



The Wrays in Haiti



We are thankful for the opportunities that come through supporters and past teams. This week, we had the opportunity to deliver the first 20 goats to the people of Renault. They were thrilled with the thought of raising a goat. The first off-spring is given back and will then be given to someone else. We have appreciated the help of "Etienne", a Haitian friend who has started the project. He has had several training sessions with the locals so that they know how best to care for the animals. The people who received the goats all have children in the Sunday School program. We thought this would be a good start to including the adults and give a little income to each household.



Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to buy sturdy plastic plates that can be used over and over. There are 4 of the mothers that wash the plates each week. We also received close to 1000 metal spoons on a container, so we are thankful. The children of Renault are so grateful for the continued support and eagerly await that special plate of rice and beans each week. We are able to put a vitamin on top of each meal too. The children quickly find that "special treat".



We appreciate each one of you that is making it possible for the program to continue. It is amazing how the Lord is providing through different people, thousands of miles apart, to make each Sunday morning a very special time.



Each day we have many people to the door who request help. This lady has 8 children. Her husband was killed in a bus accident 2 weeks ago. She and her children were asked to leave their home yesterday, as they couldn't pay their rent. They found shelter under a bridge and slept on the dirt. Through funds that have been given to us, we were able to get her back in her home and give her a few supplies that were desperately needed. Wow... We are continually reminded to count our many "blessings".

What a privilege it is to share with those who have so little. Thanks for making that possible. Whether it is things that are sent on the containers or mail that people send to share, it is much appreciated. The people of Renault are very encouraged. It is amazing that you can physically see a difference in them with their red tinted hair and bloated stomachs quickly disappearing.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of the many good things going on in the South of Haiti. Whether it's a note of encouragement, your faithful prayers on our behalf, financial support or joining in on a work team, the Lord is really working. We are excited to be a part of it.

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



Benis and Dominique Guerrier



Haiti

Mapou Village in La Gonave, Haiti is being ministered to every time we go and preach the gospel. We share the truth of Jesus' saving grace, evidenced by his death on the cross and resurrection, so we may have eternal life with Him.

As you know, water is scarce. The island of La Gonave is mostly barren and hilly. Water is brought up in buckets by the children, villagers and donkeys from several towns over. Praise the Lord the time has come to make history! We are raising funds to drill a well. It will serve as an evangelizing tool because *"To him who is thirsty I will give drink without cost from the spring of the water of life."* ~ Rev. 21:6

A well in the area will be instrumental in the livelihood of the children and villagers. Construction work is affected as well because of the hardships of obtaining water. The columns were poured during our last trip in April. Construction continues for the roof to be placed on the church/school building.



History is being made in our lifetime! We are also most humbled to announce Mapou Village will have a school. The first ever school is scheduled to open in September for up to 500 children. This is a leap of faith because we believe the Lord will provide through His people to make it a reality. It has been three years since the commencement of the building project and the kids have had three years of sitting idly. The classes will be under the trees in the unfinished building. It is the Lord's will that the children have the opportunity to read, write and learn in the knowledge of Christ.



If you feel the Lord leading you to help with these projects please send your donations to Harvest International and indicate "Mapou Village - Well Project" and/or "Mapou Village - Children's School".



The Woodalls



Haiti

The journey continues in Haiti. We have been busy this quarter repairing automobiles, trucks, generators, etc. In between mechanical repairs, Cullie fabricates windows and doors for the houses we are helping to build. Due to the heavy/continuous rains the past couple of months the work on our building projects has been delayed.

The weather has just started to break and we will be getting back to work. We use our truck and trailer regularly to transport blocks, cement, sand and lumber. We provide

school tuition, books and uniforms for six young people and they all successfully completed this school year.

On short notice, Cullie hopped the plane to Fort Lauderdale to hand carry in a blood analyzer for a mission hospital. The analyzer was shipped to Cullie's sister's house in Hollywood, FL. He was able to spend two days with his mom and sister's family while purchasing auto parts and other needed items the missionary community had requested.

We are happy to say Haiti seems to be slowly modernizing and making progress. By our judgment the crime rate is the lowest we remember and the tension on the streets is mild. The churches are reaching out with the gospel. We live each day seeking to be obedient to His will, knowing the eyes of the community are on us. We thank God for the call on our lives and His provisions for each day. Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement.





TOM SCHMIDT HAITI UPDATE



Harvest's heart for the children of Haiti has been our driving force this year. Harvest International's missionaries, the Wray's and the Woodall's, Garden of Joy Coordinator, Ann Farquharson and Pastors Charlie and Sylvestre have seen much need due to storms this past year. They have also seen God's work through each supporter who help meet the Haitians needs. Due to three severe storms that went through Gonaives and Les Cayes, these two areas have the greatest need for attention. We are so thankful to God for the Wray family who always seem to have energy and wisdom as they deal with challenges put in their path. Please remember to pray and support all our missionaries as God leads you.

I would like to again present the need we see in all of Haiti, but especially in the Gonaives area where we try to come along side the pastors with the school and orphanages there. Pastors Charlie, Sylvestre and Wilsonor Jean have been working to proclaim Christ and the need for not just physical help, but the need for sins to be forgiven and lives turned to Christ. We want to thank you all for your prayers and physical and financial help over this past year. Harvest does still see the great need for us to continue to help as God provides through your generosity this year. All these men are trying to place their children in locations that are not subject to the devastating force of the hurricanes and flooding. They all have need to relocate or have started to relocate by finding land to build on.

We are planning to help as we can to send teams and help the projects they have. I have also been checking on the possibility to build fish ponds that would help all these men with the ongoing need for food for these children they care for. One of my personal goals for these men is to see more Bible training for the children and adults, and the fish project started to help with the health/food crisis in Haiti.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. ~ 1 John 3:16-18



The Bullocks



Romania

Recently our Clown Ministry traveled to Ukraine to share and teach this unique ministry there. We discussed the purpose for which we clown - to share Jesus with children through a unique set of skills that the Lord has blessed us with. We discussed the importance of developing the character of the clown along with the four different types of clowns. We also taught make-up, balloon tying, juggling, object lessons, face painting and story telling. It was fun to watch them learn these new skills and begin to put together a program for themselves.



Please pray for our upcoming summer camps.

Church of Hope (Ocala, FL) -- July 16 - 26

Richfork Baptist Church (Thomasville, NC) -- July 30 - August 9

Children's Corner

WORLD RECESSION HURTS CHILDREN

Everyone has been impacted by the world wide economic recession that we are in. However, none have been as greatly impacted as our society's most helpless members - the children. Orphanages, schools and feeding programs have suffered a decrease in the funds that are available to help children. At the same time, many of the world's poor have found it impossible to care for their own children and have turned to these places for help. Understandably, some sponsors have been unable to give because of their own circumstances. Some sponsors are still giving but not at levels to match previous years. We feel for these people and their families, as well as our sponsored children. Please consider stepping into the breach in this war on poverty. We need sponsors, but we also need those gifts that are given as you can and as the Spirit leads.



STEPPING INTO THE BREACH

- i want to sponsor a child
- i want to support an orphanage
- i want to give a special gift of \$_____



Alan & Pam May

Kenya



This summer is an exciting time! We are anticipating a visit to Memphis, TN from our Kenyan pastor, Ben Bahati, his wife, Mary, and their youngest daughter Teresa during the month of July. We are also planning to take a team of 17 from Memphis, TN and Ocala, FL to Kenya in late July, so some of our team will have a great opportunity to visit with the Bahatis before traveling to Kenya.



This mission trip will be unlike others. Half of our team members are high school students, and we are planning to partner with our Kenyan children to minister to the children of Jua Kali village and Eldoret town. The children of The Haven/Fresh Start homes are growing in their knowledge and faith in Christ, so it is time for them to join us in ministering to others rather than just being “ministered to” by the mission team. We will be serving food to the street kids of Eldoret and leading them in worship. We’ll hold a Vacation Bible School for the kids of Jua Kali. One of our ladies will be leading the Kenyan ladies in a Bible study. We’ll also pay visits to two of our sister orphanages in Kambiri and Kitale. Please join us in praying for the team as we prepare to travel and pray for the kids of The Haven/Fresh Start as they finish school and begin a school break the first of August.

It is exciting to be able to report that there has been significant progress on the construction of the second dormitory building at the new orphanage site. The project is nearing completion. Once the building is completed, it will be very difficult to let it sit unoccupied with so many orphaned and abandoned children all around. Please begin praying now for God to supply the resources needed to support the additional 64 children that the new dorm building is equipped to house. We will plan to bring in children from the village of Jua Kali to ensure a good standing in the community. The building project has brought employment to local laborers, and by taking in some children of the village, the chief and elders will consider the children’s home a full-fledge member of the community. Pray also that the Lord will help Ben and Mary identify the right parents to join the ministry as caregivers to the new children.



Thank you for your prayers and support of God’s work in Kenya, East Africa. May the name of Jesus be lifted high, and may He draw men, women, boys and girls to Himself!

*“Religion that God our Father accepts pure and faultless is this:
to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”*

- James 1:27 -



Dhan & Dolly Lalsee



Zimbabwe

Today marks the first year of our ministry here. It has been quite an eventful year and an unparalleled education.

God has taught us so much! He has stretched us, He has shown us His love at the times when we needed Him most; He has opened doors beyond our wildest dreams and helped us maintain our focus.

The challenges have been many and some very painful BUT GOD has been soooooo good!

In Mark 1:37, Jesus' disciples exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." And in John 17:4, He says to the Father, "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." What a testimony! The needs around us are so great that one could easily get absorbed in them and forget why the Lord brought us here.

Talking of needs, we continue to marvel at the Zimbabwean's ability to survive. It is amazing at how quickly they can "make a plan". So the sprinkler goes bad – no sweat - just punch a few holes in an empty plastic bottle attach it to the end of the hose, turn on the tap and your problem is solved!

Bicycles and pick-up trucks are highly treasured here. You just have no idea how much can be carried on a bicycle!

One of our many blessings is the privilege of being able to join in worship at various church denominations. We continue to be simply amazed at the blending of the Zimbabwean voices in song. We are always very disappointed when those voices are drowned out by loud music.



We thank God for the freedom of worship here and the respect which secular authorities have for the Church and her leaders. The Word of God is preached openly on national TV and on radio stations.

The Lord has also blessed us with accommodations on a farm when we are ministering in the Banket and Chinoyhi areas. It is such a joy to watch things grow and to enjoy fresh vegetables, eggs and poultry from the farm.

Like most of our Zim friends, we are rejoicing in the fact that we no longer have long lines outside the banks, at the food stores or at petrol stations. Thank God, since the US dollar and the South African rand have become legal tender here, we are able to buy most basic items, although things are certainly a lot more costly than when we used the Zim dollar. The plus side is that we do not have to deal with the uncertainty of high inflation rates.



When we first came here, we were gun shy about buying anything. We soon learned that we had to spend out all that we had as soon as it reached our hands otherwise it would quickly (in a day or so!) lose most of its buying power. I wish I could say we soon became very fast learners! It is not that easy to unlearn what you have practiced for over 60 years!

The change in currency has its negative side. A number of our young friends who would normally have found it easy to get into university are now at home and unable to raise the \$400 a term they need for fees. This amount does not sound much for a student in other parts of the world but here it is a huge sum of money.

We are happy to report that the Lord continues to keep us well. We still walk as often as we can.

We thank God for your partnership with us and pray for you daily. May we all reflect His light so that glory may be brought to His name.



Dear Friends and Family of Lela,

It has now been almost 3 months since Lela's accident in Odessa, Ukraine. A lot has happened in those 3 months and I will try to bring you up to date as best I can. I'm not sure how much each of you that will be reading this newsletter knows so I'll start in the beginning.

On April 17, 2009 I received a phone call from Viktor Migo in Odessa, Ukraine telling me that Lela had fallen and had fractured her right hip. That phone call was followed by a call from Dr. Nickolia Bayazitov, Chief of Staff, Odessa Regional Hospital. Dr. Bayazitov told me that Lela needed surgery immediately and that the best place for her to have the surgery was in the U.S.

The board of directors unanimously decided that we needed to bring Lela back home. We chartered an Air Ambulance and flew her back to the U.S. She arrived in Ocala, FL on Thursday April 23rd in poor physical condition. She was suffering from dehydration, along with several other little complications. She was taken to the emergency room upon arrival and had x-rays and a consultation with Dr. Joe Locker who recommended doing surgery right away.

Lela was in the hospital for about 10 days recovering and then sent to Life Care Rehabilitation Center where she received physical therapy for a little more than 2 months. During the time at Life Care Lela became friends with many of the Center's staff.

On one of my visits a nurse came in to help Lela do something and she introduced me to the nurse as "this is Danny Thomas, he's my boss". There was a look of surprise from the nurse as she tried to imagine why a lady who is 84 years young would still have a job. It didn't take more than 2 minutes before Lela was telling the nurse all about her work in Odessa, Ukraine and about Jesus.

July 9th was a big day for Lela. That morning they moved her from Life Care Rehabilitation Center to Emeritus of Ocala East. Emeritus is an Assisted Living Community where Lela will reside. Her new address is: Lela Steel, Room 205, 1601 S.E. 24th Rd. Ocala, FL 34471. Her e-mail remains the same lelasteel@hotmail.com. Please take a moment and send her an e-mail or drop her card.

Thank you to all who have contributed in meeting the need to pay for the Air Ambulance. Because of your faithful support and love of Lela there has been a total of \$39,000.00 given. You may or may not know that the cost for bringing her home was \$89,500.00. Please consider making a gift to help meet this debt. God bless you for your generosity.





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“The latest funding received from private foundations has been a blessing for the church in Cuba. Because of this funding, Ministry of Aid to the Poor and Lost (an eastern Cuba based ministry) was able to open up a new cafeteria that provides regular meals to the poor in the area, as well as spiritual support and some recreational activities to engage people as part of the ministry. Currently there are 120 people being served through MAPL and 5 full time staff leaders that help in the kitchen, pharmacy, purchasing and coordination of activities as part of the ministry. As a result, many people have begun to lead a different type of life focused on the Lord. We are grateful that private donors have chosen to support the persecuted church in Cuba”

“Lately groups from the local churches and specially the youth have been going out to evangelize in a very strategic and unique way. These groups go out early in the morning or late at night with their musical instruments, such as guitars, bongos, etc, and they sing as well as preach the word of God on the streets. They extend the message of hope to the homeless and drunks that wander the city at night. The power of God's word and this extraordinary effort is giving fruit, and these evangelistic activities have resulted on a growth of the ministry never seen before. This type of activity has been taking place all over the eastern part of the island in the most restricted areas and has been a blessing to the people of Cuba”.

