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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 ...

Birthday Wishes

Happy 1st birthday, Jayden! Praise God for sustaining this little guy through such a tough first year.

Church Project Matching Fund

A \$30,000 matching grant has been offered towards the construction of the church. All donations earmarked for the church building project will essentially be doubled. Please prayerfully consider if you can help raise the funding for this building project.

Mud Cakes

A recent article published by United Press International highlighted the reliance of Haitians on Mud Cakes (clay mixed with a little oil and salt) throughout shantytowns in Haiti due to the food shortage. I am thankful to say that the people the Lord has sent us to be a light to are eating rice and beans, not Mud Cakes. You are helping to change the lives of these precious people and to give hope to those in seemingly hopeless situations.

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Weathering The Storms

I trust you have been praying for Haiti and the terrible times we are having. Just north of us in Gonaive, they have found more than 600 dead bodies floating in the flooded town. Though we wanted to help, even the UN couldn't get there due to flooded roads, so we had no chance. The UN finally sent a ship across the harbor from Port au Prince to Gonaive loaded with supplies. The rescue effort is going full speed.



UN TRUCK STUCK IN MUD

At our school, we lost the entire front wall, but other than that, just lots of mud and rocks to clean out of the yard. The president of Haiti has moved the start of all schools in Haiti to Oct. 6th, to give people time to recover. Thanks to about a dozen of you, we were able to give each family of our students \$100. That can support them for nearly a week. You should have seen the faces of the 45 families that received this today. They had nothing and now can eat and have fresh water.

When we arrived at the Good Sam orphanage, it was completely under mud. 2-3 feet of mud covered the church and each room, destroying all of their clothes, shoes and personals. The kids and staff barely escaped the flooding waters by climbing to the top of a small mountain next to the orphanage. We found the 90+ kids under a little shelter sitting on cardboard boxes, which doubled as their beds. We gave them all bottles of water and spent the next two hours playing games, telling Bible stories, making them laugh and singing. I was then able to leave the director, \$5000 Haitian dollars to help purchase food, water, charcoal, oil, diapers, soap, etc.

The day the hurricanes started, the country was supposed to shut down protesting prices, and now with all this, prices will go up again. We expect when the hurricanes pass to have to deal with some real unrest.

Thanks again for your support in so many different ways. God has been good to us, has blessed us and had his hand of protection surrounding us. We don't know what lies ahead but we know Who lies ahead, and behind, and all around us. So good, so comforting, so great to know God is with us at all times.

Seeing Jesus

One night, when I arrived at church, I gave a lady some clothes for her newborn, which she desperately needed and was grateful for receiving. A little boy who is always hungry received some crackers from me. Then during church, I passed a bottle of water to a teen girl who sits near. A bit later, Pastor read these words: "Whomever gives food, clothes and water to the least of mine, gives to me." As he was reading, I looked at the lady with the baby, the little boy with the crackers and the girl with the water, and I saw Jesus. I was reminded how we serve a powerful God through the little ways we serve those around us. Thank you for teaming with me to serve our Lord.

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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.

Did You Know ...

- Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 80% of the population living under the poverty line. That means over 6.6 million people live on less than \$2 a day.
- 54% of the population (that's almost 4.5 million people) lives without access to clean water.
- Two-thirds of all Haitians depend on agricultural, mainly small-scale farming. This leaves them vulnerable to damage from frequent natural disasters, exacerbated by the country's widespread deforestation.
- The cost of food has risen over 50% in the past year.

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Truck Fund

One of JiH's two trucks has broken down beyond repair and needs to be replaced. To better serve the 20 people living in the mission home, we would like to raise enough funds to purchase a new truck. The total funding need is \$25,000.

Come to Haiti

JiH invites you to come to Haiti and see for yourself what God is doing in the lives of the Haitian people. The very best way to learn about the ministry is to come and work with us for a week. You will not find a better way to change your life while changing the lives of the people of Haiti. Please e-mail Linda Neal, Stateside Development Director, for more information at heart4haiti@gmail.com.

Join the 365 Club

For less than .60¢ a day for one year, you can choose to support one day of our ministry 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 memorial. Check out www.jesusinhaiti.org for more information



Citizenship

On September 12th, Marco participated in a ceremony in Goshen, Indiana that solidified his status as a US citizen. Though this may not seem like overwhelming news, this procedure was essential to the ministry as a whole. Until citizenship is achieved, green card holders must live in the United States. This new status will allow Marco the ability to live and minister in Haiti while retaining the rights of a US resident. We are thrilled with this, as Marco is a very important part of the ministry.

Don't Forget Your Mission Field

As you continue to help me on my mission field, never forget about yours. It's right there in your home, at the office, in the school, on the softball field, in the hospital, and your neighborhood. The people that step in your path are sent from God, for you to shine His light to. Shine it brightly, will you?

