

MIRACLES IN HAITI

By now there should not be anyone alive that has not heard about the horrific disaster that happened in Haiti on January 12, 2010. The aftermath of that disaster will be talked about from now until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by far the worst disaster in the Western Hemisphere, if not in the World.



Haitian Hands Raised in Prayer

What I would like to share with you is a number of miracles that have happened since the earthquake. There are countless testimonies of those who are thanking the Lord for their lives. Over the last couple of weeks many have come to know the Lord personally as missionaries have continued to witness to survivors. Many doctors who volunteered to come to Haiti to help by providing medical relief have witnessed the healing power of God in the lives of many who were injured. Praise the Lord.

The response by the Christian community has been overwhelming, to say the least. We had a young man who came up with a project to send buckets to Haiti to help Haitians carry water. The young man wanted to donate 100 buckets and I asked him to donate 1,000. In less than two weeks this young man, along with the help of his classmates, raised enough funds to purchase 900 buckets. The store that they purchased the buckets from donated 100 buckets.



Buckets of Love for Haiti

We decided that it would be better to send the buckets full of items that displaced and homeless people could use and it took off. Several local churches caught the vision and have committed to fill the buckets with the items. The project is called "Buckets of Love for Haiti" and we will be sending the buckets to Haiti the first week of March.



Tent and Solar Lanterns

A company heard that there was a need for orthopedic supplies and responded by donating one million dollars worth of pins, plates, screws, etc. for those in need in Haiti. Another company heard about the number of "Tent Cities" that have been set up and donated 500 solar powered lanterns. We have had hundreds of inquiries from those who want to volunteer to go on short term mission trips over the next few months.

In closing, I want to say thank you to each of you who have responded during this time in the lives of the people of Haiti. Thank you also for your continued support of our other missionaries in other parts of the world. Thank you for your continued prayer for all of us as we follow the Lord in responding to those that He puts in front of us.

God bless you, *Danny Thomas*

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

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Tom & Ginger Schmidt Haiti



I just returned from two weeks in Haiti, aiding in the Earthquake Relief efforts and evaluating how Harvest International can help respond to the great reconstruction needs of the people's lives and livelihood. I saw the Lord's hand from the way I was able to get into Haiti so quickly and the provision of a place to stay while there.



The devastation was shocking to see. Most people lost some family member and are now living outside in sheet "tents" because they have lost their home or fear aftershocks. From the moment I arrived I was commissioned to transport the severely injured from mobile clinics to "field" hospitals, and take treated patients to rehab facilities. I was also able to help in reconstruction efforts; getting water, food and tents to refugees living in "tent cities". One day I went to the outlying areas where Harvest International has works to check on how they were doing and the refugees they were caring for.

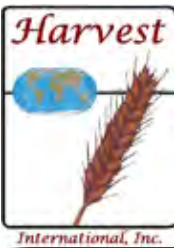
We feel God is calling our family to Haiti to manage long term relief efforts through food distributions, medical and reconstruction teams to rebuild schools, churches, orphanages; along with meeting the great spiritual needs of the people, as the Lord directs.



Our family's vision has always been for the physically and spiritually needy children of Haiti. Now this need includes a vast number of children with amputated limbs. This is a dire need, the situation is desperate; the handicapped in Haiti are left to fend for themselves with little hope of survival.

Our hearts' desire is to have a home for these children where they will be cared for in the name of Jesus Christ; receive a Bible-based education, as well as physical therapy and occupational therapy, teaching them skills to be godly, contributing citizens of Haiti.

We cannot do this without the help of churches and individuals supporting this vision. Our goal is to get our family to Haiti within six months to secure a facility and begin meeting these needs. We will need approximately \$2,500 per month. If you feel led to begin supporting us, please fill out the form below and return it to Harvest International, Inc.



The Schmidt Family

~ Missionaries to Haiti ~

Yes, I want to support the Schmidt family and the ministry work they do in Haiti in the following way:



- As God provides, I will give \$ _____ each month toward support for the Schmidt family.
- As God provides, I will give a one-time gift of \$ _____ toward support for the Schmidt family.
- I will pray for the Schmidt family as they seek financial support.

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Cullie & Sandy Woodall Haiti



The first two weeks after the earthquake Cullie worked almost non-stop in whatever capacity needed. The first few days he helped with rescue of persons trapped in a grocery store and a popular hotel. He traveled by motorcycle into the worst hit areas with lists of names given him by their family members trying to locate them. After dark, using a flashlight



to see, he rode his motorcycle transporting people or supplies, many nights getting maybe one hour of sleep and experiencing the aftershocks for two weeks after the initial quake. Our son Regan was able to get a flight into Haiti and spend one week with Cullie, good for both of them although they were always on the go and not always together. Cullie's mechanical gifts have been used as he helped retrieve a truck that had been sent to the Dominican Republic for desperately needed supplies for a medical clinic that had been set up at a school in Haiti. Things have slowed enough that he can now get some sleep/rest at night. His days are still full with overseeing the repair to the wall surrounding our yard, getting vehicles to our house for repairs, locating and purchasing the parts, doing the repairs and then getting the vehicle back to the owner/missionary. A few days after the quake Cullie helped move a large generator from a damaged building, this week he moved it to the organization's new location. Cullie has helped with showing an evangelistic film, Grace Incomparable, by climbing tall walls to hang the screen and then mingle with the people living in the tent cities where the film was shown. He has also spent time with friends and neighbors comforting each other, sharing what they have been through and praising our precious Heavenly Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth. It is exciting to see many people coming to Christ, churches filled to overflowing at each gathering of God's people. Praise His Holy Name!!!



Rod & Debbie Wray Haiti



Thank you so much for all the prayers. Our little hospital is so full and busy, and we are very thankful for Dr. Bill Tenhaaf. He is not only doing surgeries, but is coordinating the whole medical effort so that many people are being helped.

While some stores here in Cayes are short on food, we are thankful that Agape flights has flown tons of food supplies to Cayes. This has enabled us to continue helping people, including continuing the Renault Sunday school program. This past Sunday Dr. Roberts spent all morning caring for children with medical problems.

We were very thankful for Gary and Samuel from RMI who came to Port au Prince and helped pick up Christians from the MEBSH churches to bring back out to the camp. About 60 Christians from Port came with us out to the camp. They seem very happy at the camp and are being well cared for. We are trying to find more tents as we hear that more people from Port au Prince might be coming.





Children's Corner



Garden of Joy Ann Farquharson

January 12th changed Haiti and its people forever! Such devastation of life and buildings is something that is carved into our lives forever. Garden of Joy School was not touched by the earthquake. An engineer walked through each classroom checking all support posts. All the posts need finishing cement to protect the iron supports inside the cement. We are negotiating with a cement boss to finish this work before school begins again March 1st.

Pastor Manius, his wife and I have been visiting families to check on them, to give them encouragement, to pray with them and give them \$200 Haitian dollars to help with food. Prices have soared and many that were working have lost their jobs. One dear grandma who is raising a granddaughter cried for joy when she was given the money for food! Everyone has been so surprised by the visit. We also visited the Excellent family who lost their daughter, Maguy, in the earthquake. They were so delighted to see us! Their house has only one room standing where the whole family is sleeping. We will help them with rebuilding the rooms that fell. Mr. Excellent said that if the quake had come later in the day all his children would be studying in one of the rooms that fell and he would have lost all his children instead of just one. Garden of Joy lost the high school English teacher, and the husband of one of our teachers. We have visited this home and prayed with the teacher. As we continue to visit we continue to be encouraged with the faith of these precious people.



Maguy Excellent
Age: 18
01/05/92 - 01/12/10

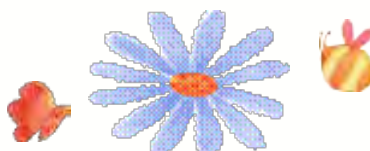
We thank all those who have given to the relief fund. For Garden of Joy we will be helping those families that have lost houses to rebuild at least one room. Ann has been attending to some people's medical needs in the area. We can rebuild lives, education, and homes, with the help of our God who is greater than this tragedy. Help us please by praying for Haiti!

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them: for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
~ Mark 10:14 ~*

If you feel you are being led to support Garden of Joy in relief efforts or to sponsor a child, please fill out this form and send it to Harvest International.

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Alan & Pam May Kenya



8th Grade Graduates

The Haven and Fresh Start homes have been abuzz with excitement over the educational accomplishments and opportunities of the recent 8th grade graduates, Alan, Laura, Norine, Florence, Jentrix and Babra. We are all so excited for them. They took comprehensive exams at the end of November, waited weeks to find out the results of the exams, then awaited invitations to attend high schools (boarding schools), and finally awaited word that they received sponsorship from supporters here in the States to be able to attend.

They are now in the process of packing and moving to their respective boarding schools.

That brings us to the matter of prayer requests for these students and the future education of the children in the home. Please pray for them to draw near to God, not to be anxious about the transition and separation from their beloved family at the children's home, and for them to study and learn all that they can to prepare for their bright futures! Also, pray for God's provision, in His time, of the resources to build and staff a school in Jua Kali so the kids coming up won't have to leave home to attend high school. We'd love the opportunity to continue the intensive, godly influence in their lives throughout their high school years. As it is, they'll only come home on school breaks, and we lose that day-to-day opportunity to point them to Christ. Who knows, however, perhaps God plans to use them to point their classmates to Christ?



Norine ready for High School

Two mission trips to Kenya are planned this year. A small team is going April 1-10 to minister to the kids and to partner with them to minister to their peers in the village and to the street kids of Eldoret town. This summer, July 28 – August 6, a larger team is going from Church of Hope in Ocala, FL and Living Hope Church in Memphis, TN. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please contact me directly (Alan May at 901-652-8526) or let the Harvest International staff know. It always amazes me how God works in the lives of the Kenyan children and the mission trip participants on these trips.



The Haven Tables & Benches



Last year's Christmas project for The Haven's dining room tables and benches was a **SUCCESS!** The tables and benches have been built, and now the children are able to eat their meals together around a table instead of the floor. Thank you to everyone who sent in support for this project. God bless you!





Dhan & Dolly Lalsee Zimbabwe



Take time to smell the roses.

When at home in Harare, we are often working towards finishing projects while the power is on or before we leave for ministry outside Harare and so we often fail to stop and enjoy the beautiful sunsets, moonlit nights, sunrises or the many other beautiful things that God has provided for our enjoyment.

Last week in Gweru, we were privileged to conduct seminars in two different locations some 20km apart. People were open, the interaction was great and we remain excited at what the Lord is doing both among the City pastors and in the township of Mkoba. As is typical of this life, there were some challenges too. But we thank God that even in those situations we could see His hand.

*“This is my Father’s world; He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.”*

Two seminars back to back is hard work and so we were thankful to God for providing free of charge to us, a guest house at Antelope Park where guests boast of ‘walking with the lions’.

It was a joy to just enjoy nature –the vegetation, animals etc - at the end of a tiring day. On evenings, we would sit on the porch and watch the impala grazing in the distance. At night we would hear the lions marking their turf and on mornings we would watch the hornbill greet us by pecking at the glass windows or incurring Dhan’s wrath as it tried to make breakfast of our windscreen wipers! The added bonus was the fleeting visits of the waterbuck and kudu.

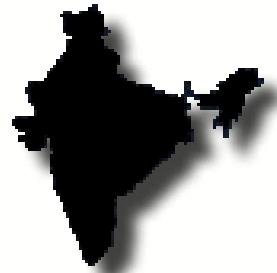
As I reflected on creation and the beauty around us, it hit me afresh that many tourists travel to other countries mainly to enjoy God’s handiwork. It is as we enjoy the sunset, marvel at the view from a mountaintop or just lie on the lawn and enjoy the movement of the clouds that the tensions of the day are peeled off and God’s peace envelops our souls.

A recent visit to the doctor revealed that I am hypertensive and taking meds of any kind is not one of my favorite things. While in Gweru, our stay at Antelope Park helped me de-stress. Pray with me that I will be disciplined enough to take time to *smell the roses!*





Daniel & Betty Edwin India



We had very good Christmand and NewYear service. We prepared food for 500 people. We were so much excited about this. We are now building a small hall for Sunday School children. The moulding is complete, only the flooring and the side walls need to be built. We have a big meeting coming up where Revered Daniel will be giving the message. Please pray for us. We are starting Palliative Care course in Harvest Community College. So far we had 15 new applications. Kindly pray for this new course.



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Presentation Board



Thomas & Amy Kay Romania



The Kays are busy digging out of several feet of snow; much like parts of the US, Romania has been blanketed in white. We are blessed with heat and a car that is 4x4 (thank goodness for the wisdom of others who told us we would need it), so we are able to still live life rather normally. The kids are enjoying the snow immensely, complete with an igloo in the backyard. Kristina celebrated her 10th birthday this month, which means that she has had half her birthdays here in Romania! She is more Romanian than any of us! Thomas is busy helping the Christian med students plan a conference with two doctors coming as speakers from Great Britain. We are busy with life here in Romania, but our hearts and prayers are focused on Haiti as others are working day and night trying to meet the most basic needs of those there. We are praying that God's hand would be there in the midst of suffering and His name would be praised.



Randy & Debbie Bullock Romania



2010 Romanian Summers

We have a lot to be excited about this summer and things are beginning to gear up with three summer camps, two music camps and a second year for Children's Ministry training in the Ukraine. It's going to be a busy summer again and it will be here before we know it. Please pray for the team members who will be coming from the US and UK; their safety in travel; as they plan for the camps and that God will use them and bless them in ways they never imagined or dreamed possible. *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. ~ Ephesians 3:20-21*



Lela Steel Ukraine



Lela in Bloom



One of my favorite sayings is “Bloom where you are planted” and Lela is certainly doing just that. Each week when I go to visit with Lela, I always have to walk the entire facility at Oakhurst to find her. She is always on the move sharing her smile and encouraging words with everyone she meets. When I do find her, she is engaged in a fun activity or in conversation with the staff or other residents. On one occasion, she was sitting in the activity room with her hair in curlers waiting for her nail polish to dry. Another time she was participating in a sing-a-long as she clapped her hands and belted out the words to the songs. Last week I had a wonderful Wednesday morning visit with Lela. I found her in the dining room where she had joined in on a staff activity that was being held there. As an aside, I find the staff there to be loving, caring and nurturing with a real compassion for the residents. Lela was sitting at a table working on a word search. Lela was in great spirits and looked happy and healthy. Next to her sat a gentleman named George who was taking a little snooze. We talked for a while and then George awoke and joined in on our conversation. Our

conversation turned to our marriages and our spouses and I asked George if he was married. He became emotional and teared up and said that his memory wasn't real good after a head injury he suffered in an accident. Lela reached over and held his hand, told him he was a good man and that Jesus loved him. That brought him comfort. When I got up to leave I hugged and kissed Lela and asked George if I could give him a hug good bye. He consented and then he began to tell us of his brief and unhappy marriage...again with some tears. He said in spite of that unhappiness he had lived a good life. I asked if there was anything I could bring him on my next visit and he replied that he had everything he needed and that he wanted for nothing. I told him that he was indeed a fortunate man and that many people would envy him that contentment. I left as Lela and George continued to talk with Lela lovingly patting his hand. On so many occasions I have seen Lela witnessing and ministering to the seniors around her.

Though Lela's focus has now shifted to the senior population in Ocala, she has certainly not forgotten about the children in Odessa. This week I visited Lela and took with me a bag of Peanut M&M's (her favorite) and an email from Victor. As she munched on the candy she read Victor's message. Tears came to her eyes and she clutched the paper to her heart. She longs to return to Odessa and to see all of those there that she loves so dearly. Lela understands that isn't possible, however, she is still passionate about the mission of House of Hope. Her legacy of love for the orphans of Odessa must continue to flourish and thrive even in her absence.

God always uses my visits with Lela to give me perspective on my life. I am humbled, uplifted and inspired. I see that God can use someone powerfully for His kingdom regardless of where He has you planted. Have no fear, Lela is blooming beautifully.

~ Karen Warren

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