

February, 2009



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

Building Project Update

Blueprints are being completed for the Victory Bible Church and Grace Emmanuel School. The new building will house both the church and school. It will be used 7 days a week, not only for church and school but also for youth meetings and events, staff and local pastoral training, medical clinics, weddings, and funerals. Please pray with us as \$60,000 to \$80,000 is still needed to complete this project. Lord willing, we plan to occupy this facility by fall. As important as the building will be for the ministry, our biggest prayer is not for the building itself, but for the lives that will be touched in God's name.

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Christmas Updates

This time of year always flies by. This Christmas season was exceptionally busy for JiH. Here are a few highlights of events that took place during the holidays:

- Church Christmas Singing Contest: We held an "American Idol" styled singing contest, which was an amazing success. For the finale, we had a jam-packed church, plus people outside looking in. We did our normal service, then had the finalists sing. The congregation then voted for the winner. It was a blessed time where we all experienced God in a very powerful way!
- Grace Emmanuel School: For Christmas, we were able to distribute 87 gifts for the students. These gift boxes were donated by Samaritans Purse, packed by our friends at Sunrise Church in Fort Wayne. The kids were so happy with these gifts, which was so fun to witness. The teachers also received a little cash bonus and a box of rice.
- Good Samaritan Orphanage: Thanks to many of you, and our friends at Love a Child Mission, we had over 150 gifts for the kids and staff. We had so much fun seeing the excitement in the children's eyes upon receiving a gift.
- Our Home: In traditional Osbeck Christmas style, our Christmas Eve celebration included food, praise and worship time, reading of the Christmas story, a time when I remind us all how blessed we are, and a time to welcome 5 new members to our family (Stephanie, Stephanie's daughter Kayly, Ricardo, Altimae, Roger and Maxim). Each person received 3-4 gifts. At the end, new weight machines (made possible through a generous donation) surprised them all!
- New Roads: We were able to help many families at the dump by providing food baskets!



A Fond Farewell

After 20 months of dedicated service, Marco and Deanna Jeanty and their family have left their role with Jesus in Haiti and have moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. We are sad to see them go, but we are thankful for all that they were able to accomplish throughout their time in Haiti. We will miss you greatly! We are thankful for Roger Rood, who was mentored by Marco to serve as his replacement.

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

Two More Sons!

Yes, you read that correctly. God directed my path and made it extremely clear to me that He had two more sons to give to me. When God speaks, there is no arguing, and I gratefully and joyfully brought 2-year-old Jony Israel and his 4-year-old brother, Peterson, home from Good Samaritan Orphanage to join our family. These brothers were welcomed with open arms and many joyful tears. Though it's been an adjustment for me to have such young children around the house, it's been a pleasure to watch the older boys take these youngsters under their wings. So along with Shadrach, Haslom, Sonal, Maxim, Roger, Altimae, Deckenson, Clasimay, Tito, Claudy, Matthew, Dearson, Sonson, Mommy Tia, Stephanie, Kayly (Stephs 3 year old) Manel, Steven, Jay, and Ricardo, we now add Peterson and Jony Isreal.

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Sponsor a Student

We still need sponsors for some of the 16 new children enrolled at Grace Emmanuel School for this school year. If you would like to sponsor a child, visit www.jesusinhaiti.org to see pictures of these students or contact Linda Neal at heart4haiti@gmail.com

Mission Trips

We are excited to have several groups coming in 2009. The parade begins in early January. We love folks to come to see what God is doing and to assist in the ministry. Contact Linda Neal (heart4haiti@gmail.com) for more info about a mission trip to work with JiH. During your stay, you will visit our 5 points of light, helping us to shine the light of the Gospel in 5 places where it is desperately needed.

365 Club

For less than .60¢ a day for one year, you can choose to provide support for a portion of our ministry for one day in Haiti. Because you choose the day you sponsor, you can sponsor any day that has significance to you such as a birthday, anniversary or memoriam. Visit www.jesusinhaiti.org to select an available date. We would like to recognize the following 365 Club Members. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

- 1/1/09 Terry Hunt
- 1/2/09 Tom Osbeck
- 1/17/09 Bruce and Jo Emerick
- 2/10/09 Tom Osbeck

- 2/13/09 Mary Beth Hoagland Khamis
- 2/16/09 Dan and Linda Neal
- 2/22/09 William Phillips Blaisdell

- A prayer for peace in the new year
- In Honor of DeAnna's Birthday
- Jo and son Bryces' birthdays
- In loving memory of Maxine Osbeck- Happy Birthday
- In Memory of Jill Rendel

- In Honor of Henry's Birthday
- David Blaisdell's Birthday

Increased Food Donations!

Starting in December 2008, the Love a Child mission increased our boxes of rice per month from 50 to 100 boxes per month. This rice comes from Feed the Starving Children in Minnesota. We are grateful to our friends from Minnesota who donated the extra monthly rice to us. With the additional rice, we can now begin to better care for the folks at the garbage dump we minister in.

