

Espere Kay Newsletter - February 2018



Dear Friends, February brought some much needed rain and a reminder of God's promise to us through a rainbow. We were having a bit of a day and we were reminding ourselves that God has our backs here at EK. After saying this we looked out the kitchen window and this is what we saw! We had been praying for rain here for many weeks. The dust was piling up and the air difficult to breathe. Imagine our amazement when we saw this beautiful rainbow followed by the glorious sound of thunder in the distance. Since this day we have had rain almost every single night. It has been a real blessing. Our God is so good and so faithful!!

Carnival



After we returned from our trip to the states, Carnival began here in Haiti. One woman asked us on our return flight if we were going to Haiti for Carnival. We answered in Creole, "no we are going to Haiti for Jesus!" At first she thought it was funny we answered in Creole but then, we could tell by the look on her face, our answer made her think. She and her friend were obviously going for Carnival.

Our young adults had school vacation Carnival week as it is celebrated as a national holiday. As you can see, Carnival has its roots deep in Voodoo (still the national religion). Many churches here provide alternate activities for youth so they will not be enticed to go. Peterson and Myrlande chose to go to Pastor Martinez's church for a five day retreat. The rest of the young adults decided to stay at Espere Kay and it became a safe place for them to hang out. No one attended Carnival. Please continue to join with us in praying for this nation to completely turn away from the evil religion of Voodoo and give its heart fully to Christ.

Geology Field Trip

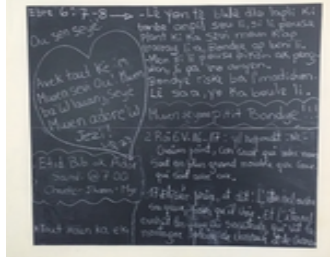


The week after Carnival, Jhonn left for a two day Geology Field Trip to Jacmel. We were excited for him to see this beautiful part of his country and to learn more about rocks. The trip was required as an exam grade for his University. When asked how he liked Jacmel he said, "Li bèl, like New York!" ("It's beautiful, like New York!") We are not sure exactly what that means, especially since he has never been to New York, but it made us all laugh!

Bible Study

Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."



After we returned from the States, we decided to try something new with the scripture board for one week. Instead of us writing a verse, we opened it up to the young adults. They could quote scripture or just say something about Jesus. It was fun to see what they wrote. God has also been answering prayers for greater unity. To help foster that, we have begun choosing the name of someone each week to pray for. Everyone is excited to see who they get and who has them. Regarding our study, we are being led to finally return to Ephesians and finish the book. We will review what we learned thus far about God's plan for the church through Christ and then continue with the rest of the chapters which explain how we are to live out our Christian faith.

Music Video



It's finally here!! Check out the video "No Longer Slaves" by FJM. We are so happy for Stevenson and the group. This is the fruit of many hours of hard work and prayer. May it be a blessing to you all!! Just control click on the link below to watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0c_tNFxoL6E&feature=share

Words of Encouragement (Oceans)

“You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown, where feet may fail.”

Every time I hear this song, I think of the story in the Bible when Jesus walked on water (read Matthew 14: 22 - 33). As missionaries, the Lord has called us to come out of our comfort zone and go where He is leading us. As we step out onto the waters in faith, like Peter, sometimes we may start to sink. We take our eyes off of our Savior and place them on the wind and waves of the circumstances surrounding us. “God I can’t do this.” “God this is too hard.” we say. We may feel all alone, abandoned and fearful for a moment. Just as we feel the waters rising, we call on our Savior’s name and He extends His loving hand out to us. “You of little faith,” He says. “Why did you doubt?” It is then we realize, once again, our Savior has come to our rescue. He was there all along, it was us that lost sight of Him. If you are having a time in your life when you feel the wind and the waves stirring, your heart is full of fear and you don’t know how you are going to get through today let alone tomorrow, we are here to tell you, don’t loose hope! ***“and I will call upon His name....and keep my eyes above the waves.”*** Look into the eyes of your Savior, Jesus. Call upon His name. The one who has promised to never leave you nor forsake you will surely to come to your rescue. The blessing in the end is you will grow in faith and you will learn to trust more and more in The One who can rescue you from the storms of life.

Prayer

God has been answering our prayers for greater unity here. It has been such a blessing.

We continue to be thankful for His wonderful provision and for all of you who support Espere Kay.

Please pray for the hearts of the young adults; that they would be completely surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ and they would walk according to His ways.

Some of the young adults are struggling in school this year. Please pray they would work harder and have the wisdom they need to be successful.

Continue to pray for wisdom, direction and for us to provide good Biblical teaching and leadership here.

Now that we have had some time to establish relationships in our area, please come along side of us in praying for an open door for us to share the Gospel with the community around us.

Please pray we walk not ahead of, not behind but alongside Jesus as He leads us in all we do here in His perfect timing.

Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.....

Thank you for all of your love, prayer and support. Each and every one of you is a vital part of this ministry being successful and going forward. It’s such a joy for us to know the body of Christ is lifting us up and we can do the work of His Kingdom together.

God’s blessings,
Deb and Dave