a gift. Pastor Don Rivers took the time to share a word of encouragement with them. The leaders showed great appreciations and thanked HOPE for organizing this. It was very meaningful to them. They confirmed that HOPE is preaching the gospel and that it is being demonstrated through humility, love, compassion and relationship. Thanks to Lynda Rivers for having been our lead chef. GoGo's wife was very instrumental in making this dinner a reality.

The team spent time making crafts and provided small gifts to over 70 sponsored kids. We had a separate meeting with 25 of them to gather additional information required for the children sponsorship program.

We delivered 60 diplomas to the students who graduated from the PC Training back in July 2013. A few have already started their own small copying/printing business. Others are actively looking for clerical or office type works. Others are taking advanced courses in Les Cayes and Port-Au-Prince. We met the team that supports the children sponsorship program for a quick update on how the program is doing. This program removes a lot of burdens on parents/guardians who would not be able to send the kids to school.

We distributed gifts (toys, candies, etc.) to 10 kids in La Plaine – 3 miles from the main airport in Port-Au-Prince. This may be the start of a new ministry in Port-au-Prince. The gifts distribution took place in a property owned by Wilfrid Decossard. Out of our busy schedule, we toured part of the city of Les Cayes in the Deep South and the city of Pestel in the southwestern part of Haiti. We also visited Haiti Baptist Mission, Jack Fortress and La Boule in the eastern part of Port-Au-Prince. We made a quick stop in La Vallee of Jacmel in the southeastern region near Jacmel. Finally, we visited the city of Canaan – a new city being built in the northern part of Port-Au-Prince to shelter the displaced population after the deadly earthquake that hit Haiti in January 2010.”



Revival Meetings



Appreciation Dinner for our Staff and Local Pastors



We enjoyed visits with some of our sponsored children



December 2013 Team



Rev. Don Rivers washing the feet of local pastors



A trip to the City of Pestel

Testimony ~ Rev. Don Rivers

As I reflect on our trip to Haiti I am struck by the hope expressed by the people in spite of the circumstances. I learned that we may think we are better off but I don't think so. I do not see the hope in America that is present in Haiti. We have so much and yet are not satisfied.

There is really no words for it, it is just there, an ever present view that tomorrow will be better than today. They celebrate the real things in life and enjoy simple pleasures.

I find my heart is aching to have that hope. My spirit desires to know that hope. I am blessed to know The Lord that supplies that hope and will look at His provision much differently. He has given us so much.

To say this is life changing does not do it justice, this has so changed my view of things that I cannot help but wonder why it took so long. Watching young people pile in the truck for a ride, just a ride, a bumpy dirty ride standing in a truck bed, a lifetime experience. An event that will live on in their memories. Do you remember the day we rode to Pestel!

To see the life in the village, before dawn heading to the well to get water for the day. I am reminded that we each need water to live and Christ provides the living water that will quench our thirst.

The woman at the well, no matter how she lived her life, needed water to survive. She went to the well and her life was changed forever. When we come face to face with the living God you do not leave the same way you came.

In Haiti I came face to face with the living God and I will never be the same. Things cannot be taken for granted. Every day we need to thank the Lord for His provision.

I cannot think of a better way to be stretched in our faith. Haiti is challenging but one of the most beneficial things you can do to test your faith. You will return with a deeper, more trusting faith in God than you ever thought possible.

Ways to Get Involved

Join us in Duchity! Consider joining us this summer! We have three teams headed to Haiti in July- and there is room for you! It's going to be exciting and you won't want to miss it! Cost is approximately \$1100 plus airfare. Let us know if you are interested!

Consider helping in the following ways:

- Donating towards our Solar Energy Project- \$6,000
- Donating towards Internet Access- \$5,000
- Donating monthly to support to the General Fund
- Sponsoring a Child- \$20 a month provides EDUCATION

4th Annual Evening of Praise and Fellowship

7:00 pm at Evangelical Community Church 1155 Newfield Avenue, Stamford CT

Join us for dinner and hear updates on what God is doing in Pestel! Discover ways you can help further his work. R.S.V.P. please

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I commit to pray for HOPE Daily Weekly As the Lord brings to mind

I would like to give the following one-time gift: _____ Apply to: Energy____ Internet____ General Fund _____

I commit to support HOPE with the following monthly gift towards the General Fund:

\$25 \$35 \$ 50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$ _____

I would like to sponsor a child in Pestel, Haiti @ \$20/month _____ boy _____ girl _____ most need

I would be interested in more information regarding joining a Summer 2014 Ministry Team to Haiti

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