



Helping Haiti's Orphans

January 2019 Newsletter

Celebrate Recovery

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed – James 5:16a



Deb and Dave had the blessed opportunity to attend a Celebrate Recovery meeting for the Haiti Teen Challenge Men's Group. Their guest speaker was the gentleman responsible for translating the Celebrate Recovery curriculum into French. He led a Bible Study on what the Bible says are the attributes of a good leader. The HTC men received his message well and were very happy to meet the man who made CR possible in Haiti.

Greetings!

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him – Psalm 34:8



Dear Friends of Espere Kay, we pray the new year is going well for you so far. For us, we began by celebrating Dave's birthday with homemade carrot cake. Deb was able to work in a cooking lesson with one of the young adults from the neighborhood who had expressed an interest in learning how to bake. Everyone agreed it came out delicious! The cooking lessons did not end there however. One of the local grocery stores blessed Espere Kay with a free turkey so Deb took the opportunity to show the EK girls how to dress a turkey, American style. While it was baking, the house was filled with the smell of turkey and everyone had some of the meat with their lunch. It was like Thanksgiving in January. Yum!



Concert in Dominican Republic *He put a new song in my mouth; a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him – Psalm 40:3*

Stevenson had the opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic with Junior and a small group from FJM. They performed some of their praise songs in a large arena in front of hundreds of people. They were well received and there is already talk of them returning. Please pray God will continue to bless this group and that Stevenson will keep moving forward in using his beautiful gift



Rhode Island Team Visit

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples – 1 Chronicles 16:24



One of the highlights for everyone was the visitors we had this month. Becca returned for a two week stay at Ek and a team from Rhode Island came along with Yvette, the owner of Loving Hands Orphanage. Included on the team were four board members of Helping Haiti's Orphans. The team stayed next door for a one week visit. This gave us the opportunity to visit Loving Hands twice this month. On the first visit, Deb held a Bible Study with the children and the team spent time getting to know them. Another highlight of the day was teaching the children how to play baseball. Dave pitched right in showing some of them how to hit the ball with a bat. On the second visit, Deb spent some time with the school children from the village reminding them how much Jesus loves them and Dave worked with a team member and some of the older LHO boys doing little fix it jobs around the orphanage. For Espere Kay, one of the greatest blessings of the week was having everyone attend worship night at EK. It was beautiful hearing all the voices singing out praises to God together. We are so thankful for the willingness of these brothers and sisters in Christ to come down and work with us here. We know for many of them this is just the beginning of their desire to help serve the Lord here in Haiti and we look forward to more visits in the future.



Haiti Teen Challenge

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach – Romans 12:6-7



This month at HTC Deb made pizza with the girls and surprised them with an added extra while they waited for the dough to rise, making cereal treats! Bible Study this month was based upon the parable of the sower in Mark 4. Deb explained the parable and then the interpretation given in verses 14 - 20. She encouraged all the girls to be the good soil where the Word of God is planted and takes root deeply and grows. She used the pizza as a metaphor for their Christian walk. She explained they needed the crust first, which is the foundation of the pizza. This is their basic belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Then she encouraged the girls to build upon that crust of faith by being hungry for the Word and applying it to their lives. As they learn more and grow more in Christ, they would add layers of flavors, much like you would by adding sauce, cheese, meat, etc. to a pizza. Eventually they would have a delicious pizza they can share with others and encourage them to do the same in their own lives.



Reflection and Prayer for the New Year

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor – Isaiah 61:1-3

In closing, we'd like to share a photo with you. It is a familiar scene to those who have visited Loving Hands Orphanage. The photo was taken as a representation of the Island of Haiti. It doesn't even come close to capturing the incredible beauty of the mountains in the background. We always stand in amazement at the majesty of God's creation whenever we are blessed to witness this view:



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As you can see, in the forefront is the yard of the orphanage. In stark contrast we see trash and clothes drying in the sun. Nothing in comparison to what we see in the background. This is so symbolic of life here. Haiti is a beautiful, Caribbean Island with many beautiful sites and people, but it is a broken paradise. There is much suffering and hardship, and people can often feel hopeless. There is a lot of potential, but it isn't always easy to perceive. We believe we can find it in the next generation of Christians in Haiti. We know God has a great plan for this nation if it surrenders control to Jesus. In this new year, please join with us in praying for the Lord to raise up Christian leaders, young men and women of Christ, who can be the generation that leads Haiti into being a beautiful island paradise for all its people. As the Gospel goes forth, as more people give their lives to Christ, we believe there will be a change here. God will bring beauty for ashes, just as He did for His people in the Old Testament when they turned to Him. We ask for you to continue to pray for us as we do all we can to encourage this next generation in the Word of God and to provide opportunities for them to be successful in rebuilding their nation.

Sponsorship Update

Currently we need \$170 per month each for basic needs for Jhonn and Denise. Remember, no amount is too small. Please contact us at EspereKay@helpinghaitisorphans.org if you can help in any way.

Thank you for your prayers and support.
God bless, Deb and Dave

