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Work Begins at Marfranc School

New Life for Haiti just completed its first work team! What a great group of seven men! This team came from three different churches and did an amazing job of working together, while learning about the Haitian culture and how friendly the Haitian people are. The team was lead by Thom McCluskey from LifeSpring Community church in Plainfield, Illinois. The team came from Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. We could not have asked for a better group of men to be the trial work team for the mission.

The plan for the work for their team was to build the foundation and extend the walls of an existing three room school building. In addition, to start the foundation for another three room school that only had a poorly constructed roof over it, and no floor or foundation. However, as things frequently go in Haiti...the plan changed! The pastor wanted the original school to be a little larger and also to have a new roof on it, since the existing roof leaked like a sieve. The only problem was that Steve didn't realize it until the day the team went out to start working, so the plans Steve had kind of went by the wayside....and a new plan was formulated. Punt! The team worked side by side the Haitian mason and his crew as well as people from the church and school. They dug trenches for the new foundation around the first building, which was now two feet longer than the length of the school. They shoveled dirt, used picks to break up the hard dirt, and hauled the dirt away. They then helped the mason put rocks and cement in to form the foundation. They also were able to help form the metal for the posts for the walls to get them poured and helped clean up the site.

These guys were awesome workers, but not just in the fact that they got the job done, but because they shared the work that was being done. Time and time again, I saw them tap a Haitian on their shoulder and take the shovel or pick and work...then the Haitian would do the same and relieve them of



the shovel or pick. I watched them throw rocks together and build foundations and I watched them move pile after pile of dirt, taking turns hauling it away. Sometimes it isn't the physical work that gets done, but the building of the personal foundations for our future together that is awesome to watch.

There will be a new building for the school children of Marfranc at the Baptist church, but there will also be men who will be remembered by name as a part of those who built that school, for those kids!

The men also visited a Catholic church in Marfranc that New Life will partner with to help build a clinic there. They visited Azil, the retirement center that is at Marfranc and they walked through the streets, greeting people and kids along the way.

They brought with them many gifts for the school children that were donated by the children at LifeSpring Community Church. They also brought medicine and some medical supplies for Azil.

A team coming in November will be finishing up the school, putting up trusses and the roof (as long as it doesn't rain the whole time) as well as doing some painting inside the rooms.

THANK YOU to the seven men who did such wonderful work while they were here...Oh, did I mention, they also totally moved our household from where we had been living to our new place. Not a small feat!!! It saved Steve's back, which was already hurting! Thanks again guys!



Visit the New Life for Haiti Website at www.newlifeforhaiti.org to see the latest work team trip and how the projects at Marfranc are coming along!



What A Trip!

As most of you know, from August 10th to September 8th, we drove from Lewiston, Idaho to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on our way back to Haiti. New Life for Haiti purchased a 2000 Dodge 4X 4 truck to ship to Haiti and we drove it to the dock. It was over 5,000 miles by the time we gave it to the shipping dock in Ft. Lauderdale. What a trip!

We had a phenomenal time, especially considering we had Sejan, our German Shepherd, in the truck with us! He was a great traveler; after about two days he got the schedule down and didn't whine much or complain. It was just confusing to him to be in so many different places. Our travels took us through Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida! Yeah! We visited friends along the way for lunches at parks, breakfasts off the interstate and wonderful dinners and lodging. We got to see Joline's oldest



son, Scott, who had just that day returned from six months in Bahrain, as well as his family. We were able to share pictures and stories with eight churches along the way and had some great potluck sup-

pers.

It was a long trip, a wonderful trip and sometimes a frustrating trip. It was lengthened when we got to Ft. Lauderdale, took the truck to the shipping company, and they wouldn't take it loaded (which they had previously said they would). However, after help from a wonderful lady in the company, we were able to get the truck sent, although a couple days later. So our airline tickets had to be changed by two days. We had asked for prayers for the weather to be cool enough for Sejan to board the plane. It was cloudy...but not cool enough. So Friday morning at 6:30 AM, American Airlines informed us that Sejan could not fly, therefore, neither could we. They did however change our tickets to the next day at 7:00 AM in Miami....so....we rented a car, found another hotel in Miami and spent the night. It was cool enough on Saturday morning and we were able to get Sejan to Haiti with us! Praise the Lord.

Our trip was not over yet. We still had to get to Jeremie on a small plane in the afternoon. Too long of a story, but trust me, we almost didn't get Sejan on that plane and when we did it was at noon. But, our luggage didn't come with us, so we waited at the small airport in Jeremie from 12:30 until 4:00 for our luggage! However, we were home and all together, so life was fine!

It was a trip filled with joy, fun, meeting new friends, seeing old friends and talking about the projects that New Life in Haiti will be doing in Marfranc. All of the frustrations at the end don't seem so bad now. However, we probably won't be taking Sejan on any vacations soon, ha! Thank you to everyone who housed us, fed us and helped us with the presentations along the way! You were a blessing and a joy to us!

Where Is The Truck?

The 2000 Dodge truck loaded with supplies and tools is currently sitting in storage in Port-au-Prince waiting for the paperwork to be processed for it to be released. The truck was actually shipped from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on September 17th and arrived in Haiti on September 20th. The customs agent that is in charge of getting it out of customs and to us has been working on the paperwork all this time. I don't think we will ever understand what takes so long to get it out of customs or why it takes so long for the agents to know what they need from us to do their work, but it takes forever. So now we wait and wait and wait. It's hard to wait when it is someone else's hands and there isn't anything you can do to hurry it along. So we count on God to get it out timely and without any damages and to give us patience to wait on the Haitian system.



We just wanted you all to know where it was. We'll send off an Update when it comes out of customs. Pray it is soon.

A story of giving

In January, we wrote a list of items that we needed, one of which was a propane refrigerator. Our dear friends Merrill and Meg in Pennsylvania took up the challenge of getting us a refrigerator. It would cost about \$1,300 but Merrill said he knew the Lord would provide for it, so he began the campaign. Over the next few months, Merrill would e-mail us with updates on how his (and God's) campaign was going. He was originally shooting for \$1,000 of it and we would do the rest. He quickly discovered that God had a different plan. By June, Merrill had collected \$1,500.00 in donations from those in his church, in his building and from the selling of pop and muffins in his retirement center. Each time Merrill would write, he would enclose a beautiful poem for us as well as a joke! What a blessing his e-mails were over the months.

As of the writing of this newsletter, we still do not have our refrigerator, but not due to anything that any of us can do about it. Everything large comes to Jeremie by boat and has to be ordered. When we got back from the US, we went down to buy the refrigerator and was told that they had none, but it was on order....it is still on order a month later. So we wait and wait and wait.

We do thank Merrill and Meg and all of those many people in Pennsylvania who donated to the propane refrigerator that we will one day have. We just wanted to thank you all and give you an update! God Bless you for helping us in this way.

The Blessing of School Scholarships

We want to say a special "THANK YOU" to those that have given gifts of scholarships or items to help the school kids in Haiti. In the past we have had a scholarship program and you will be hearing more in the future about things we want to do in the schools in Marfranc where we will be working.



Last year I taught a short English class in a 6th grade class at the Baptist school here in Jeremie. I gave prizes to the boy and girl in the class that did the best on the final test. There was one girl in particular named Beatrice that stood above all the others, even the boys. She is a twin and comes from a large family. After talking to the teacher I discovered that she probably wouldn't have a chance to go to second-

ary school, and if she did it would be the state school which isn't very good. I knew that if she could get a good education, she would use it and go on to do something good to help herself and her family. I talked to Kathy and Molly, two women at our church and they happily agreed to help put Beatrice in school. They donated enough money to pay for her year in a private school (Methodist) and also to buy most of her books and the material for one of her uniforms. This was such a blessing. Beatrice and her family are so happy that she can go to a good school and sent a thank you note to Kathy and Molly to let them know how much she appreciates their help. What a blessing that is for her and her family...thanks Molly and Kathy for doing that for Beatrice.

Also, the children in the Sunday school classes at Life-Spring Community Church in Plainfield, Illinois worked all summer doing projects, having yard sales, and selling sandals and Frisbees to collect money to buy things for the children at the elementary school in Marfranc. They collected over \$1000.00 to help with scholarships for some of the children as well as buy gifts for them when the team came to visit! They also bought supplies for the elderly at Azil, the retirement center in Marfranc.



The \$500 that was given for scholarships put 35 children in school for a year. The cost for just school tuition is \$100 Haitian, which is about \$15.00 US. Elementary school is not very expensive. The money raised by the children in Illinois was a blessing to 35 families whose children will be able to go to school for a year. THANK YOU KIDS!!!!

Donations for any of the projects that you would love to contribute to may be sent to:

*New Life for Haiti
P.O. Box 33
Plainfield, IL 60544*

Please add a note saying where you would like your donations to be designated or if for our general support, please put Steve & Joline Moore on the memo line.

Did I hear you say you moved again????

Yep, can you believe it? This is our third move in a year and we actually didn't believe it when we heard it. About a week after we got home to Jeremie, the landlady told us she had plans to fill five more rooms in the old motel as well as the small Haitian house in the same yard. She told us that we had to leave our dog inside at all times and take our "angry dog" sign off of the gate. She said the people moving in would not want us to have the dog, so he had to be on a leash at all times. Steve asked if we could fence the yard where our bottom door was; she said no. In other words...move if you don't like it. Needless to say, this is not what Joline wanted to hear at this point, we were not even caught up after our trip from the US.

However, during that week, several of our neighbors from where we lived before came by to say that Katie had moved so the house we had lived in was empty. For almost a week, we looked at various houses, either they were way too expensive, or they had no running water, no toilets, no kitchen etc. Nothing came up that we wanted to live in and we were discouraged. Then we remembered the people that had come by to say the old house was empty. Joline went to talk to the landlord. We came to an agreeable price and struck a deal for a year on that house. Isn't God amazing?

With the help of the visiting work team, we were able to get everything large moved and only had a few small items left in the motel house when they left. We have been getting things put away, have unpacked most things and are starting to feel like we are in the right spot. This house has four bedrooms with plenty of room for visiting teams, even up to 10 members, so we know that this is where we need to be.

We are praying that before the year is over enough funds will be raised to start construction on the guesthouse and our rooms above it. We are tired of moving and sure don't want to move more than one more time!!!!

THANK YOU...

A huge **Thank You** to Scott & Tracy Trotter of Image Design Center in Lewiston, Idaho for the wonderful signs they made for the NLH truck. We told them we got a truck for New Life and were going to have to put a sign on each door so that people knew who the truck belonged to. They said they could do that really easily! From there, Tracy took over and did a wonderful job of designing and helping us pick the color for the signs.



Thank you for the wonderful gift that you gave us and NLH with the signs for the doors. It is a great blessing!

Area's of need where donations would be appreciated:

Rent for the house in Jeremie
Continued personal support
Scholarships for the children at the Baptist Marfranc school
Funds for notebooks and books for kids
Funds to NLH for guesthouse and missionary house
Funds for building bunk beds, screens and screen doors for the house

Meet Roslyn Phillips

Last spring we were contacted by a young woman named Roslyn Phillips. She was acquainted with the daughter of a friend of ours and wrote to us about coming to Haiti to visit. We told her we would be gone until September, but if she wanted to wait until then she was welcome to stay at our place. Roslyn arrived mid-September to stay with us until the beginning of December. She is Haitian American and was adopted by her American parents when she was six. She has a twin sister who was also adopted about a year later. She had not returned to Haiti until this year and is excited about finding her family who live in the mountains near Port-au-Prince. She will try to locate them in December before she returns home to North Carolina.

Roslyn graduated from Guilford College in North Carolina in May and is going to apply for her Master's Degree in Epidemiology next year. She hopes to come back to Haiti after she has her degree to work with clinics here that specialize in AIDS and Tuberculosis as well as implementing some programs through Community Health. She is doing volunteer work with HHF (Haiti Health Foundation) while she is here in Jeremie and is also teaching several English classes.

We are enjoying our time with Roslyn and hope that she has a great experience while she is here.



Praises and Prayer Requests



Blessings

- For the great group of men that came to work and build relationships with people in Marfranc.
- For our safe travel from the US to Haiti and that Sejan made it back safe and sound.
- For the safe voyage that the truck made to Haiti.
- For all those that keep us in prayer and financial support.
- For the our fellow Haitian Christians that worship each Sunday and give praise to God for all he does for them.
- For the safe return of Joline's son Scott from Bahrain and making the rank of Chief.
- For our friends and family that send us love and prayers each day.
- For having a roof over our heads and a place to live.

Prayer requests

- For continued good health and safety as we work in Haiti.
- That the truck be able to get out of customs soon and without mishap.
- That the boats start coming in regularly to Jeremie so that we can get supplies and a refrigerator.
- That New Life for Haiti have great banquets for raising funds for this years projects.
- That the work being done at the school in Marfranc continue to go well as we prepare for a team to come in November.
- For the continued safety for Dave, Steve's son-in-law, as he returns from Iraq in November and retires.
- That we continue to be strong in our faith and love of God as we work in Marfranc and in Jeremie.

Mailing Reminder

Mailing address for Haiti (while on the field):

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- Anything (other than letters) sent here will cost us \$1.25 per pound to receive.
- Padded envelopes over 5 lbs will go through customs and have additional fees.
- When you send anything other than letters, *please send a check to cover it to Agape Flights with our name on the memo line* and they will credit our account. They charge us to deliver anything other than letters.