



Moore News

In Haiti....

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Happy New Year 2010!

We wish you a Happy New year and pray that you will find God's perfect peace and joy in everything that you do! Thank you for helping to make last year a blessing to us and

to the people we serve here in Marfranc. We can not do this service without your prayers, support and love. We thank you for all that you do to help us stay here and work. May your lives be full of God's grace, mercy and love as you accomplish great things this next year! We send you our love and our prayers!

First Haitian NLH Employee



It is our pleasure to announce a new addition to our NLH staff. Many of you already know Vilex Plaisir. He is the son of Pastor Plaisir in Marfranc. We first got to know Vilex after we had been in Jeremie for awhile. He started out riding to Marfranc with us when we had groups and doing some of the activities with us. Soon, he was visiting our house and getting to know us and Sejan. Sejan thought he was great and over the last 2 ½ years he has become like a son to us.

It has been apparent for some time that we needed to add some Haitian staff to our programs here. Joline can not do all of the footwork and con-

tacting that is necessary for many of the programs that we implemented this year. Vilex speaks English well, has a wonderful personality, and enjoys working with both people who visit as well as the Haitian Pastors and their churches. Since Vilex has grown up around these churches, he is a wealth of information and will be a very valued employee. Initially, his job will be to work with Joline implementing the Child Sponsorship Program (CSP), the Beans for Life Program and working with visiting teams.

We are very happy and excited about his new position. Welcome, Vilex!

Youth Day!

This past November, the youth of Marfranc District spent a day together, singing, praying, laughing, eating and talking. Forty-five youth, from five churches and two denominations, came together to spend a day in fellowship. In this area of Haiti, there are very few, if any activities for the youth. Last year we created a day in November and they had so much fun, they requested another one this year. Pastor Plaisir gave a mini-sermon they played some soccer, ate a great meal, then finished their day with a praise and worship service. There was a team here and they joined in on several of the activities.

The Marfranc District youth held three events in 2009 including, this one in November, one for three days of Mardi Gras in February, and four days of summer camp. They are looking forward to another great year of activities. Thank you to everyone that helped sponsor the youth in 2009.



Mailing Reminder

Mailing address for Haiti (while on the field).....

- 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. We are charged to deliver anything other than letters.

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New Generators and inverter

Last year we purchased a new diesel Apache generator. However after running it for two hours it broke down. We



New NLH generator.

found out that it was a faulty generator and should not have been sold. After months of negotiating with one of the owners of Apache generators, Leslie Zurita (our friend in Illinois) was able to have him send a new generator to us on the container we re-

ceived in November. This one is a little larger and works great. He also sent us a smaller, gasoline generator to donate to Pastor Plaisir at the Marfranc church. We want to thank Apache Generators and Leslie for working so hard to get us a power source again! Pastor Plaisir says "Many, many thanks" for helping him have power in his church and house!

We also were happy to receive a new inverter for Kay Bo Rivye. Our smaller inverter had blown up while we were gone in September and October, and Andrew Van Tassel along with John Frankel donated to help NLH buy a new one! An inverter is essential when we have teams so that we can have fans and lights at night! Thank you both for your help in buying, ordering and installing the inverter.

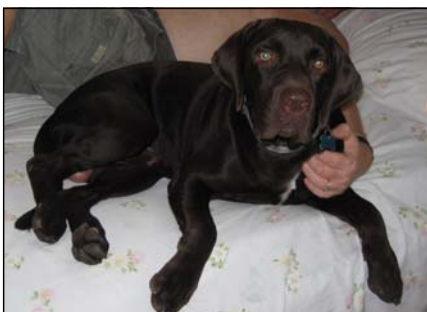


Pastor Plaisir and the generator for the church.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR HELPING US WITH OUR POWER HERE!!

Bouki Update!

What can I say? Bouki is a very active, very funny, very stubborn, nine month old puppy! He looks like he is full grown, but trust me, he acts like a puppy! We now know why people give away six-to-nine month old puppies! They are a handful!



Actually Bouki is great! He loves to play, (but not retrieve or give!) loves Dis and Mme. Asson's kids, actually loves Touton, the cat, and still sleeps on our bed part of the night! We aren't sure he is done growing yet, but he is definitely a big boy! We hope his enthusiasm for greeting people lessens by the time the teams start arriving in March!

Beans for Life Program

Last year we started a program to loan beans to the farmers that attend the six Baptist churches in the Marfranc district. We loaned over 270 mamits (3,240 cups) of beans to 55 farmers. All but one of those farmers paid back their beans with interest (two cups per mamit). It was a great success. We had a few glitches, but Vilex assures me that we can work those out.



Measuring out beans for 2010 program.

Last year, we had to buy beans at a high price because we didn't start early enough and we were not able to sell them at a very good price. This year

we have started buying early (they will actually get their beans for planting in February) and have a women buying them for a great price. We will get our lists of farmers to the pastors of their churches this next week to get a final list of those that want to borrow beans again this year. We will keep you informed as to how the program is working. A huge thank you to Shirlee Bower's Sunday school class in Kokomo, Indiana that provided support for the program this year!! THANK YOU!

Donations for any of the projects that you would like 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. For our general support, please put 'Steve & Joline Moore' on the memo line.

Or, visit the New Life for Haiti website newlifeforhaiti.org and donate online through Pay Pal. Again, designate where you would like your donation to go.

Welcome to the family, Jonathan

The marriage of Steve's youngest daughter, Bethany to Jonathan Garrison was held at a Portland, Oregon botanical garden on September 20th, in a beautiful patio setting. Bethany was radiant and Jonathan was handsome; they make a beautiful couple. They are making their home in Portland. Bethany is an artist and produces beautiful pieces in metal. Jonathan is a massage therapist. All three of Steve's daughters were together at the wedding; the first time they have been together in over 15 years. It was a beautiful event and a fun time was had by all. Congratulations Bethany and Jonathan.



Women's Appreciation Day

The women in Haiti work so incredibly hard. Their life is not easy at all. They are often responsible, not only for their home and their children, but for selling things in the market or in front of their homes so that their family can survive.



They are often in poor health either from their hard life or poor nutrition. The women of our church in Marfranc are incredible. They meet three times during the week to

pray and sing together. They love to sing and often sing a special song during church. I cannot imagine the life that they have lived and they humble me. This year they presented a concert so that they could have a special day together, however, they didn't make much money at their concert and after expenses, they were not able to have the special day. Several visitors left money to be used in whatever fashion we wanted, and I had some money set aside, so we decided to have a day of appreciation for the women of the Marfranc church. What a wonderful, great day it was! They spent from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the church camp and sang together, prayed together, ate a great meal together and did two special fun projects that I had prepared for them. Pastor Plaisir gave an encouraging talk...and did I mention that they sang!?! We had to wait for lunch to be served and they sang praises to God for over an hour while they waited! They are an amazing bunch of women. Thank you to everyone that left donations for events like this! I only wish we could have done more.

Child Sponsorship Program (CSP)

Last year a team from LifeSpring Community Church (Pastor Fran's church) came to take pictures of 94 children who were in our first Child Sponsorship Program. One of the largest needs in this rural area is help for the children. Most of the families can not afford to send their kids to school, or when they can no longer pay for school, the children are sent home in the middle of the year. Then they have to start over in the same grade the next year. Besides tuition, the parents also need to buy uniforms, shoes, books and supplies. When the families can't pay for school, the school is unable to pay the teachers or buy supplies for the teachers to use. This is a vicious cycle and one of the ways to break this cycle is to help children go to school.

CSP is designed so that anyone can go to the NLH website and look through pictures of children who are available for sponsorship. The monthly sponsorship fee is \$29.00. The sponsorship for each covers their tuition plus money for their uniform, shoes, books and supplies. Supplies are also given to the parents for each child. Sponsorship ensures the child is able to go to school, but even more, ensures the school is able to pay the teachers and buy supplies. We currently have 32 of the original 94 children sponsored.

Along with these benefits all 375 children in the school are receiving vitamins each week. We started with vitamins once a week, but in January will begin giving them twice a week since we have received enough vitamins for the increase. We have gotten donations from several different sources and will need more vitamins for this next school year as well.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child through the Child Sponsorship Program, please visit our website for more information. You will be helping the future of Haiti, by helping to educate a child and improve the school that they attend!

Elderly Feeding Program

We are continuing with the feeding program for the elderly in our area. One of our women who lived across the river in Fouache died in November. She had been very sick and had gotten weaker and weaker; Pastor was not surprised when she died. We have added another man to our roll. We now have 10 women and two men in the program. Columbia Church in Pennsylvania continues to help support this program. We want to thank Columbia for helping us sustain this important program. We are hoping to expand the program to include other churches in the District. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

Earthquake!

Some damage to houses in the Marfranc area from the January 12th earthquake.



Mostly, walls were knocked down, making the houses uninhabitable, however some buildings collapsed.

November team hiked to Chameau

In November, we had a team of five from several churches come to visit. One of the team, Neil, is friend of Pastor Fran's and the pastor of a church that is interested in partnering with NLH. It was Neil's first visit. The team walked to Chameau to take measurements for two roofs that need to be replaced. They also walked up the mountain to Fouache to visit one of the teachers' homes to deliver a new baby gift pack. Andrew, from Fran's church, came along to help install the new inverter and also put in the new deep well pump that was donated by Bill and Betty Snodgrass from Crossroads (Eddie's church). This team also helped distribute school supplies to the students in Marfranc and helped with distribution of turtles (see *next article*) and the making of posters. They did a little bit of everything and enjoyed walking to new mountain places. They were here during the Youth Day event and they enjoyed the afternoon worship service with them. We hope that Neil enjoyed his first visit here and that he and his church will become actively involved in NLH.

The Ridgley Family

We had the pleasure of hosting the Ridgley Family (Josh, Shawna and kids, Rachel 13, Jacob 12, and Quinton 10, for the month of November. Josh had been to Haiti three times and Shawna once before they arrived this year. They came to experience Haiti with their kids and to see what it would be like to live here. We did many events while they were here and they helped with many projects, including time spent with a team that was visiting. They got the chance to go to the beach a couple of times, learn a lot of Kreyol and also celebrated Thanksgiving here. We enjoyed having them around and appreciated all of the things that they helped us do. We look forward to hearing what God has planned for them.



Kreyol classes with Velix.

Visit the NLH Website!

We invite you to visit the New Life for Haiti website at:

newlifeforhaiti.org

Joline has started her journal again. The most current journal will be on the front page, but you can access any journal that has been written by using the calendar provided. To get a direct link to the journal pages go to:

<http://newlifeforhaiti.org/MooreBlog.html>

Or, on the left side of the website page, click on "Partners". Then click below our picture where it says "Journal".



There is also a fairly new feature on the website for our new Child Sponsorship program; the link is on the left side of the home page.

(See the article in this newsletter for more information on CSP.)

If you are interested in coming on a trip to visit and work with us in Haiti, there is also a link to see when trips are available.

Also, the Pay Pal donation area on the website now allows the donations be designated to a specific program, toward support for NLH missionaries, or even to make payments toward your visit.

Turtles....boy did we have turtles!

Thanks to the Kids Helping Kids program at LifeSpring Community Church for sending 100 stuffed turtles with notes attached to the kids at Marfranc Baptist Church. Along with the turtles the kids made banners with their names and greeting for the kids in Marfranc. In return the kids in Marfranc made posters for the kids in Illinois. Fun was had by all. Kids Helping Kids also sent lots of school supplies on the container so that 375 students received wonderful school supplies. There were smiles everywhere when the supplies were handed out. THANK YOU to the kids at LifeSpring Community for loving the kids in Marfranc!



Praises and Prayer Requests



Blessings

- We have not been sick or had any major illness.
- We have been blessed with a great team in November and a great home visit as well.
- God has given us peace, joy and a blessed Christmas season in Marfranc.
- Our truck has run great this year...no major breakdowns!
- Our relationship with Pastor Plaisir is good and strong.
- For a wonderful family and friends that love and support us.
- We are able to continue to minister to the people of the Marfranc Valley.

Prayer requests

- Continued good health and strength.
- Prayers for Steve's knee, it is giving him a lot of pain.
- Prayers for Marfranc district churches and Pastor Plaisir.
- Prayers for the elderly in Marfranc, each day is a struggle for them.
- Prayers for the Christian Youth, help them to be strong in their faith.
- Prayers for traveling mercies for us as we go to the US end of January.