



March 21, 2019



We just arrived back in Haiti yesterday after being back in Canada for 2 weeks. Rod's dad passed away at 84 years old and we went home for the memorial service and to help put Dad's affairs in order.

It was a special time to remember Dad and all that he did in his life, especially the great example he was of being a faithful follower of Jesus. The trip home allowed us the opportunity to visit our family, including our newest Grandson Clayde.







It was remarkably cold in British Columbia while we were home in March and it was a shock to our poor bodies.

We are very thankful to the Lord for safe travels and also that Roro and Nadair took such good care of Camp Mahanaim while we were gone. They didn't even need to run the generator as the solar panels kept everything charged up and working nicely.





Katie was able to get her B.C. drivers license while we were home, so she is excited to be driving.



There were quite a few friends who came to welcome us back to Haiti as we arrived yesterday and our volleyball youth group have already asked to play volleyball our first day back.

Sandy the dog, was also very happy to have Katie back.



Thank you so much for your prayers, support and encouragement, especially through this time. Things have calmed down in Haiti, but politically speaking nothing has changed or been resolved. For the present, our teams have been obliged to cancel, so ministry to the very poor people of Haiti has been limited so far this year. We have Haitian couples that want to get married and many people that would like to see a doctor, and a very disappointed group of young people who had hoped to do the yearly volleyball camp with Canadian volleyball players. We ask for your prayers for us and the country of Haiti. When these political upheavals happen, it is always the very poor who suffer the most.

We truly appreciate your prayers and support.

Love Rod, Deb and Katie (the Wrays)





April 28, 2019





After Sunday school this morning Deb sent several very needy souls to the hospital for medical care. We are so thankful for those of you who send medical funds so that we can continue to help these poor people. A 15 year old with a huge hernia, a lady with a large stomach mass, this quiet man with a badly infected foot, a 6 month old with a high fever and many other sick people. Without medical care, he would soon lose his whole foot.

There was another rock fight outside the Sunday school yard this morning as older boys were fighting over the small bags of rice (manna packs) that we distribute. This innocent bystander was in the wrong place at the wrong time and was hit in the face by a large rock. We quickly sent him up to the hospital.





There are always many needs and requests each week at the Renault Sunday school





I had the privilege of cutting and milling a beautiful mahogany tree which had been planted by Pastor Johannes Schurer 45 years ago when he and his wife began serving as missionaries in Haiti. Roro and Nadair helped me lift the clear mahogany slabs.







The Mahanaim volleyball club is flourishing and we have held several tournaments and have new players joining. The Angels continue to play and are praying that it works out for them to go to the Haiti National volleyball championships in May. Last weekend we took the volleyball club (70 kids) to the nearby Apostolic Christian Church dairy farm project. It was a great field trip and the Haitian young people were interested and amazed at the agriculture methods which are showing amazing results. A glass of cold chocolate milk was an extra treat.



We don't know this lady's name, but we call her "Friday", as she and her daughter come to see us and get some food, most every Friday. Three years ago both of them probably would have died had it not been for the Missouri medical team who nursed them back to health.

We are looking ahead to summer, which normally means "Camp time" for us. We regret that some of our teams have had to cancel due to the continued instability in Haiti, but we are thankful that they are sending the funds, so that we can still host camp for the Renault Sunday school children. We are also thankful that other teams are still planning to come and help us with camp. We would appreciate your prayers as we are trusting the Lord to provide ways for camp to continue this year.

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May 20, 2019

Since the Canadian "Athletes in Action" volleyball teams were unable to travel to Haiti this year, we decided to host some tournaments and make the effort to take some of our young people to the Haiti national volleyball championships.

We had several full days of volleyball at the camp and on one occasion we cooked about 350 hot dogs for lunch.







All of our efforts paid off and we were invited to the nationals in Port au Prince last weekend. Deb and I both drove trucks so that we were able to transport all 30 of us to and from Port au Prince.

Our "Angels" won 2 and lost 2 and placed 7th and the boys did fine also. It was a great experience for the kids and we are thankful for God's care upon us. We decided to leave for home early on Sunday morning rather than to stay at the Olympic center and watch the finals. Shortly after we departed, we learned that there was a violent protest right near the Olympic center, so we were thankful to be safely on our way home.







We are pleased to tell you that we have another grandchild. Our daughter Christie and her husband Dan have a little girl and Wilbur has a little sister - Daisy Anne Folkman.





As we mentioned last month, most all of our summer "camp" teams have cancelled. Even though teams are unable to come to Haiti this year, would you consider sponsoring all or part of a camp so that the ministry of Camp Mahanaim may continue this summer? We especially would like to have 3 or 4 camps for the Renault Sunday school kids and we also are having many Haitian churches asking to bring their youth groups or Sunday school classes or choirs for a "Day" at the camp. Most of these groups do not have the funds to pay for the cost of their day at camp and are asking for help this year.

Pam at Harvest has set up a "Camp" fund. If the Lord directs you to help please designate the funds to; Wray - Camp ministry

Usually the groups that come are large (150 to 200 people), so the costs are;

\$500 U.S. 1/2 day (includes 1 meal) \$1000 U.S. 1 full day (includes 2 meals) \$3,000 U.S. 1 full camp (usually lasts 3 days and the kids receive 3 meals a day)

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June 10, 2019

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July 28, 2019

Thank you so much for your generous support which has enabled us to hold camps here this summer. For our Renault Sunday school kids it has been an amazing time of growth, relationships and fun. The campers have been well behaved so far, and it has been great to get to know them better.

This past week, the camp was for the "older kids" from the Renault Sunday school and we were amazed to learn that about 1/2 of the kids at camp have been coming to Sunday school since it began almost 12 years ago.







Three young men; Joseph, Berlin and Stanley made the decision to be baptized and we were thankful that Pastor Alneve, the president of our mission was available to come and baptize them. It was an amazing moment and even this morning at Sunday school we had several requests from young people now wanting to be baptized.





Deb has done a great job of keeping the kitchen running during the camps. She has employed the Angels volleyball girls and they are doing a great job. All of our girl counselors are also Angels who have been with us for 8 years now. In the picture they are getting ready to play soccer with a girls team.





We are very thankful for our mission Harvest International which continues to support and stand with us. They just sent us a container full of "Manna Packs" which are the rice and soy packets that we give to kids each Sunday.



Thanks again for your prayers and support. Tomorrow, Lord willing we will be receiving another 200 kids for another week of camp. We are very thankful to the Lord for all that He has done, and we are thankful that things have calmed down in Haiti for now.

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October 6, 2019

We trust that you are doing well. We are doing well, and we thank you for your prayers and for checking on us while Haiti works through this difficult time. We haven't been able to buy fuel for more than 2 months, there has been no utility electricity given for over 3 months and school has not started yet in Haiti due to demonstrations.

The Haitian people are finding it more and more difficult to find and buy food, as prices continue to increase dramatically. We are thankful that we currently have a good supply of Manna packs, so we have been giving out extra at Sunday school and at the camp to help as many people as we can. This morning at Renault Sunday school we distributed approximately 3000 Manna Packs and the children were very appreciative of the extra food.



We are so thankful that Steve and his team of six men from Michigan were able to come and spend a week with us. They did a great job installing a security system, building and installing a new front gate, doing service and repairs on all the vehicles / equipment, and installing solar panels and a solar pump in the well that provides water for the camp. We are so happy to now be able to share our good water with the people of the community again.





It is at this time that we are especially thankful for the solar power system that the Lord provided for us at Camp Mahanaim. We usually only run our generators when we have volleyball at the gym. For some of the local young people, volleyball and other activities at Camp Mahanaim have become more regular than school.

Katie made a video which includes testimonials from some of the Haitian young people who are very involved at Camp Mahanaim.

You can watch it at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZcjlclAIL4

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November 18, 2019

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We enjoyed having our son Tim and his wife Katie come and visit in mid October. It was great to have them.



Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.

We are learning a whole new level of trusting the Lord, and we know that a big part of that, is your faithful prayers for us and for the ministry here.

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December 30, 2019

We hope you had a special Christmas. In spite of a difficult year for Haiti, the month of December has gone well, with calm returning, roads opening up and fuel flowing. Several 40 ft containers, which have sat in Port-au-Prince for many months, were released and arrived in time for Christmas. We worked for five days to prepare over 2,000 gift bags for our Sunday school children at Renault. Thanks to you who sent the beautiful clothes, gift bags and food items. The kids were thrilled with the special personalized gifts this year.



Some of our family had hoped to visit us in Haiti this Christmas, but with the uncertainty of Haiti, we agreed to meet in Florida for a visit. We had a great time and it was great for Katie and I to finally meet Daisy (Dan and Christie's youngest).



While in Florida, I enjoyed a visit with Danny, Pam, Ethel and Cassie (the Harvest International Staff). We appreciate their partnership so much and when Danny heard that things had calmed down in Haiti, he immediately took action and sent us another container of manna packs.

We arrived back in Haiti on Christmas day. Three days later, on Saturday we had a huge day with a volleyball tournament for the young people, and a hot dog lunch, where we served 300 hotdogs.





Saturday evening, we continued with a sit down dinner for the young people and a Gala type event, where they were able to taste many special Christmas baking treats. Deb and her kitchen helpers did a great job and even Sandy helped to make sure that the guys didn't take too many items.





It all ended at 9:30 pm, and just as the kids were leaving the yard, the container full of Manna packs arrived, so we worked until midnight unloading it.

Tomorrow, Lord willing, we have our younger kids group coming for a big day of volleyball and another meal with about 500 hot dogs.



The Renault Sunday school is very full. This picture shows the addition, which is now unable to seat all the children. Please pray with us as we have a meeting planned on Jan 6th with a man regarding the possibility of buying the larger, original piece of land where we began the Sunday school 12 years ago.

Thanks again for your prayers and care, We wish you a Happy New Year. Katie made a video of the Christmas gifts to the Renault Sunday school kids if you would like to watch it on youtube. https://youtu.be/JBz_DLemfn4

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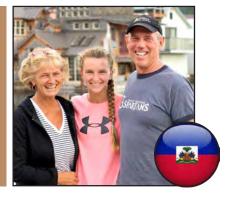


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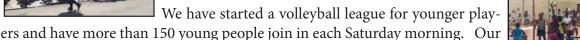
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