



# Tom and Ginger Schmidt Haiti



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If you are interested in supporting the "SCH Well Project" or "The Mission Ball Project" please fill out the slip below and send into Harvest International. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Please note on your check "SCH Well" or "SCH Mission Ball".

## I want to support Shiloh Childrens Home Projects

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# Shiloh Children's Home



March 2014

## Prayer Needs:

- ◆ That the Lord would continue to provide the funds for the well and cistern.
- ◆ The Schmidt family, both at home and in Haiti, as Tom & Jeremy will be there for May/June.
- ◆ Volunteers to give the SCH employees a much deserved week off, as well as spend time working with the children and continue the projects at SCH.
- ◆ The funds for our goal of 200 Mission "futbals" by April.

Dear Friends,

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In our last newsletter we were asking for funds for a well at SCH, and we are so happy to give the praise that the Lord brought someone to us who provided the funds, in full, to have the survey done for that well, which is now in progress. We are awaiting

it's completion, and praying for the continued funds, so we can begin preparations for the drilling of the actual well. It's going to be a long, tedious process trying to get the drilling rig to SCH because of the road conditions in Haiti. In mid-January, Tom and Danny Thomas were able to go to Haiti and visit our SCH boys, as well as other HI missionaries there.

## Keep In Touch!

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They went and participated in a couple of the children's programs in Cayes with the Wray family, and had a great time fellowshiping and finding out how Harvest can better serve and pray for them. They also visited the Gonaives pastors and children's ministries. The last couple of days were spent with our boys, spending time with and loving on them, which never fails to make us, or them, smile. One of the things we've really been burdened with, even more so after this last trip, is to give the SCH staff some time off to spend with their families, and really just rest up from the long days and dedicated service they have given to us these last few years.



Dieulene ( co-manager of SCH pictured top) , Francis ( co-manager of SCH) with his wife, Odelene, and new baby girl, Frantz-love (above), and showing Jason's progress walking (right).

Tom is in Haiti with a team from Trinity Baptist for 2 weeks, to work on painting the rooms of SCH. Then in May, Lord Willing, Tom and Jeremy will be going down for 6 weeks to continue work on SCH, which will include working on the cistern trying to get a water supply running, if the well is complete, so that SCH will have clean, running water. They'll also be working on getting a bathroom installed into SCH. Ginger and the rest of the family will be joining them for two weeks mid-june.



*“Verify I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” -Matt. 25:40*

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In other news, our family is doing well! We've been working on expanding our small farm here in Florida, trying different things in hopes of using them at SCH one day. This includes, goats for milk, a cow for meat, chickens for eggs, bees for honey, and tilapia for fish. Ginger's dad seems to be doing well, overall, and continues to live at our home in Florida, where we can better help care for him. We recently welcomed our 20th grand baby, Makenzie, into the world at the end of January, and have three more precious little ones due this year... our family is ever growing! What a blessing!



In Christ's love and service,

Tom & Ginger, JoHannah, Jeremy & Joshua Schmidt

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# SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME

## The Schmidt Family in Haiti

### August 2014



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# Calling All Men!

## Mission Trip to Shiloh Children's Home November 6th - 13th

David Smoot of Network Limited will again be leading a team to Carabel, Haiti to continue the construction of the Shiloh Children's Home, an orphanage operated by missionaries Tom & Ginger Schmidt of Harvest International.

This facility is home to three young boys afflicted with severe cerebral palsy. It is our desire to add a covered porch to the building. This will help the care-givers when moving the children in and out of their room. The kids can get fresh air and still be protected from rainy weather.



*Caleb*



*Jason*



*Maurice*

This is your chance to use your construction skills for the Kingdom! Contact us soon as we will shortly be purchasing airline tickets. **Estimated cost \$1,500.00.**

*If you are interested in joining this team please contact  
Danny Thomas at (352) 622-1818 or [danny@harvestinternational.org](mailto:danny@harvestinternational.org).*

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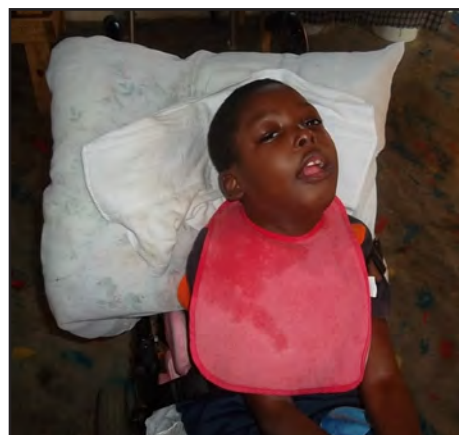
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December 2014



*“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”  
~ Jude 1:24-25 ~*

Shiloh Children's Home has a new roof and a new look!! An Ocala, FL team: 4 men from Wings of Faith plus one from Grace Presbyterian, came down in November and built a porch for SCH!! This beautiful porch not only provides a shady spot for the children outside but also provides an easy egress for their heavy wheelchairs. This is a direct answer to our prayers!! These five men were able to build the porch, complete with roof, railing, steps and a ramp! They even made two benches and gutters from the hurricane-damaged tin and set up another cistern!! All in 3 1/2 days!! What a blessing for our SCH children and staff, who could not stop thanking us and praising GOD for this wonderful gift!



Our roof repair in October (from the Hurricane winds) has depleted the funds we had put aside for the geological water test. So water is still a big issue for us!



During the rainy season we now have 3 cisterns that fill from the roof plus a 15' hand dug well that gives us murky 10-15 gal/day. All this is a great blessing and almost eliminates the 2-3 mile walk to another water supply - as long as we have rain.

We always have the need to buy drinking/cooking water throughout the year. Carrying a full 5-gal Culligan bottle on a motorcycle is no easy task!



## Please pray for:

1. Our SCH staff as we are now in the dry season which adds extra work to get enough water for daily laundry and cleaning needs.
2. Our truck is really showing signs of stress due to the road conditions. The frame is twisted, broken & repaired in places.
3. The cab needs to be replaced, but it is very specific and hard to find one in good condition! Lord willing, welding will hold it together for at least a few more months.
4. Local men we have hired to do hard labor on our 6.5 mi rocky route into the village. It helps make the way less treacherous, but only until the next heavy rain.



We want to thank you for your faithful support for Shiloh Children's Home. Your prayers sustain us and help us more than you know! Your financial donations keep the ministry going.

Rest assured all gifts given to SCH go solely to the work at Shiloh Children's Home (minus 10% administrative fee - up to \$500).

*May God Bless you richly this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year!*



*“Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”*

*~ Acts 5:31 ~*

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