



# Moore News In Haiti....

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## *March Work Team accomplishments!*

We had a team of eight that came to visit us for a week in March. They got a lot of work done, had a great time playing with the kids at the school, and presented Sunday School for the children on the Sunday they were in Marfranc. They brought along games that will be kept here at the house to be used by all teams. The kids enjoyed playing parachute games for the first time...it was funny to watch!



*Starting to paint the school.*

Most of the team spent the majority of the week painting the first elementary school building at the Baptist church in Marfranc. The building needed to have several coats to cover the new cement, but they got it done and it is beautiful. Pastor Plaisir says that now the community uses it for all kinds of events, like giving vaccinations to the children. He says it's nice that the church school can be used for several things.

The men on the team also worked on the plumbing at Kay Bo Rivye. They were able to get all of the pipes where they belonged while the workers were doing the foundation.

Thank you to this group for getting so much done and for enjoying the people in Marfranc.



*Jennifer playing with the kids.*

## *Costs just keep on rising!*

In mid-March Steve went downtown to buy some metal reinforcement bar, used in most phases of building here. It is used to make the posts that hold up the walls and is inside of all concrete walls; it is used for the floors, as well as for the ceiling. It is the grid work that makes the concrete strong. He found out that all of the rebar had gone up in price, but the ½" rebar that is used for the strongest reinforcement had doubled in price. Cement had already been going up for several months and when the cost of transportation to the job site was added on, it was getting to be very expensive as well. This was discouraging, since Steve was trying so hard to get Kay Bo Rivye in a livable state by the end of August when the lease on our current house is up. Plus, the second school building that we hoped would be ready for September when school starts, was also in jeopardy of not getting finished due to cost of materials. In addition, we had already arranged for a good friend, Rob Bennett, and his wife, Adrienne to come. Rob will help Steve weld the metal grates for the windows and the porch, which are needed for security on the house.

Since New Life for Haiti is a new organization, their funds are limited and the price increases raised the costs of the house and the second school building above the budgeted amount. NLH has sent out a plea for help to buy building materials for all of our projects. Our home church, Congregational Presbyterian, in Idaho, is also working on raising funds to help get the house finished enough for us to move into it in September.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to helping us get these projects done. It is a huge blessing to have the help from everyone. We pray that with this help will be enough money to get these projects completed in the time we would like. Thank you all for every part you play in our work here.

## *New Additions to the family*

KC had kittens! We thought she was pregnant and while Joline was in the states, she had her four beautiful kids. Not sure what genders they are yet, not sure how to even tell on cats! They are all different colors and are getting bigger by the day. We may keep one of them, but the rest will be given away. We'll see what Sejan does with the new additions!



## *6<sup>th</sup> Grade English class finished for another year*

For several years now, I have taught a short English class to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at one of the local church schools. This year I was again able to go back to the same Baptist Church School in Jeremie as last year, and teach the class two days a week for several months.

I enjoy doing these classes for many reasons. I tell the kids I want them to have a head start on their English classes which they start in 7<sup>th</sup> grade; however that is really not the main reason I love doing it. In Haiti the kids in 6<sup>th</sup> grade range from age 12 to age 19 and I get a chance to interact and talk to the normally, rude teenagers that give visitors a hard time out on the street. I tell them that I want to get to know them, to laugh with them and for them to get to know who I am so that when they see me on the street they say 'hi'...not yell "blanc" at me! I also want them to get to know someone who is different than they are so that they will begin to accept people who are not exactly like they are.

They learn a lot of English while we laugh together and get to know each other. The last week, we do a review, and then I give them a test over what they have learned. Since they know that they really don't get a grade for this, I tell



*Taking the English exam.*

them that I will give a present to the boy and the girl with the highest score. Usually it is a calculator and some pretty, fun, pens. I give the highest scoring student their "Go for English" text book for the next year. This

year's class will be finished on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. I am already looking forward to doing this class in Marfranc at the Baptist church there, next year!

## *Will this truck ever be fixed?*

I'm writing this on a day that Steve is really frustrated and I really hope I can add a good note on the bottom of this article, or scrap it altogether and you'll never know this existed, ha! Steve finally got the new part a week ago, but it has taken him a week to get the old part out successfully. Since he doesn't have a complete set of mechanic tools, this job has been much more difficult. He has managed to borrow tools that suffice...or work from HHF and from Dave's stash. He needed a special headed screw driver, but managed without it. I went with him Thursday morning, and he got the old pump out. Now he is trying to put the new pump in. For those of you that haven't received frantic e-mails with questions, I should probably explain that the truck died near the top of a mountain area, in Jeremie, where Tom, Steve's boss mason, lives. It has been parked in front of his brother's house for about two months now. After much analyzing via e-mails...they discovered the injector pump was dead. I ordered it in April, but couldn't bring it with me on the plane; it arrived two weeks later via Agape Flights (our mail service). It took another three days to get it to Jeremie. Steve is working on rocky ground, with inadequate tools, in the sun, without the truck being jacked up. Probably not an ideal situation! By the time this goes to print, I hope I have an update for it. Pray that it will be fixed and up and running before then.

## *Progress on second building at Marfranc School*

This project has been a victim of the cost of rising construction materials. Steve had started the second building about a month ago, but had to stop when price of metal went sky high. He



has started the project up again, slowly, to see how far he can get within the original budget. They wanted to build the school really fast, so stopping the work for a few weeks has slowed it down some.

The workers are putting up the columns in the corners and on the walls this week and then will pour the floor before making blocks to build the walls. This building will have a concrete roof so that in the future another three rooms may be added as a top floor. It will cost more to do this type of roof, but will be more economical in the future for adding more classrooms. The church does not have much property, so all of the space needs to be utilized by building up! Work will continue on the school all summer, we are still hopeful that the kids will be able to be in their new classrooms in the fall. It all depends on funding!

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.

## *Progress Update on Kay Bo Rivye*

If you have been going to either website to read Joline's journal entries you won't be as surprised by the progress that is being made weekly on the house/guesthouse in Marfranc. Kay Bo Rivye (House by the river) is actually looking like a house!



*Foundations & walls.*

## *Bible-based movies to be shown*

Last summer when we traveled across the US, we stayed with our friend, Tina Demastus. Tina came to visit us in Bonne Fin and helped put on a Bible School for the kids there. We were able to show the 'Life of Jesus' film and several of the kids came forward to accept Jesus into their lives. When we saw Tina last summer she asked if we had the DVD of this film to use in Marfranc. I said no, that we hadn't purchased it yet. Tina immediately got online and ordered a copy for us to use.

In March when we had a team visiting, we used the DVD for the first time and showed the film at the church in Marfranc. Although the acoustics were bad and there was too much noise to be heard after the film was finished, many people there commented on how good the film was. We will be using it again in the next few months in a quieter setting so people can come forward after it is shown. We will also be taking it up to a small village near Marfranc and be using it as part of an evangelical evening to help the church in that community.

When Joline was in the states in April, she also bought two new DVD's. One is about the life of David and the other about the life of Joseph. We will be showing the 'David' film while the next team is here at the church in Marfranc and also be using one or both of them at the youth camp that will be held in July. We are excited about the possibility of showing these films to help show people what God's word is all about. We appreciate those that have given gifts to help us buy the equipment and films that we need.

While Joline was gone for a month they made lots of progress on the walls and had poured the rough floors in most of the rooms and porch. Now that they have the windows and doors framed in, you can tell what it will look like a little better. The big, open windows in the grand room (living area) will be perfect for letting in lots of air and will give everyone a great view of the river and activities going on around us. The wrap around porch just had the posts poured and should have the top part put on it this week, then the roof can be poured.



*The septic tank is finished!*

*An easy way to keep up with all of our activities is to go to one of two websites and read the weekly journal entries that Joline is doing. By using CTRL + click on either:*

<http://newlifeforhaiti.org/MooreBlog.html> or  
[http://www.congopres.org/pages/haiti\\_mission/haiti\\_journal.htm](http://www.congopres.org/pages/haiti_mission/haiti_journal.htm)

*You will be able to get to the weekly journal entries. If you put it on your favorites in your computer it is an easy way to see what is going on in our lives. Joline tries to update it every Sunday evening, so you should have the new entry at the first of each week. Enjoy.*

## *Mesi Anpil - Many thanks!*

We thank you everyone for all that has been done for us this year. There have been so very many people that have come together to help make things easier for us here. There are so many needs and it is just impossible for us to do this ourselves. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generous giving whenever it is needed and mostly when it isn't even asked for. It is too hard to name everyone, but here are some of the many, many things that have been donated and paid for by the generosity of other people....THANK YOU! We have received gifts of...car parts for the Isuzu, an injector pump for the truck, a wonderful discount and preparation of the injector pump for the truck, a welder and rods, a generator for the house, money to buy construction materials, a propane refrigerator for the house, tools, tools and more tools and the shipping of those tools to Haiti, scholarships for students (elementary, secondary and medical), clothes and gift bags for babies, children, students and the elderly. PLUS, so many things that have been sent to us via mail and also sent down with groups that have visited! PLUS all of the monthly support that we receive from everyone, the list is amazing. All of you are so awesome, we thank everyone that supports us and NLH in the work being done here.

## *Upcoming Events*

We have several teams arriving this summer; it will be nice and busy. There is a team coming from May 26 to June 2. They will probably be working as you read this newsletter. Their projects will include some electrical work at Kay Bo Rivye and also painting the front wall (on the street) of the Baptist school and church in Marfranc, as well as some landscaping done at Kay Bo Rivye.

Pastor Fran is bringing a group with him from June 26 to July 2 that will consist of his wife, daughter, son-in-law, a pastor friend and a member of LifeSpring church. They will be doing some music things with the Marfranc church and touring around and, we may be showing the Jesus film at a mountain church. Fran wants to bring his family and friends down to be introduced to Haiti! Sounds like a fun trip.

Then in July, there is a group of eight (maybe nine?) coming from four different churches. Their three primary projects will be to work on welding the security windows and the porch, screens for the windows and building screen doors for the house, plus finishing the electrical wiring. I'm sure we'll find a few other projects to throw in as well!!!!

There is a Youth Camp at the church camp next door to Kay Bo Rivye. They will be having a first time Youth Camp for the Marfranc district. It will be a three-day camp with lots of activities. Joline is on the committee to plan it, so I'm sure we will be involved in whatever goes on during those three days. If you would like to help fund the camp...just let us know, your financial help with this would be appreciated.

We will be gone for the month of September. Joline's daughter, Robin, is getting married on September 6th, so we will be going back the week before the wedding and staying until the end of September. Steve hasn't been back to Idaho for over a year, he will enjoy the down time!

## *Praises and Prayer Requests*



### **Blessings**

- Thankful for good health, food on the table and lots of work to do.
- Thankful for a wonderful Haitian church that we can attend on Sundays.
- Thankful for health for our families at home in the US.
- Thankful for friends who help us out when we reach out to them via internet.
- Thankful for church families across the US that help us stay in Haiti and work and that pray for us each and every day.
- Thankful for an Awesome God that guides and protects us each and every moment.

### **Prayer requests**

- Prayers for continued strength for the Haitian people as they struggle to put food on the table and to educate and clothe their children.
- Prayers for the Haitian churches as they continue to spread the gospel, especially as they minister to the youth of this country.
- Prayers for continued safety on the roads as we travel as well and continued good health.
- Prayers for travel safety for upcoming teams as they prepare to work here with us.
- Prayers that God's work will be continued through everything that we do and say.

## *Mailing Reminder*

Mailing address for Haiti (while on the field):

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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.