



Helping Haiti's Orphans

May 2019 Newsletter



Wow! What a busy month! We had Flag Day, Mother's Day, a shower, rehearsal dinner, wedding, graduation dinner, graduation, two visits to the orphanage, two visits to Teen Challenge, along with two guests from the US. Not to mention our regular schedule of school, Bible Study, church, etc. It's hard to believe how much we fit into one month. We hope you enjoy catching up with us!

Teacher Appreciation Day

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning – Proverbs 9:9



The month began with Teacher Appreciation Day at Bethesda for our high school students. Myrèse wanted to learn how to bake cupcakes so this was a perfect opportunity for her. Peter frosted them. Jesula woke early in the morning and made a macaroni dish for the teachers' special lunch. The children at the school collected donations and bought drinks, cake and more. We hope it was a blessed day. We know how hard the teachers work here and usually for very little pay. The school picture is a photo of their morning exercises at school. You can see the Haitian flag being raised. Flag day was also proudly celebrated this month.



Haitian Mother's Day

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins – 1

Peter 4:8

What a blessing to have seven, Haitian young adults call you Mom as you are always ready with a listening ear, advice or sometimes just a hug. Deb celebrated Haitian Mother's Day (May 26) by going to church, sharing a meal and having photos taken with some of the young adults along with friends who also call her manman (Mom). Jesula used phone filters to add captions. A fun way to celebrate!



Haiti Teen Challenge

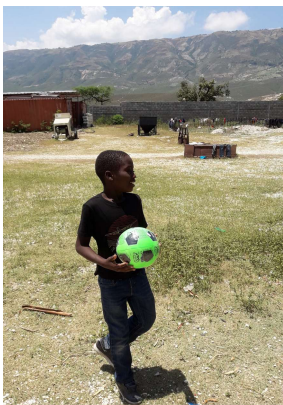
All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

This month Deb was asked to speak at devotion time on how to study God's Word. She explained to the girls some of the ways the Holy Spirit has placed on her heart to study. She encouraged them to read the Bible cover to cover to see how it is one Holy Book, inspired by God. They should look at the history and the context of what they are reading. If they are unsure what a scripture means, they can ask those who are more knowledgeable to help them. Finally, they should pray and ask God how they can apply what they are learning to their lives. After devotion, the baking project was cinnamon rolls. The girls were amazed to see how pretty they were and sweet just like God's Word!



Loving Hands Orphanage Visit

Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me – Matthew 18:4-5



Our first guest to visit Espere Kay was Tim, one of our board members from HHO. He only had a three day stay but it was busy three days. We took him and three young men he mentors from our area out to the orphanage. Richcard (one of the young men) helped Deb present the Bible Study and the other two joined our class. Richcard read from the children's Bible what happened to the disciples after Jesus ascended into Heaven. The children learned how the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit and Peter began to preach causing thousands to give their lives to Jesus Christ. The children were encouraged to do as the disciples did and take the Good News into the world. They colored pictures of children from around the world encircling a globe. They were excited to find Haiti in their picture. Just one more assurance Jesus came for them too! After Bible study we played with some new toys and play dough. For some, this was their first time using it. There were so many giggles and smiles. They made bird nests, letters, houses and food just to name a few things. What a blessed day!



Ruth and Thierry's Wedding

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love – 1 Corinthians 13:13

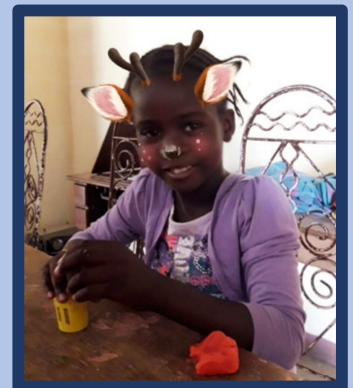
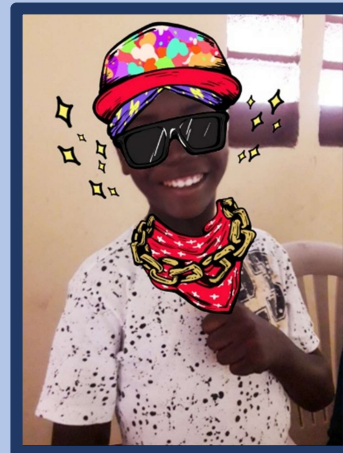
Shortly after Tim left, Becca arrived just in time for Ruth's wedding. Ruth is the worship leader at our church. We have had the privilege of getting to know her and Thierry over the last three years as we have occasionally served on the worship team. We had the honor of attending her shower (Deb and Becca), rehearsal dinner and wedding. What a blessed weekend it was celebrating their love for each other, giving God all the glory. Our prayers are for a long, blessed marriage together with Christ at the center.



Second Visit to Loving Hands Orphanage

The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow – Galatians 5:13a

Becca's stay would not have been complete without a chance to visit the orphanage. So, with play dough in hand, we returned. We had to go during the week, so this meant waiting until after school was over to visit with the children. They were surprised to see us! Dave decided it might be fun to play with his phone filters. You should have heard the laughter as he snapped photo after photo making them turn into animals, people, etc. It was a short visit but a blessed one.



Second Visit to Haiti Teen Challenge

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love – Galatians 5:13



Deb made a second trip to HTC with Becca to help bake over 200 hundred cupcakes with the newer girls for a special dinner for the graduates. She was given a gift by the graduates and sent a letter of thanks from the staff for her service. In part it read, “thank you for sharing at the chapel with us. We want to express our deepest gratitude for believing in what God is doing through the ministry of Haiti Teen Challenge. We truly are looking forward to seeing how God will use their STORY to help raise the next generation of Godly men and women of Haiti.” Deb is looking forward to serving at HTC again in the fall. It is wonderful to be able to come alongside a ministry with the same heart as our own.

Haiti Teen Challenge Dinner and Graduation

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



With Deb being a mentor, we had the blessing of attending both the dinner for the graduates and the graduation the following day. Eight girls and fourteen boys made it through the rigorous eighteen-month program. Testimony after testimony was shared about transformed lives through God’s grace and mercy. Many were involved with drinking, drugs and sexual perversion. Most had suffered some sort of abuse. After entering the program, with daily devotions and prayer, no television or phone, living within the home twenty-four-seven, mentoring both spiritual emotional, learning to serve in humility and acquiring some new life skills, the graduates are now on new, brighter path for their lives.

Bible Study

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves – James 1:22

We have been studying the book of James this month. After laying a lot of groundwork over the last three years, we felt the Lord was calling us to challenge our young adults to grow more mature in their faith. We began by talking about finding joy in our trials knowing they are helping us to grow in our faith. The second week we learned God does not tempt us, but temptation comes from our own evil desires. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we have all we need to fight against it. The third week we learned not to be angry about what God says in His Word. We also learned not only to hear what the Word of God says but to go and do it. So far, the young adults are enjoying this study.



Deb and Dave with soon to be residents of Espere Kay, Olivier and Kasalineda

