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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

November 2014

Highlights of the HOPE July 2014 Trip to Haiti by Wilfrid Decossard

We hosted 2 separate Vacation Bible Schools. The largest attendance recorded was 135 kids. The teachings were centered around "being true disciples of Jesus", "making disciples for Jesus", and that "Jesus is the Way". The teams also planned crafts, games and snacks for all the children. *Fourteen children received Christ as Lord and Savior!* One 10 year old boy named Judenes, after hearing the gospel presentation on how to make disciples for Jesus, went home, and returned with his two sisters so that they could hear the gospel too!

Al Morano from Stamford Baptist Church led CPR Training for the youth, with 35 attending. Motorcycles are the popular means of transportation thereby making accidents very probable to occur. They are now trained and equipped to provide first aid in the case of an accident. Al was asked about what to do if someone broke his/her leg and the bone stuck out while waiting for an ambulance to arrive or while transporting the victim. Without hesitation, he took a wooden stick and cut it in half and laid it flat at the bottom and at the top of a man's leg to secure the bone and the foot. The crowd was amazed and thanked God and Mr. Al for this free training.

Pastor Don Rivers returned to host another Leadership Training class with 6 local pastors. Topics included stewardship, church management, evangelism and following up with new converts,. One pastor asked that next time we would conduct leadership training at his own church - 3 miles from the library.

In addition to VBS, the Eastford Baptist Church spent quality time with 28 ladies. This was a time to encourage the women, who are often so busy caring for the home, children and cooking. Along with a devotional and desserts, the women made a beaded bracelet to enjoy and remind them of the teaching. They also held afternoon carpentry classes. Youths were able to make wooden mirrors. They really enjoyed making their own mirror and each one was painted uniquely.

There is no way to summarize all that took place during the month of July. We know that each team member loved on our community. Whether it was a smile, playing games, blowing bubbles, sitting and learning creole/english, playing guitar or singing worship songs- each act of kindness demonstrated love and compassion. We are grateful to all who came and served.!

We will be taking a team in December to Haiti and are already planning next summer's teams. Consider recruiting a team or joining one that is forming. There are many exciting ways to serve in Haiti! God can use all talents, skills and gifts for his Kingdom!



Our first summer team!



Playing games on the field



Al teaching First Aid and CPR



Micheline showing off her wooden mirror (before the glass was added)!



Young ladies enjoying their hats- LOVE their smiles!



Our second team- Connecticut, Rhode Island and Florida represented!

Ministry Updates

Solar Power: In June, we set up a small solar power system with about 180 watts of energy, 6 batteries, 3 chargers and 1 power inverter. This was able to provide electricity each evening while our teams were in Duchity. Currently, the computers for the training classes are charged off this system. In the evenings, we are able to provide lights outside so students can come and study at the library. In the beginning of November, we shipped additional components: 1 power inverter, 2 cables, light bulbs, water pump, tool kit set. We hope to continue adding more to this system so that we can upgrade and be able to provide electricity to 50% of the village.

Computer Training Course: This past July, 36 students finished the program. This is in addition to the 80 who finished last summer. We currently have 62 students taking the course. This program could use more laptops so that students can have more hands on training.

Weekly Bible Study: We have 25 currently attending and studying the book of John.



Christmas Cantata and HOPE Benefit December 7th

6:00 pm at Calvary Chapel, 175 Westminster Road Canterbury CT



The Choir from Calvary Chapel will be presenting a special Christmas Cantata.

We will share exciting updates on HOPE's work and you'll have the opportunity to contribute to current projects.

Refreshments will be served! See you there!



Lots of new friends and hugs to share!



Craft time at VBS!



Time of encouragement and fellowship for local ladies



One of our favorite things to do—hang out on the front steps with all of our special friends!



Frantz Dellile

We recently had the opportunity to help one of our translators, Frantz Dellile, with a gift of \$400 so that he can attend mechanic school. This gift was provided by Centerville Church as well as a number of members from our summer ministry team. Frantz writes:

"I am a young Haitian, Frantz Delille, age of 25 years. This summer, I had the chance to serve in Duchity. That was a very nice experience. I thank God for directing me to these lovely people. It's been many times since I have a dream, I prayed to God to help me find the opportunities to go learn diesel auto mechanics. Last month, I approached HOPE and suddenly there were ready to help me. Through these Good Samaritans, I now have the way to start the mechanic course that will start next month, I thank the Great God of the Universe and also each person who gladly contributed to this special fundraiser. Thanks to the HOPE board that gave the green light. May God protect you and lead you to the valuable work you do preaching an action Gospel, Thank you all!

Testimonies from Summer Team Members



Shaylyn on the left with Jenny Benoit

Shaylyn Peters ~ “When I got home from spending a week in Haiti, one of the first questions people asked me was, “What was the best part of the trip?”. For me, the answer came easily.

The best part of the trip for me, was that moment when I realized I was exactly where God wanted me to be, doing exactly what he wanted me to be doing.

That moment came the night before we left Duchity, when I was in the bedroom, packing my bag, and someone came in and told me that there were 2 girls looking for me. I went out to see who was there, and I saw that there were 2 girls about my age waiting for me. One of our translators, Frantz, helped me talk to them.

They had stopped by to say goodbye, and give me some pictures they had drawn for me. We exchanged hugs, said our thanks, and they gave me the pictures.

Leading up to the trip, I was thinking that we were going there to help them... and we did. But as the week went on, I learned that we were not only helping them, but that they were helping us. In more ways than one, each of the kids there taught me something. Specifically the two girls who came to me that night. **They taught me that although we may feel like we are just one small person, if we keep an open mind, an open heart, and we put our trust in God, we can do great things.**

I never thought I would have the chance to make such a difference in someone's life. **But that night, those girls showed me that God has a purpose, and a plan for everyone, and through him, even me, just a teenaged girl from a small town in CT, can touch the lives of those all around the world.”**

Sarah Bean ~ “The Haiti trip was amazing! When we first got off the plane I felt very out of place, but settled in once I met the rest of our group and got over the initial blast of heat coming out of the airport.

When we reached Duchity the largest problem was communication. We had great translators who helped with the bulk of speech such as in lessons, instructions, receiving requests, etc. but there are times when you just want to simply chat with a few of the kids or a translator isn’t on hand. In those cases we would communicate with a mix of the little creole I knew, the French the Wells girls knew, and hand signs. There were two girls there who were of invaluable help to us as well. They would teach us words in their language so our communication could improve. Amanda and Aland, Go-Go, Wilfrid, Rose and Franz served as both translators and new friends in a strange country.



Sara Bean in the light blue

I did make several friends while there. The children loved to play with jump rope and bubbles. They even got me to try the jump rope and make a little bit of a fool of myself. They were jump rope experts! I asked one of the girls to braid my hair one evening and before I knew it there was a bit of a crowd. I think there were at least three girls working on my hair and several kids watching. I guess I looked pretty silly! **I believe our friendships did more to minister than the V.B.S. we held.**

It was easy to fall into all this joy but still impossible to ignore the sadness in the way some of these people have to live. The canals next to the road in port au prince were filled with trash and some of the children would come with either no shoes or shoes so small it is a miracle their feet still fit into them. Over all I feel so joyful that I was able to have this experience and I know that I will always try to be involved in missions when I can. The biggest thing I wish we could have done was stayed at least two weeks. After one week we had just adjusted to living in this heat and among these great people when we had to break ties and leave, possibly not to here from another for two years or until the next trip. Above all though, this was definitely an experience to remember!”

URGENT Need for Child Sponsors

We currently have over 70 children enrolled in our Child Sponsorship Program. This program provides a year of schooling, uniforms, shoes, textbooks and supplies for \$20/month. We have over 100 additional children waiting to be sponsored. From time to time, sponsors have to end their sponsorship due to financial constraints. So far, we have been able to maintain the program. However, it is becoming more difficult. *The last thing we want to do is drop children from the program or increase sponsorship commitments.* Please consider sponsoring one or more of our children. Visit our website to see the 24 most needy children and select one for sponsorship.



From one of our sponsors, Katie Rivers:

"I have been sponsoring Denise (pictured) for 4 years now. I have been to the village and spent time with her. The access to school and an education has changed her life! There are many more children who need sponsors. I was walking in the village with Wilfred and we were stopped by a father of 3 pleading for his children to go to school. This is a challenge HOPE is faced with regularly."

Ways to Get Involved

Join us in Duchity! Consider joining us Summer 2015! We have 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
- Donating towards Internet Access- \$5,000
- Donating monthly to support to the General Fund
- Sponsoring a Child- \$20 a month provides EDUCATION

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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 2015 Ministry Team to Haiti

My email address is: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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