



Moore News In Haiti....

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God Provides

There are many, many times in Haiti that I remember to be thankful and to thank God for the things that He gives us. I need to remember throughout each and every day that God's grace is sufficient. When I forget, God puts Haitian people in front of me that remind me that His grace is sufficient.

One of these great examples is a group of elderly women in the church. These women do not stand out on Sunday mornings, they do not call attention to themselves and actually, you would not even notice them sitting on the church benches. They are almost forgotten because they have no one to help take care of them. They are not sick, weak or unhealthy. They do all of the same daily activities as everyone else, but they are either widows and have no children living in the Marfranc area or have not been married or have no children to help them. They do not complain, they do not cry out because they are hungry. They love God and know that His grace is sufficient and the He will take care of them. It is a huge lesson in humility and also an example of God's grace at work through them.

These women frequently stop by Pastor Plaisir's house after church or during the week to see if he has any food that he can give them. He can't give them much, but he does give them what he can. Pastor and I talked a lot about these

women and Steve and I decided that on the first and third Sunday's we would bring a bag of food for each of them. There are nine women in the group, three of whom are widows. We decided that we would give them rice, beans, oil, spaghetti, Maggi (seasoning) and tomato paste in a cloth bag and that at least would help them through the week. It is not enough to keep their stomach's full, but it helps. They return the cloth bag each week to get it filled again. It costs about \$100 US to give the nine women a bag twice a month. At some point we would love to expand it to every week, but this is at least a start on helping them.



They are so thankful and so gracious about getting the food. It is such a simple thing for us to do and such a huge blessing for them.

Construction on second school building almost finished!



The second building that will house three classrooms is almost finished. The steps in front of the doors were done this week and they are done plastering the outside walls. The work team coming in April will paint inside and out, and then it will be done. This is such a huge blessing for all of the kids.

In this building will be the classrooms for the 1st, 2nd and 4th grade classes. A 7th grade was added this year to the school by request from the State school system. Apparently they are overcrowded and asked Pastor Plaisir to add a 7th grade to his school. Because of this new class, the 3rd grade will remain in the church until a second floor is added above this second building. Plans to do this are on the drawing board. The kids that are now in

their new classrooms love them! Supplies for the rooms are being shipped down on the next container. They were donated by the Kids Helping Kids program at LifeSpring church. I can't wait to get the new items in the rooms!



Kay Bo Rivye becomes a Home!

When we moved into Kay Bo Rivye last November, it truly felt like a concrete shell with some furniture in it. When Fran visited in February, he and Steve built some frames and screens for our bedroom and bathroom and now Steve has finished the screens for the dorm rooms, kitchen and dorm bathrooms. We still have screen doors to do and huge screens for the big windows in the grand room, but the team that is visiting in April will finish those up for us. Steve made a kitchen sink and counter for me and we also made some bamboo doors for the dorm rooms. The bunk beds are back together again and the curtains are finished and put up in the entire house. Whew!!!! Steve only has to finish one bathroom on the dorm side and then I think we are done with what has to be finished before the April team arrives.



It always amazes me how putting things on the walls and hanging curtains totally changes a house into a home. When Fran came to visit, he stood in the grand room, looked around and said, "Wow, this is really a home now!" We are still living with grey walls (inside and out), and some things still need to be finished. The kitchen still needs shelves and counter tops, but it is so much better than it was in January. I know I can't put enough pictures in the newsletter to show you everything, I just wish you could all see it.

It has been an amazing to watch the entire process from breaking ground to doing the finish work on the house. Thank you to everyone that has donated money, sweat, time, equipment and material to get the house done. So many people have worked on the house and donated items and money to get it done...wish you could all come and spend some time here. Our view is great...and we serve a mean

cup of Haitian coffee at 4:00 PM each day! THANK YOU.

Bean Program update..

Just wanted to give you an update on the bean program. A total of 281 marmits (or 3,372 cups) of beans were loaned to 65 people at five churches in the Marfranc District. WOW! To say that the bean program (Pwa pou La Vi, or Beans for Life) made people happy and is appreciated would be an understatement. In any year, a program to loan beans to families that cannot afford it would be a great program, but in a year when three hurricanes devastated the summer/fall crops so they had no money to buy beans...it was a saving miracle for them. The program was received with great enthusiasm.

We started buying the beans to loan in January. We found out that we needed to start buying the beans earlier next year because in January they are not only more expensive, but also harder to find. We had to buy a lot more beans than we anticipated so next year we will do things a bit differently. Needless to say, the families (farmers) in the five churches were very happy to participate in the program. Now we wait, we pray for rain when they need it, but not too much to flood the crops. We pray for a good harvest and that all of them are able to pay back the beans they borrowed, with interest. We will continue to keep you updated on how things go in a few months. Thank you to those that donated to this program.

English classes started.

Once again it is time for me to teach the sixth grade English class. This will be the first year for the Marfranc School, but I have been teaching these classes for the last six years and have really enjoyed doing them.

When the students start 7th grade they begin learning English. However, often the Haitian English teacher does not speak English well himself...so what they learn is not pronounced well. By the time they graduate from High school, they can read and write English, but still cannot speak it well.

The main objectives for me in teaching the 6th graders are not just to help them get started for the next year, but also for them to get to know me. Most of them do not see "blancs" (foreigners) very often and when they do, it is just in passing on the street. Teenagers frequently are rude and sassy when we meet them, and it is partly because they are embarrassed and we so different from them. I hope that by talking to them over the course of the class that they will learn that we are all the same and that I am no different from them. We usually have a good time and they do learn some English, which I hope helps them in 7th grade. There are 48 students in the class when they are all there, and they are eager to learn. It's nice to be doing the class again.



Youth Mardi Gras Camp a Success.

Last year many of you were amazing and gave money to do a Summer Youth Camp last July. It was a huge success and the kids didn't want to go home. With the money that was donated we were also able to do a one-day camp for them in November, do a singing program at Asile (a retirement center), and do a three-day camp for Mardi Gras in February.



Without your donations, none of these events would have been possible.

In Haiti during the three days of Mardi Gras there is a lot of drinking and dancing and partying. The churches here have for many years done camps for the Christian youth during those three days so that they are away from the partying activities and have Christian activities to participate in. The youth love it and it is a very popular thing to do. Unfortunately, it costs money to have a camp and the families here in the Marfranc district can't really afford it.

We were able to have a three day Mardi Gras camp for 67 youth from five different churches (not just Baptist) in the Marfranc area. Dur-

ing the three days there were several speakers, one of whom was a young woman, Dr. Rameline, who is a Dentist. She is from Jeremie and attends the Jeremie Baptist Church. The kids loved her. She asked questions after her talk and handed out toothbrushes! There was a ton of singing and praising God, they watched several movies ('Life of Jesus' and 'Life of Moses'), played games, heard speakers and ate! Since we live right next door to the camp, we got to hear them sing and sing and sing...it was great.

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.

Thanks to all of you who helped with donations last year. We would like to ask you to help us again for this year. The youth committee is already planning the four-day camp for July and we could use your help! If you would like to donate to the youth activities....please contact me, or just send a check to NLH and put 'youth camp' on a sticker on the check. Your donations will be truly appreciated.



Dr. Rameline



Pastor Fran's visit in February.

During February, Pastor Fran Leeman (NLH Director) was our first official visitor to stay at Kay Bo Rivye. His room was finished, well...kind of; it did have curtains, a bathroom and electricity. He came by himself to meet with us about projects and construction for 2009, as well as meet with Pastor Plaisir regarding events and construction in the church district. He also wanted to visit one of the mountain churches in the District. We had a great week together, time to relax, talk, drink coffee and discuss things for NLH. We all had a good meeting with Pastor Plaisir and planned projects and the construction that would be done for this year. We also discussed future projects that he would like to see done and programs such as sister churches, child sponsorship, bean loaning and feeding programs.



Pastor Fran and Pastor Plaisir

Pastor Fran also got his wish to walk to a mountain church. There are four mountain churches in the Marfranc MEBSh district. They are located in Kanton, Plik, Chameau and Plaine Marie. Kanton and Chameau are fairly easy to get to by crossing the river on foot and walking about 1½ hours one way. Pastor Fran and I have been to those churches. This time Steve, Fran, Pastor Plaisir, Vilex and several others and I walked to Plik (sounds like Pleak). To get to Plik you cross the river and drive about 45 minutes up a mountain, then walk about 45 minutes down into a valley. It is beautiful. They have a church that is not finished and school (5 grades) is held in the church on benches (no desks). The pastor does not make much money at all being the pastor, so he also is a carpenter and mostly makes caskets. It was a great trip...beautiful country and beautiful people; they gave us coffee and bread when we arrived and then a lunch before we left.

It was great to have Fran here to visit. We hope he also had time to rest!

Mesi Anpil - Many thanks!

As always there are never enough words to tell everyone thank you for all that you do. This has been an awesome year and a wonderful first three months of 2009. The time goes so fast and there is so much to do here. We want to thank those that continue to donate to our support; you are amazing! We know that things are getting tight in the US and want to say a special thanks to those that continue to send us support and also support the extra programs that we do and the projects for NLH as well. God has been so amazingly faithful and finding people to step up and help us. Thank you everyone.

Upcoming Events

We have four teams scheduled and confirmed for this year. The first team to stay at Kay Bo Rivye will be April 23rd - 29th. They will be painting the second school building and making screens and screen doors for the house. Then we have a team coming in late June to work on the first child sponsorship program at the Marfranc School. We have another team the very first of July that will be painting the church in Moron (inside and out) as well as a few things here at the house. Not sure what all the team in mid-July will be doing, but the Youth Summer Camp will be going on at the same time, so there will be stuff to do with them as well. We are looking forward to having teams visit. We expect there will be a few more teams later in the year as well.

With the second building finished at the school in Marfranc our next phase for that school will be a second story on the building that was just finished. ACC (Apostolic Christian Church) will be putting a tin roof on that building for us, so the walls need to be done by fall.

We will also be working on a storage room at the Catholic Church where the clinics are held annually with people from Kokomo, Indiana. We will start that project in the next few months.

We have started the back wall in our backyard at Kay Bo Rivye, to stop the mud from coming into the yard and to also save the hill behind us from crashing down on us! We will be putting a kitchen depot (storage room) in the back as well.

Youth events will also continue (with your help) for this year, Summer Camp, a Day camp in the fall and hopefully another Mardi Gras Camp next year.

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.*

Praises and Prayer Requests



Blessings

- For God's grace and mercy each and every day as he provides everything for us.
- For our house and yard help. They are wonderful Christians and hard workers.
- For our good health and safety.
- For Pastor Plaisir and for Vilex, who both help us each and every day and are good friends.
- For the truck that is still running, and thanks for a new shock that was found in Jeremie (not the right size, but works) and for safety on the road when Steve went to Cayes.
- For new programs that are being implemented to help people in the Marfranc valley.
- For our families that keep us surrounded in love.
- For everything that has been donated and purchased for the house.

Prayer requests

- Pray that we will continue to get enough rain for the farmers in the area.
- Pray that our little (2000) generator will last until we get a larger one. Our 3000 died.
- Pray that Brian Zurita will be able to find a mechanic that can locate the sensor on the truck so we can replace it with the new part that was sent.
- Pray that the evangelism that was done during the Youth Mardi Gras camp touches the hearts of the youth that attended.
- Pray for continued strength for Pastor Plaisir and Vilex as they continue to work in the church.
- Continued prayers for the Haitian people, especially those that live in the mountain areas where there is not much for them to eat or a way to earn a living to help their families.
- Pray for safety for us on the roads as we travel and during our busy days.
- Prayers for our continued good health as we start our work team season.
- Pray for a grant to come through to help us buy a solar system for the house.



Wall behind Kay Bo Rivye.