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July 2016

Dear Faithful Ones:

July marks the end of our ministry year as we will be hosting our Computer Skills Training Graduation. We are excited that 21 students will be graduating having completed 9 months of training in Microsoft Office Applications. These students are now able to obtain jobs working in clerical fields, have skills for future education and have added training to their resume.

We have an immediate need in order for this important program to continue. The laptops that we have been using (used or refurbished) have served us well but now need to be replaced. We are praying for 24 laptops so that students will not have to share computers in the weekly class. If we are unable to replace these laptops, the computer skills program will be placed on hold. If you have a laptop that you would like to donate (Windows 8, Intel Core 5, 8 GB of RAM, 500 GB of HD, MS Office 2016), we would be grateful.

We are also receiving financial donations to purchase laptops. This is an excellent project for a small group, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Class, Women or Men's Group to take on.

THANK YOU to the Calvary Chapel Vacation Bible School children who recently raised over \$400 for the laptop project! They enjoyed learning about the children of Haiti and gave so cheerfully! Will you join them in sponsoring a laptop?

We continue to hold weekly Bible Studies taught by Pastor Zacharie. We have 30 attendants who are learning about the Life of Christ - 100% Man & 100% God. Thank you for providing the materials for this teaching time. Pastor Zacharie also provides a devotional before each computer skills class.

The HOPE Community Library continues to serve the community, especially the children who need access to books for school and a quiet place to study. Thirty children have registered for this summer's Bible Reading Contest. The top 3 will receive an award in July.

HOPE continues to provide monthly child sponsorship support to 70 children in Duchity. We are grateful to the sponsors who give so faithfully each month. Your gift impacts the lives of many students (beyond these 70) because it ensures regular monthly support of the teachers in the school. Schools can not always count on government funding or tuition from families. The regular support from HOPE helps greatly! We have children who still need a sponsor-\$20/month provides tuition, uniforms and school supplies.

#### Testimonies from Key Leaders

"On behalf of the parents and our staff, we congratulate the leaders of "HOPE International" for their contributions to the harmonious development of the community." – *College Notre Dame.* 

"The parents of "The National School of Trou Bois" reiterate that the programs (Scholarships, PC Training, etc.) sponsored by "HOPE International" is a relief for the whole population ."- Emanis Cheri (Principal).

"We thank the leaders of "HOPE International" for the important work they have realized and continue to realize in Duchity. May God enrich them with all kinds of blessings!" - College Baptiste of Duchity.

"The destitute children of Pestel county appreciate the scholarships and training in Personal Computer that they have been receiving for several years. Because of your support, these children have been fed with the bread of education." - *College of Teachers Reunited.* 

"Without your help, the vast majority of our schools will be closing the doors and the parents will be forced to keep the children at home. As is the school, as is the nation. We count on your support for the Personal Computer training and scholarships."

- College Saint Thomas Apostle of Duchity.

# Testimony ~ Crystal Giaquinta

"Once again I have been blessed with the privilege to be able to travel on a ministry trip to Haiti. I love Haiti!

Even though some faithful friends and the mission's committee of Pascoag Community Baptist Church had generously provided me with finances, I nearly talked myself out of going. Why was I suddenly gripped with fear? I had traveled there four other times. I knew what to expect. Or at least I thought I did. After many sleepless nights and much prayer, God firmly said, "No, you will go to serve, participate and love in MY NAME. Do not miss this opportunity that I have given you." It was evident that God's plan for the week would gracefully unfold. I simply needed to trust!

From the moment we arrived in Duchity, I (the blan) was surrounded by a sea of curious youth. Some recognized me from the year before. Some even knew my name, just as I knew theirs. I did not waste any time pulling stuff out of my bag and decided that a spa day was in order. Out came the wet wipes, an assortment of nail polish colors and decals. The boys were shooed away and the fun began. A while later it was a relief that my sponsored child Amanda appeared, and she instantly took the opportunity to assist as she had many other times throughout the week.

The day I finally met Amanda's mom had to be the highlight of the trip. I cannot even begin to express how I treasure the brief time we spent together that morning. She told me how grateful she is that my family is helping her through the sponsorship program and how she was not sure what she would do as a single parent without it. I thanked her for breaking away from her many chores to visit with me. We posed for a photo, and then it came- the hug. I believe we broke the record for the longest embrace ever recorded! Then came the tears...and the unexpected realization that I went to Haiti for a hug.

Of course many other wonderful things were accomplished that week in the name of Jesus. But when someone asks about the most memorable thing that happened that week I simply take a stroll down memory lane to that unexpected special day and time where imprints were placed upon hearts."

~ Crystal Giaquinta serves as a HOPE Board Member and sponsors Amanda and Dieumile



Crystal with Amanda and her mother



Crystal with Dieumile and his sister



2015 Computer Skills Graduates

## **Upcoming Events**

Jonas Woods Concert on Saturday, October 29th 5:00-8:00 pm

Philanthropy Tea & Coffee Company 11 Money Hill Road Chepachet, Rhode Island

Free Concert with food for purchase (free-will offering for ministry efforts in Haiti)

Check out Jonas online: jonaswoods.net

Join us for an evening of fellowship, music and refreshments!

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