



Helping Haiti's Orphans

June 2019 Newsletter

Welcome summer!



Greetings Friends of Espere Kay. In Haiti, we have warm weather all year round, but the temperatures soar a little higher during the summer months. Thank God for friends who let you use their pool for some relief. June in Haiti is much like the US as children in primary and secondary school finish their school year and high school seniors have special celebrations. At Espere Kay we had both these things and more. Our University students (Jhonn, Myrèse and Stevenson) will continue to have classes during the summer. Mirlande and Moniteca are finished for the school year. Our two high school seniors (Jesula and Peterson) are almost done with exams. They are looking forward to summer break with anticipation and so are we!



Senior Banquet and Graduation



Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you – Proverbs 4:6

We are happy to announce the graduation of Peterson and Jesula from Philo (Senior class) at Bethesda school! The festivities began with their Senior banquet. We had the honor of accompanying them to the dinner. Everyone looked so beautiful. They had several guest speakers and we all enjoyed a delicious meal together. The following day we attended graduation. Deb was asked to be First Lady and was required to give a speech. She reminisced about the school and how God has blessed it as it has grown over the years. When she first saw the school in August 2011, it was only one floor. Now it has two floors and a kindergarten building. This is the first Senior (Philo) class to graduate from the school. What an honor to be part of this auspicious occasion. Deb went on to talk to the students about wisdom, both earthly and Godly. She encouraged them to keep on learning both professionally and spiritually. She explained how Godly wisdom was most important and to do all they could to obtain it. She ended by reminding them to keep God first in their lives and everything else will fall into place. Please join with us in thanking God for all He is doing for Jesula and Peterson. They are among the minority of people in Haiti who are fortunate enough to complete high school. However, they are not finished yet. Although they celebrated graduation, next they will take the government exams. In order to obtain their official diploma, they must pass these exams. Please join with us in praying for their success.

Political Uprisings and the Gold Cup

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land – 2 Chronicles 7:14

June was not without its highs and lows.

Our greatest low was the announcement that the president might be involved in the misuse of funds from PetroCaribe. The opposition tried to encourage the people to hold protests and demand his resignation. They succeeded in locking the country up once again for two weeks through demonstrations. By the grace of God our high school students continued to have school and Mirlande took her final exams. There were calls for unrest at Moniteca's ninth grade government exams but, thankfully, this did not occur. Our university students, however, were unable to attend classes during the two weeks of protests due to the locations of their schools. The president maintains his innocence and has asked for an independent investigation. Things are calmer at the moment, but we are unsure how long it will last. Please pray along with us the truth will come into the light and for an end to corruption in the Haitian government. Please also pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit in Haiti to change hearts.

One really fun high here was Haiti's advancement into the Gold Cup semi-finals. On the night we returned from the senior banquet, as we entered the house, all the young adults were watching the last moments of their quarter final match with anticipation. Haiti won! The cheers that went up both in our house and around the island were beautiful. We are thanking our mighty God for giving the people here a moment of joy. Please pray this is only the beginning of good things to come.



Cheering on "Les Grenadiers!"

Bible Study

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? – James 2:14

In June, in our Bible Study, we took the first week to recap chapter one of James and to have the young adults reflect on what they had learned. The second week we continued our journey. In chapter two we discussed the sin of favoritism (James 2:1-13). Deb presented a skit on the topic by asking for two male volunteers. She dressed one in fancy clothes and the other in ratty looking clothes. By placing a few chairs in the center of the room and making a little altar, she created a church. Dave read the scripture in James 2:1-4 and Deb acted it out with the volunteers. She welcomed the rich looking man with smiles and ushered him to the front of the church. She then greeted the poor looking man with looks of disgust and told him he would need to find a place to sit on the floor. Afterwards there was a discussion as to the meaning of the story. Dave then went on to explain the rest of the verses in this section. He talked about how we are to treat all people with the same type of grace God gives us and how we are to live out the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. The next week we moved into the section regarding faith and deeds (James 2:14 – 26). Deb opened the section with a story about a loving father and two disobedient children. The children claimed they loved their father who was always good to them, but they did not do the things He asked of them. After discussion of the story, Dave did a teaching on verses 14-18 explaining how faith without works is dead. Please pray for us as we continue to raise up the EK young adults as disciples of Christ. It is through the knowledge of the Word of God that these young men and women can grow in their faith and then share what they have learned with others. It is through this knowledge that a nation can be transformed.



Request for Sponsorship

Last month we introduced you to Olivier and Kasalineda. We would like to tell you a little bit more about them. Olivier enjoys soccer, playing guitar and learning English. Kasalineda is a hard worker and has learned some sewing and cooking skills. In August, they will become the newest members to join the Espere Kay program and we know they will be a wonderful addition. Currently they have some sponsorship but require more for the EK program. Kasalineda needs \$105 per month for basic needs and \$60 per month for education. Olivier needs \$100 per month for basic needs and \$60 per month for education. Remember, no amount is too small. Please prayerfully consider how you might help support these two fine young adults.

Have a wonderful summer!
May God bless you all,

Deb & Dave

