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I was hungry, and you fed me ... thirsty, and you gave me a drink ... a stranger, and you invited me in ...

New Life

Welcome to my new grandbaby, Noah Thomas Jeanty, weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz. I can't wait for my trip to Cincy in April to meet him.



New Roads Feeding Program

At the beginning of March, we began providing a daily meal for the people at New Roads Garbage Dump. It is so exciting to go in there and see the complete happiness because they get a hot meal every day, something we Americans take for granted. For many of these people, this is the first time in their lives that they will get to eat on a daily basis.

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He's Alive and Changing Lives!

Happy Easter! I trust that you all had a wonderful Holy Weekend as we got to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. With all the hoopla around Christmas, it is easy to forget that it is Easter that sets Jesus apart from every other person to ever walk on this planet. Without Easter and the Resurrection, Jesus would have been just another great man teaching people how to live respectable lives and then dying for a cause he believed in. But oh, how He shook the world to it's core when He claimed to be God, promised that he would raise from the dead, willingly died on a cross and then three days later returned to life just as he predicted! Praise God!

Our Easter weekend was busy, as is every day around here lately. We had a 4-service weekend, which drew over 3000 people to our mission. Friday night was our biggest crowd as we showed the movie "the Passion of the Christ", followed by a Saturday service, Easter Sunday morning and a wonderful time Sunday night of praise and worship, special music and a drama. It was a wonderful 16 hours or so of honoring our Lord.

The stories in this newsletter are just a glimpse of the continual work God has been giving us lately. The harvest sure is plentiful! We have been able to provide healing, supplies, food, support, finances, water, stability and so much more to a country that literally had its foundation shaken. To give you a quick update, here are some stats of our averages since January:

- 800 people at Sunday morning church
- 500 people for our weekly prayer meeting
- 700 at youth group
- 225 in junior church
- Over 150 people have accepted Christ as their Savior since January

I share these numbers with you to help paint a picture of how God is moving here. Our God is a God of love, and the Haitians are turning to this Love in their time of need. Thank you for your support that allows us to pour out that Love to these dear people.

Tom Osbeck, Executive Director



... I was naked and you clothed me ... sick and you looked after me ... in prison and you came to visit me.

New Point of Light

For the past few years we have stood in the gap for a Haitian run orphanage called The Good Samaritan Orphanage. In the aftermath of the quake, many missions and organizations rushed to their aid. Although we were able to help, it became very clear we were not needed anymore.

With the closing of this door, a new door has been opened to us. We have rented a house near my home and have opened The Lighthouse Children's Home! This house has the capacity to hold 12-15 children, which will be a great start for us. We will begin with 5 children that lost their parents in the earthquake and have been living with me. This will give them a home and lighten the burden of having so many at our house. We have already had dozens of inquiries from the village asking if we are taking children. We are going to go slow, do it right and only add more children as we are able to.

We have hired a dear friend, Anderson, to run this children's home. He will live fulltime at the house along with his wife and daughter. They are a perfect fit for this role and will provide a loving home for these children.



Grace Emmanuel Resumes

We were finally able to resume school at Grace Emmanuel after a 3 month hiatus. The current plan is to extend the school year through the summer, take August off and then start up again in September.

The Gift of Water

With so many Haitians lacking access to clean drinking water, we came up with a great way to serve our neighbors: water filtration systems. This simple bucket system is compact but works great. After demonstrating how it works at church, we gave away over 320 of them. As an added gift, we packed each system with food and supplies.



Get Involved

There are so many ways that you can get involved in changing lives in Haiti. Check out www.jesushaiti.org for more information on planning a mission trip, the 365 club, school sponsorship, praying for this ministry and providing financial support. You can also follow our blog to receive more frequent updates.