



Jeremie, Haiti

# Moore News In Haiti....

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## *Improvements on the Marfranc Land*

We have finally begun work on the land we have in Marfranc. This area is called Anba Fò (under the Fort) because just west of the land and up on a hill is an old Fort. We all decided that we needed to name the compound because we couldn't keep calling it by its description (the land where there will be a house for the Moores and a Guesthouse,) so we named it Kay Rivyè (River house) because it overlooks the Grand Anse River.

The road off of the main road, leading to Kay Rivyè property was washed out in one spot. The road needed to be fixed so that dump trucks with sand and gravel could pass by. This was done by adding a retaining wall, filling in the lower areas and adding a cement apron to drive across. It was the first thing done and will need another coat of cement when the building is finished, but works great for now.

Steve needed a storage depot (room) to keep building supplies locked up in. It was necessary to have this done before he could actually start building the house. It is a 20 X 30 ft. building with a tin roof. By the time this newsletter goes to print, it will be totally completed. It is great to go to the site and see things being done. The workers are from the small community of houses right next door as well as a Boss Mason that we know from Jeremie. The community is very curious; especially the kids and we are a source of entertainment!

We have just received the go ahead for finances to start the house at Kay Rivyè. Beginning in February, Steve will have them start digging the foundation. The first phase of the house will be a bedroom suite on one side for us as a private quarters attached to the kitchen, living and dining areas that we will use as well as teams when they are here. Then too, a wing on the other side with two dorm rooms and bathrooms. The second phase will be to add two upstairs rooms (like the wings on both sides of the bottom), one for our personal quarters and one to be used as a more private guestroom or for



*Retaining wall with drain-pipe, on the road.*

another missionary couple's residence. When that is complete the wing that was originally ours will be turned into an additional dorm room for visitors.

We are really excited about the building being done and can't wait to have some of you come and visit and stay at Kay Rivyè. There will be a lot of things that teams can do to help with this project. If any of you are interested, please let us know.

Steve says that he could use a couple of plumbers for the March team that is planning on coming. If you are interested...please contact New Life for Haiti, or let us know and we can help you connect with them. PS: Steve says you don't have to be certified...just knowledgeable and willing.



*Unfinished depot from front.*

## *Joline's Journal*

Joline thought it might be fun to just talk to everyone on a weekly basis (not that she likes to talk, ha!). Since blogs (journal type entries) seem to be easy to do she asked if it could be done on our home church page as well as on the NLH website. Both webmasters, Don and Brian said, "sure, easy" so as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, she started to write weekly entries that are being posted on both websites. It has been up and going great on the Congo-Pres site (thank you Don!) for the past month. Brian (NLH) will have it up and running on the NLH website before we print this. I will try to put pictures with the entries and it will be very informal and just fun talking to you. Put one of them in your favorites.....and tune in.

You can find the journal at this point, by going to [www.congopres.org](http://www.congopres.org) and then on the right side of the home page there is a "NEW" column. Click there. You can also go to the News & Links tab, then to 'Moores in Haiti' and 'Journal' to find it. To find it on the NLH website go directly to: <http://newlifeforhaiti.org/MooreBlog.html> or click on this link. Enjoy!

## Introducing KC

Once again we have tortured Sejan with a new kitten. Sejan is a saint when it comes to raising kittens. This is the third kitten he will have raised to Cat status.....plus he was the dog-father to two of Molly's litters, so he has quite a lot of kitten experience. However, KC is pushing the limits with him. KC hardly stops moving. She does crash and sleep for awhile, but immediately upon waking runs, jumps and pounces on anything and everything that moves. KC stands for Krazy Cat; it was the only way to describe her constant action. She makes us laugh a lot and enjoys throwing into the air any prey or object that she comes upon. At four months, she is an expert at tossing lizards, Palmetto bugs (large cockroaches), rocks, clods of dirt, leaves or anything she can get her claws into (including clothes and human body parts). She loves to jump at Sejan's tail, standing up on her back legs like a bear with her paws up and claws out. She runs at him sideways, back arched and thinking she is so big and bad, when actually she is about the size of his head and neck. We think Sejan would love to play, but when he tries, we yell at him because his feet are big and lethal. I'm sure you will be hearing more about KC as time goes by.



*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.*

## Service is...

For the last two years we have been reading the devotional book, "Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers. We read it each morning and we are starting our third time through. Each day when we read a devotional we get a new inspiration from it. In January we read several on service and I would like to quote part of it that really spoke to me.

"The call of God is not a call to serve Him in any particular way. Service is an overflow which pours from a life filled with love and devotion. But strictly speaking, there is no *call* to that. Service is what I bring to the relationship and is the reflection of my identification with the nature of God. Service becomes a natural part of my life."

Our service to God here in Haiti is out of love, it has to be a natural thing that we do for God as a natural part of our lives. I have known many people in my life that have heard God's call and have served in so many ways always as a natural part of who they are. Service given freely and abundantly.

## Bags of Encouragement

I would like to present a new idea...not sure what all it will entail, but wanted to let everyone know about it. Last September the work team gave me some money to go to the market to buy some things as a thank you to the five cooks who did lunches all week for all of the workers. It was simple stuff like a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, 8" X 10" mirror, washcloth, bar of Dial soap and some laundry soap. Nothing we would consider great gifts, but all things they could use. They were so happy with the gifts and very appreciative. Pastor Plaisir, at the Marfranc Baptist church said it did a lot to encourage the women to help and do things for others. Last week, he asked if I could assemble a few gifts of encouragement (he said, like what was done for the cooks) for some of the members of his church that had been working so hard. Sometimes I think we forget how much we all need to be encouraged, especially when it is not a part of our culture to do good for "free" and for others. But, encouragement to follow Jesus' example and do things for others out of love. I told Pastor we could do that and to let her know how many.

This request started me thinking about "Bags of Encouragement" and how easy it would be for everyone to help me give away encouragement. Bags could be made with simple drawstrings out of bright material and filled with simple things that people would like. Some money could be donated to this as well to buy some items here. There could be bags for women, men, children and babies.

It sounds like fun to me! How about it? If anyone is interested, as an individual or as a Sunday school group, women's or men's group, community project???? Let me know. It sounds like such an easy way to spread our love to other people.

## A Happy Announcement

We are pleased and excited to announce the engagement of Joline's daughter, Robin, to Rhodel Reyes. They will be married on September 6<sup>th</sup> in Seattle, Washington. Robin and Rhodel have known each other for over two years, having met when they both worked at a Psychiatric Hospital in Seattle. Robin graduated in 2006 from the University of Washington with a BA degree in Social Work; she is currently working full time at an AIDS network in Seattle while going to school part time to get her Master's Degree in Social Work. Rhodel received his BSN degree (Nursing) in the Philippines and is currently working as a Psychiatric nurse. We are excited about the upcoming wedding and are happy to welcome Rhodel as part of our family.



We will be going back to the states to visit for the month of April so that Joline can help with wedding plans and be a part of this wonderful celebration. We will be going back again in September for the wedding and a short vacation as well. Congratulations kids!

## *Is the school finished yet?*

Very, very close. In fact, it just needs to be painted. It is a beautiful three-room school. Last Sunday, Pastor Plaisir told the congregation that he needed some volunteers to come sweep out the rooms and clean them so that the students could be moved into them. Yeah! The next work team, in March, will be doing the priming and painting along with members of the congregation and parents of some of the students. This is very exciting for the school, church and community as well as for NLH teams that have worked on it.

There are plans for a second building to hold the three remaining classrooms that are needed. The goal is to get all six classrooms completed by next fall so all six grades will be held in their own classrooms instead of in the church.



There are so many things that need to be done besides the building, but this is a life-long project and we are so excited about the beginning of the journey. Thank you to everyone who has worked on the school and has donated to NLH so that this project can be

completed. It is hard to see and hear 150 students try to learn in the sanctuary of the church sitting on church pews with no desk tops in front of them, and not want to have each class in its own room with desks. It is something that we all take for granted in the US and it something that is a huge blessing here in Haiti. Thank you to everyone that helps the kids go to school to have the opportunity to learn.

## *Kids helping to build their own school*

One of the main focuses of NLH when they wanted to work in Haiti was to do things *WITH* the Haitians, not just *FOR* the Haitians. Pastor Fran has been very vocal about collaboration and working together to do things. It is important that it isn't perceived that the Americans are just bringing money into the community, but that we want to develop relationships with them. On this note, Pastor Plaisir (at the Marfranc church and school) has encouraged his church and community to help build the school with the Americans that are providing the money to do it. The children that attend the school have

been the ones responsible for helping to collect and carry the sand that has gone into all of the concrete work for the school building. Several times a week, during their recess time, they take buckets, blankets, any vessel they can find and fill it with sand,

carry it from the river to the school and put it in piles! They are helping to build their own school....now that is what it is all about!



## *November Work Team finishes school Roof*

Just before Thanksgiving, we had a team of seven come to work on the elementary school at Marfranc. The school



was ready for the roof to be completed, so this team worked with the Haitian carpenter, Martino, and got the tin roof done. The team was comprised of three women and four men (three of whom are pastors), from four different churches. One of the

women was Michaela, age 14, who has heard God's calling to be a missionary and wanted to get some first hand experience in a third world country to see what it was like. She had a great time and got to see a lot of different things. The team visited the school during their breaks, walked around Marfranc and went to the market there, visited an orphanage in Jeremie as well as Asile, the retirement home in Marfranc. They were a great team, got a lot done and blessed so many people while they were here. They had some flight problems leaving; couldn't get them all on the plane, so Pastor's Fran and Eddie got to spend another night with us. It was nice and relaxing and they made it home before Thanksgiving to be with their families. We thank all of them for the work that they did and we had a great time hosting them.

## *Kids to Kids*

LifeSpring Community church in Plainfield, Illinois was the first church of NLH to catch the vision of coming to Haiti to invest in one area to show the people the love of Jesus, to share His love with them, and improve their lives. Just as important, to participate in their lives and become their friends.

LifeSpring is having their children in Sunday School raise money to help the school kids at the Baptist school in Marfranc. Last summer they raised money themselves (not their parents) to provide scholarships for 35 children and to buy school supplies for them. This fall, they wrote cards to the kids at the school and sent them with the November team. Joline just recently took those cards to the kids. LifeSpring provided construction paper and colored pencils so that the kids in Marfranc could make cards to send to the States. All 300 school kids had a great time making cards as they do not have much of a chance to do creative things. The kids in the States will receive their cards when Pastor Fran returns here in February. We hope that this correspondence will continue for years to come and even develop into adult friendships. The kids at LifeSpring are learning what it is like to share love with other children thousands of miles away. God is good.



## *Mesi Anpil - Many thanks!*

Sometimes it is impossible to say thank you for all the things that people do for us and for the Haitians that we work with. Everyone's generosity, love and prayers are truly awesome. Words somehow do not convey the gratitude we have for all that you do for us. People help in so many different ways often on a daily basis. We want to thank each of you for your financial support, helping us to stay here and work, support for school scholarships for kids, support for items needed to live here, and most of all prayer and love support.

We have now had a total of 42 students supported in the Marfranc Elementary school. There are over 300 children that attend the school and probably 15% of them have the ability to pay. It only takes \$25 US for a year's tuition, less than it takes to go out to eat at a restaurant. If the children do not pay their tuition, then the teachers do not get paid nor supplies purchased. By sponsoring children to go to school, we are also helping to pay the teachers and buy supplies. Last week, I bought \$10 US worth of supplies for the teachers, chalk, erasers, and pens. You would have thought I had given them gold. Such an easy gift to give. Thank you to those that sponsor kids. Thank you to a small group in LifeSpring church that is sending small packages of gifts for children at the Marfranc church. These will be collected and given out when we have enough to go around. These are huge blessings. Thank you for all that you do!

## *Upcoming Events*

Here are a few things that we are looking forward to.....

Pastor Fran Leeman (our Director and friend) will be coming for a short visit on February 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be visiting some of the country churches in the Marfranc area as well as talking to Pastor Plaisir and others about what projects can be done and our (NLH) role in the area. He will also be traveling to Cayes for two days with Steve to talk to the Executive Committee of MEBSH about our partnership with them. We'll keep him busy, but also hope he has time to relax.

A team will be arriving in March to paint the first elementary school building in Marfranc and begin the second building foundation. They will actually be the ones to totally complete the first phase of this project! We are looking forward to their visit.

February 1<sup>st</sup> Joline will be starting her annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade English class at the Baptist church school in Jeremie. It is a great time for the kids to get a head start on their English and a time for me to get to know some of them...it is usually a lot of fun. We'll keep you posted.

Groundbreaking for the house in Marfranc...it has been named Kay Rivye (River House) because it overlooks the Grand Anse River. We are really excited about getting started on the house and can't wait to live out there.

## *Mailing Reminder*

Mailing address for Haiti (while on the field):

Steve & Joline Moore  
Agape Flights PAP 18098  
100 Airport Ave.,  
Venice, FL 34285

- 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.

## *Praises and Prayer Requests*



### **Blessings**

- We are thankful for the safe trips Steve has made to Port-au-Prince and Cayes and the protection Joline has received while being home along in Jeremie.
- We are thankful for faithful supporters to our ministry in Haiti.
- We are thankful for good health.
- We are thankful for visitors that come to work with the churches and schools in Marfranc.
- We are thankful for family and friends that send love and prayers our way.

### **Prayer requests**

- Safe arrival of a new Honda generator that we pray will be shipped end of January, arriving before our other one dies.
- Physical safety for Steve and the crew while they work on the construction sites in Marfranc.
- Safe trip for Pastor Fran Leeman who will be visiting for a week February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Good communication for Pastor Fran and Pastor Plaisir and the MEBSH Executive Committee during Fran's visit as they plan for future work together.
- For continued healing of Steve's mom's knee that she currently has in a walking brace.
- For continued funding for NLH projects and the house in Marfranc as well as personal ministry funds.

## *How hot is it?*

People always ask us, "How hot is it in Jeremie?" Now everyone can find out without any problem at all. If you go to MSN's Weather and in the 'find location' box type **Vieux Bourg de Jeremie, HTI** you can keep it on your MSN page and see how warm we are every day. Enjoy!