

Esperre Kay Newsletter – May/June 2018



Drapo Ayisyen – Haitian Flag

Greetings Friends of Esperre Kay,

May was filled with many celebrations! It began on May 1 with Haitian Labor Day, no school and no work. On May 18, we celebrated flag day. This celebration started weeks in advance with the appearance of little flags being sold on the streets and in markets. You will often see these small flags attached to the mirrors on motos (motorcycles) and tap taps (Haitian taxis). The Haitians are very proud of their history and their flag so lots of excitement. On May 27 we celebrated the Haitian Mother's Day.

Just a little side note: As we prepare to get ready for summer, this month's newsletter is for both May and June. We will then take a little break and return in the Fall.

Bon Fèt Manman!

Psalm 31:28a "Her children arise and call her blessed..."



The young adults sent many Happy Mother's Day greetings both through phone messages and personally. We spent the day going to church and afterwards some of the girls made fried chicken, white rice and sòs pwa (bean sauce). Li te gou! It was delicious! Please pray for God's blessed wisdom for us as houseparents to the young adults. It comes with joy but also many challenges. Pray especially for Dave as he continues to bring the Word of God through our weekly Bible Study.

Champion's League Soccer

Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."



One of the highlights for the young adults in May was the Champion's League Soccer Game. They are huge Real Madrid fans! We joined in to watch the game. You haven't watched a soccer match until you've watched it with the young adults at Espere Kay. We're talking shouting and dancing as each goal was made. What fun it was to see their excitement as their team won the game!!!

Goodbyes....

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."



Unfortunately, May also brought some goodbyes. We have been meeting for Bible Study with a group of missionary teachers from a local school for about a year and a half. We have enjoyed many Biblical discussions as well as encouraging each other in ministry. Unfortunately, they have all decided not to return for the next school year. We have enjoyed meeting with this group immensely and they will be greatly missed. We spent some of our final moments together by going up the mountain to the Baptist Mission for the day and also going out to dinner. We know this group planted many seeds for the Kingdom while they were here in Haiti and we trust they will do the same upon their return home. Please pray for their transition to, "normal life," and for us to find a new Bible Study group.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*



Haiti Teen Challenge Women's Center



At the end of the month of May, a small team came from Rhode Island. While they were here, Deb and Becca went over to the Haiti Teen Challenge Women's Center. Deb shared words of encouragement from scripture and helped with some of the baking in preparation for graduation. They made cupcakes and a large pineapple upside down cake as well as traditional, cone shaped, Haitian pastry. It's always a joy to learn something new! On June 2, half the girls graduated from the program (those wearing their own handmade, blue dresses) and the other half moved up into the second part of the program. Please pray those leaving the program will stay strong in their faith and continue on this bright path.

Loving Hands Orphanage Visit

Matthew 19:14 “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”



During the Rhode Island Team visit, we made a trip out to Loving Hands. Thanks to a very generous donation, Dave and Tim put in some new electrical outlets and sockets. Dave also found light bulbs that keep illuminating up to 6 hours after the electricity is turned off (which happens often). This will make a big difference in their lives. Kathy spent time reading with the children. Peterson and some of the boys from our neighborhood also came and joined in with helping and playing with the children.

Fèt Lekol (School Party)

Psalm 119:66 "Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands."



We are so thankful five of our young adult high school students go to Pastor Martinez's School where Christian studies are part of their education. At the beginning of June, they had an end of the year party. The students brought in food to share and they listened to music and had entertainment performed by their classmates. This marked the end of the instruction part of the school year and the beginning of exams. Peterson and Moniteca made cupcakes for the event, yum! Please keep these five in your prayers to pass their final exams, especially Mirlande who is taking the ninth grade state exams. Please keep Stevenson in your prayers also as he prepares to take the state final exams for high school graduation.

Help!! Partial Sponsors Needed!

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."



Jesula



Denise



Stevenson Jhonn



Moniteca

As of August 3, we will have been here in Haiti for 2 years!! It is amazing how much God has done and how much He has provided for this ministry. Looking back at almost two years of financial data, we are finding that our monthly sponsorship needed to support our young adults is higher than we originally estimated. This monthly sponsorship goes toward food, clothing, drinking water, cooking fuel, cook, toiletries, and a small amount of spending money. Originally we estimated \$140 per month per young adult, but, we actually need \$170 per month. So far, we have been able to absorb this extra amount due to the generous general donations we have received. Unfortunately, those donations are also used for paying the rent and utilities for the home. Therefore, we are praying for an additional \$30 in monthly sponsorship for those who don't have enough - Jesula, Denise, Stevenson, Jhonn and Moniteca. You can sign up for sponsorship through our website, <http://helpinghaitisorphans.org/our-ministri.../.../young-adults>. It can be given in any amount in the range from \$1 to \$30. You can also send us payments to: Helping Haiti's Orphans, PO Box 323, Wyoming, RI 02898

Have a blessed summer! We thank God for all of you who faithfully support us. In Christ, Deb/Dave