



The Schmidts in HAITI



I just returned from two weeks in Haiti, aiding in the Earthquake Relief efforts and evaluating how Harvest International can help respond to the great reconstruction needs of the people's lives and livelihood. I saw the Lord's hand from the way I was able to get into Haiti so quickly and the provision of a place to stay while there.



The devastation was shocking to see. Most people lost some family member and are now living outside in sheet "tents" because they have lost their home or fear aftershocks. From the moment I arrived I was commissioned to transport the severely injured from mobile clinics to "field" hospitals, and take treated patients to rehab facilities. I was also able to help in reconstruction efforts; getting water, food and tents to refugees living in "tent cities". One day I went to the outlying areas where Harvest International has works to check on how they were doing and the refugees they were caring for.

We feel God is calling our family to Haiti to manage long term relief efforts through food distributions, medical and reconstruction teams to rebuild schools, churches, orphanages; along with meeting the great spiritual needs of the people, as the Lord directs.

Our family's vision has always been for the physically and spiritually needy children of Haiti. Now this need includes a vast number of children with amputated limbs. This is a dire need, the situation is desperate; the handicapped in Haiti are left to fend for themselves with little hope of survival.



Our hearts' desire is to have a home for these children where they will be cared for in the name of Jesus Christ; receive a Bible-based education, as well as physical therapy and occupational therapy, teaching them skills to be godly, contributing citizens of Haiti.

We cannot do this without the help of churches and individuals supporting this vision. Our goal is to get our family to Haiti within six months to secure a facility and begin meeting these needs. We will need approximately \$2,500 per month. If you feel led to begin supporting us, please fill out the form below and return it to Harvest International, Inc.



The Schmidt Family ~ Missionaries to Haiti ~



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The Schmitt Family



We praise the Lord for all He has done in our lives in 2009! January brought us our 6th grandbaby: Joseph James Canova, born to Becky and Joe on the 26th. Sorrow hit a few weeks later when Katie and Justin lost their tiny Joel Kaleb at 14 wks gestation. We are so grateful to the Lord for their little Felicity, who is a joy to us all! As many are aware, Tom, Ginger and our three youngest were able to spend 6 weeks in Haiti, in March and April. We traveled around much of the country checking on Harvest ministries, helping to get food to two of the orphanages most in need, and doing some leg-work for a well drilling project on the island of LaGonave. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see the country of their birth, get to learn a little of the language and meet many Haitian people. Shortly after we returned, Joshua, recognizing his need for Salvation and repenting of his sinful state, professed faith in Christ. Praise the Lord! Now all our children are living for Jesus and desiring to obey His commandments. July 5th brought grandbaby #7: Renae Shiloh Maxson, born one day after her mommy, Kimber-Leigh's, 4th of July birthday. On August 24th Makenna Faith was born, giving Tj and Susan 4 precious little ones and us our 8th grandbaby. We are so blessed, three grandsons and five granddaughters!

In November we had the whole family together for a blessed Thanksgiving, all 23 of us, plus Ginger's mom. We have so much to praise the Lord for: our growing family, loving and serving the Lord; good health, and jobs for all the men in the family. Thank you, Jesus for your goodness and mercy in our lives!

December found us ever grateful to the Lord for the gift of His son Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us; the Rock of my Salvation, Redeemer of our souls, King of Glory, the Light of the World, the Bright and Morning Star, the Lamb of God, the Good Shepherd, the Lord of Peace, the Alpha and Omega, the King of Kings. Hallelujah!! And the promise of two more grandsons (Katie's and Becky's) due May and June 2010!



In Christ's Love,
The Schmitt Family



The Schmidts

March 2010

in HAITI



Twenty-five years ago this month Tom went to Haiti for the first time and we got the call to serve the Lord there. Since the January 12, 2010 earthquake, the Lord has given us a burden for newly orphaned amputees. There are thousands of children who will be cast out on the streets to fend for themselves because of their handicaps.

Our vision is to start a Christ Centered Family Home for these children; teaching them to live for the glory of God and be contributing members of their society. With God's help we will give them a Christian Education, Physical and Occupational Therapy, needed medical treatment and a profession to support themselves in the future. What a privilege it is to serve our Lord and Savior in this way!

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah." ~ Psalm 46:1-3

We are excited about an opportunity that the Lord has put in our path. An organization/donor has offered to supply an orphanage facility at very little cost to us if we can find an adequate piece of property, (to lease or buy), to place it on.

We ask you to prayerfully consider if the Lord might have you, in some way, help with any of these needs. We will also be hosting teams, receiving containers of medical and humanitarian aid for earthquake victims, guiding National pastors works in-country, as well as supervising clean-up and reconstruction workers.

Over the next few weeks we will be visiting churches, sharing our vision, looking for partners in prayer and financial support. We have already received pledges for about 1/3 of our support needs, we have a buyer for our home in Florida and things seem to be right on target for our goal of moving to Haiti in June.

Please pray for us as we desire to be ministers of salt and light in a dark world. This is the verse the Lord gave us 25 years ago and He is still exhorting us to live by it today.

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." ~1 John 3:16-18

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Tom and Ginger Schmidt, JoHannah, Jeremy and Joshua



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April 2010

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April 1st -14th marked my third trip into Haiti since the earthquake, and the rainy season has started! All the tent cities are still in place. The sheets that were first put up are now covered with tarps or replaced with tents covered with tarps. Some humanitarian organizations have built or set up port-a-potties and bathing stalls in the tent cities. I did see some schools starting up again, with most, if not all, schools meeting outside under trees or tarps. Most of the people and students still refuse to go into any buildings with cement roofs.



This trip was made to host 50 people coming in for teams to: Cayes, Gonaives, and Port-au-Prince. Arranging for transportation for all these people and their luggage was quite a challenge, but ... the Lord provided. Our team of 21 stayed in PAP and camped out in tents (on cots) for the men with the 10 ladies bunking in one room. The rains began our third night, which made for "damp" sleeping and puddle jumping the rest of our stay.



SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME/CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHURCH

I stayed three days after the team left to look at places for our family to live and start our ministry in the Port-au-Prince area. The most promising is north of PAP with a water source, small house, start of a church/school building and a walled-in yard. Please pray that we can raise the ministry funds to rent/own this property as it has been made available to us at a fair price. We are on schedule to be able to move to Haiti in June to start Shiloh Children's Home/Christian School and Church! Praise the Lord!



The House



The Depot



The School



The Water Tower

We also need to buy 2 vehicles in order to care for ministry and family needs as well as host teams. Please pray we will be able to find two that will meet those needs.

Every time I go to Haiti I am approached by people and asked to meet the desperate needs of these young victims of the Jan 2010 Earthquake. The need is so very great, this is the reason we want to get down there as soon as possible.

OUR MINISTRY GOALS

- I. Provide a loving Christian Home for true Orphan Children and Amputees in Haiti
 - A. Chapel and Prayer Time
 - B. Family Unit Atmosphere
 - C. Character Building Responsibilities & Duties age/ability appropriate
 - D. Physical and Medical care for the children: Individualized Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy as well as Prostheses
 - E. Vocational/Occupational training to become independent self-sustaining citizens
 1. Technology Skills: Computer skills, Typing, Re-newable Energies ie: Wind/Solar; Basic Computer Repair; Mechanics: small Engine (generator, etc.) Auto, Maintenance & Repairs
 2. Bi-Lingual Training: Reading, Speaking, Translating, Writing
 3. Basic Music Theory - Instrument Lessons
 4. Home Economics: Nutrition, Basic Cooking, Hygiene, Home Management, Sewing, Embroidery
 5. Agricultural Sciences: Apiaries, Animal Husbandry, Aquaponics (Aquaculture-Fish Farming & Hydroponics combined)
 6. Construction: Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing, Carpentry
- II. Provide a Bible-based Christian Education in Creole/English/French
 - A. Start each day with Devotions and Prayer
 - B. Daily Nutritious Feeding Program
 - C. Physical and Medical care for the children
 - D. Personal Nutrition and Hygiene training
- III. Church and Bible School
 - A. Weekly Church Services as well as Evangelical outreach to the community
 - B. Bible School for Young Men
 - C. Print Shop: Printing Christian Literature for the School and Outreach
- IV. Teams: Ministering to as well as being ministered to
 - A. Construction
 - B. Dental
 - C. Medical
 - D. VBS/Evangelical

A SPECIAL GIFT FROM A SPECIAL SUPPORTER



“My name is Phoebe and for my 9th birthday I had a “Glamour Girl” themed party with my friends. My mom and her two friends gave us all hairstyles, polished our nails and took some glamour shots. We did crafts, sang songs and decorated our own cupcakes. Instead of gifts I asked my friends to donate to help the Schmidt family in their journey to Haiti. My friends and I raised \$300 and we had a blast! I can’t think of a better way to have spent my birthday.”

Way to go Phoebe!! What a wonderful gift from some children in NH to help the children of Haiti!! We praise the Lord for all who have so sacrificially given.

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Please Pray for:

- Our financial needs: we are at 40 - 50% funded and need to be fully supported by June 1st
- Two used vehicles at \$12,000 ea. (including \$6,000 ea. for shipping and duty)
- One time, one way airfare and luggage at \$1400
- Project funds to get the Children’s Home started and completion of the school/church at \$7000
- USA Churches to visit that will help to support the ministry prayerfully and financially

“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

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SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME

The Schmidt Family in Haiti

July 2010



"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."
~ Colossians 3:23 ~

We all made it safely down to Haiti, praise the Lord! We have been working hard getting water to the house, the generator and inverter hooked up and running, and preparing for our team that came in on June 16th. What a blessing!

Our Church/School building was deemed unsafe, so Tom and Ben, with much prayer, brought the roof down. The team was a big help in breaking up the 30'x30'x6" slab. Thanks to the continuing work of Jeremy, Josh, Ben and Tom we have it nearly half done now. Praise the Lord!

Life in Haiti is so different from the states. The weather is very hot, work is hard and communication with the outside world is very challenging. Even though there are struggles, the people are very special and the need is great. At present we have received our containers that were held up in customs for a couple of weeks. We now have clothing to give out, food for our family & to share with the needy, and our school books! Praise the Lord!



JoHanna, Jeremy & Josh washing laundry on the cistern under our water tower



Team working hard on slab demolition

We are so grateful to the Lord for His protection over this past month. Tom and Ben have been working hard to get everything ready for Ginger, the children and the teams arrival. They had to bring down the unsafe Church/School building, which was a dangerous feat, but the Lord was with them and kept them safe. The team was a tremendous blessing to our family and some of the earthquake victims. They were able to build two pre-fab homes and two new roofs for two other homes. They also did VBS for two days and passed out clothing to needy families. They accomplished a lot in five days, rising early and working hard all day, never complaining about the difficult life in Haiti. We thank the Lord for them and all their help.



Team at the end of a hard work week



A Tent City outside of Port-au-Prince



Setting up tents for all the guys while team was here



Josh, Ben, Tom and Jeremy unloading 1/2 ton containers of clothing, food and needed supplies

Prayer

Our biggest prayer need at the moment is to be able to get our 1985 diesel Suburban we shipped out of customs and registered, all for a reasonable price. One the car is out, we have the opportunity to drive to the south of Haiti to see some other missionaries as well as some possible earthquake victim refugee children in need of a home. Please consider coming down on a team to help with all the work needed to get these children into a safe, Christ-centered home, as soon as possible.

E-mail

For you to be able to receive more frequent updates, we would like to send our Prayer Letters via e-mail to as many as possible. If you are not receiving our e-mails and would like to, please send you e-mail address to Cassie@harvestinternational.org and you will be added to our distribution list. For those of you who do not have e-mail capability Harvest International will send a monthly copy via snail mail.

Mailing

Our new mailing address is:
Tom Schmidt Family
Unit 2039 - HI
3170 Airmans Drive
Ft. Pierce, FL 34946

For packages larger than a (2 lb. or less) mail bag, please add \$2.00 per pound in an envelope to MFI our missionary flights services. Also, please include \$1.00 per pound to help pay for customs fees. Usually e-mail is the best way of communicating with us, but right now our internet is down and we have to travel to check our e-mails. We can only do this about once a week.

Thank You

Life is challenging in Haiti and we couldn't do it without your prayers and support. Thank you to each of you who have come along side to help in the efforts to aid earthquake victims.

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August 2010



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~ Colossians 3:23 ~

We have much to Praise the Lord for!



Church/School building is completely down and cleaned up. Thank you, Lord!



We were able to get our 1985 diesel Suburban out of customs, insured (just a formality) & got the license plate! Now, thanks to Ben's efforts, we have it running! Praise the Lord!



Preparing to put up 3 donated pre-fab buildings to house children until we can raise funds to build a cement building, Lord willing in the next 2 yrs. Our sons, Benjamin and Matthew along with a young man from SC will be helping us build these in mid-August.



Able to give out food, clothing & help build/paint homes for earthquake victims.



- We have cleared a site for the Fish ponds and have some of the plumbing ready for that project
- We have heard of children needing a permanent Christian Home: to be loved, cared for, rehabilitated and educated. Plan to visit them and search for others in mid-August.
- Got our 3 D-containers out of customs. Nearly 3,000 lbs. of food, clothing, school books, ect. Now we have supplies to give to needy families.
- Tom has been to see the Head of Bien et Social who licenses Children's Homes/Orphanages and we will soon be licensed!
- We have been given recommendations for House Mother's; will be interviewing them soon.
- We have a group coming in early Sept. to build bunk beds for the children and paint the insides of the buildings. By mid-Sept. we should be ready for the children!!



Peaceful view of the ocean from our front porch



Our backyard view



Our 3 cycle / 3 Agitators Washing Machine

Immediate Needs

As we get ready for the children we'll be caring for in our Children's Home, we have some immediate needs. We expect to be getting children in September and will need clothing, bedding and school supplies ready for them.

SPONSORSHIP Program: Each child we get will need to be sponsored. This will cover the expense of running the home and school for the children. Based on costs according to current prices in Haiti, we believe \$60/month/child will cover this need.

CLOTHING: Because we want the children to dress modestly and uniformly to avoid peer pressure issues, we need specific clothes bought and/or made. We have made a careful estimate of \$80/child/6-12mos (not yet sure of wear & tear in this climate). This includes underclothing, clothes for school, play, church and sleeping. We have some young ladies from our church and a few others that are willing to sew jumpers for the girls. Some clothes that are needed might even be on sale at this time! If you are interested in helping with any of these needs, please contact us: josh24vs15@gmail.com; tom@harvestinternational.org or on FaceBook using either of our email addresses.

BEDDING: We also have an immediate need for sheet sets and light weight quilts.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Updated world globe and map, pens, pencils, notebooks, scissors, glue, etc.

Our 2 Year Plan

Our 2-year plan includes the buying of this property, for \$75,000. We'd like to start a fund for that immediately, because we can't build a permanent structure until the property is in the ministry name. Then we will raise the money for our building where we plan to have the Church/School on the 1st level, the Children's Home on the 2nd level, and the family apartment on the 3rd level.

Our Goal

There are many children who have lost a limb due to the Jan. 2010 Earthquake, and not many places available to rehabilitate them. This breaks our hearts as we know with the proper care and training they can become useful, contributing citizens even in this difficult country. Our goal is to share the love of Christ with them, teach them skills to be able to support their family someday and change the mind set of Haiti concerning handicapped people! We know this is of the Lord and look forward to how He will make it all become reality. What a privilege it is to serve our Lord and Savior in this way! May He be glorified in all we do and say. *"For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell."* ~ Psalm 86:10-13

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September 2010



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Praising the Lord for what He's doing in Haiti with the Schmidt family!!

We are so thankful and grateful to the Lord for His provision and protection during these months!

August

- Matthew and Ethan being able to come down and help Benjamin get our donated pre-fab housing built for the Shiloh Children's Home.
- Lord's protection when brakes gave out in heavy traffic; gently tapping a car in front of us, breaking their back window and costing us \$1000 USD!!
- Brakes working fine for almost 3 more weeks, while we prayed and searched for a way to get parts to fix them.
- A Dutch organization that blessed us with these practical, temporary homes for our Shiloh Children!
- Blessing of tools brought in by Ethan, from his dad, David, Randall, and Randy in SC; replenishing some of our loss from tools stolen from our Suburban.
- Gently tapping another car; thankful no damage; continued crying out to the Lord for His help.
- Our in-country mechanic friend, Cullie, who was able to find a master cylinder for our car that he had in amongst all the many parts he's collected over the years. In 20 minutes he was able to locate the exact part we needed which had been sent into Haiti, by Tom, five years ago for another missionary (who had a 1987 Chevy truck, but never ended up taking the part)! Isn't that just like the Lord, providing for our needs even before we have them!
Ex 23:20 "Behold, I send an angel before thee to keep thee in the way and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."
- Praising the Lord for our son, Benjamin, who spent three months down here helping with all the set-up work and expenses. He worked tirelessly on the generator, vehicle and water problems; sometimes working well into the wee hours of the morning, taking everything apart, rebuilding and making parts (from anything he could find to fit the need) to replace worn out ones.



Working on the Bungalows

September

- We had to say good-bye to Benjamin as he headed back to his job in the states; but not before he bought us a small diesel generator to bridge the gap until we can get one large enough to support the work here.
- We praise the Lord for our friend David, in SC, for getting us a military surplus diesel generator, working on it to get it in perfect running condition, buying all the needed supplies for hooking it up to the buildings here, including fan/lights for each of the bungalows!
- We praise the Lord for the military surplus trailer David got for us to transport the generator and then anything else we need it for!
- We are thanking the Lord for our Director, Danny and all the Harvest office staff in the states who have been working tirelessly on our behalf, collecting and packing supplies for Haiti to be sent down in a 40' container in the next few weeks.



Pam's children, Thomas & Kaley, working to vacuum seal comforters at Harvest.



The Bungalows

- Praising God for another fantastic team, from San Antonio, TX to help us get the inside of each bungalow painted and work on the bunk beds.
- We now have all the bunk bed sections ready to assemble, just waiting for the floors to be cemented (our next project!)
- We thank the Lord for a mission organization in Port which donated all the mattresses needed for all the bunk beds!
- Praising the Lord for two churches, with the encouragement of two dear friends, who donated all the sheets, quilts and pillows for the beds!!



Building Bunk Beds

- Some School supplies being sent down from others who have caught the vision!
- Donations being given to provide for clothing for the Shiloh children!
- A church interested in donating the funds to provide for the bathrooms, showers and laundry facility for Shiloh Children’s Home!
- A group of men interested in coming in October to help build the Creole Style Homes for an orphanage in Gonaives.
- A team coming in November; raising money to help build our Open-Air Activities Center for the Shiloh children to eat, have school and other activities in an open sided, roofed facility.
- The possibility of funds being donated to build our 3-story, permanent facility! But in order to do this we must own the property.

“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord!” Psalm 150:6

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our friends in the states: 3 yr. old Brandon scheduled to have his third heart surgery this week, and 11 yr. old Gary who is having his heart monitored to see if his health issues are heart related.
- Please pray for the children the Lord will be directing us to take into Shiloh Children’s Home; and the timing for getting them.
- Please pray for the funds to buy this property so we can build our permanent facility when the money is provided for that.
- Please carefully consider how the Lord might have you share the love of Jesus and bless the people of Haiti.
- Healthy pregnancies, labor and delivery for our next two grandchildren; due November 2010 and April 2011.
- The Lord’s blessings on Matthew and Frances as they begin their courtship!

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:3-5

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October 2010

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The girls and boys (soon to be arriving) at Shiloh Children's Home have a beautiful place to sleep now; thanks to the efforts of many. Thank you:

- Ben, Matthew and Ethan for coming down and building the buildings!
- JoHannah, Jeremy and Joshua for helping me (Tom) with building and painting the outside of the buildings!
- Linda, Angela, Megan, Valerie and Vicki for finishing the painting on the back sides and all the insides of the buildings!
- Jack, Jeremy and Joshua for helping me make all the bunk beds for each building!
- Hal for donating all the mattresses for all the bunk beds!!
- Barbara, Karen, their families and churches in NH and SC for donating all 55 sheet sets, 30 pillows and quilts so that each child can have their very own, brand new, beautiful bed set!!
- Pam, Kaley and Thomas, Cassie and Ethel for helping to pack up as much as possible in 15 vacuum seal bags to be brought in to Haiti!!
- Dave, Randall and Randy for supplying the diesel generator and all the needed supplies to get that operational, including fans for each bungalow!
- Danny, Cullie, Harvey and Randy for packing the container with the rest of the sheet sets, a diesel generator for the children's home, and all the electrical supplies, etc!
- Bob, Tom and Danny for bringing the sheet sets down to us, as well as some food and car parts (all 300 lbs!) and staying in one of the bungalows to see how comfy and cozy they are (even with "old" sheets)!
- We would also like to thank Bob and Tom for donating a new sewing machine to Shiloh Children's Home, not only to meet immediate needs for the children, but to also be used to teach the young ladies and men how to sew since tailoring is a good trade to have in Haiti.
- Most importantly we would like to thank Bob and Tom and Chariot Eagle of Ocala, FL, for their tireless efforts to help meet an important need of affordable housing for the many Haitian families displaced by the 2010 earthquake.
- And lastly, we would like to THANK ALL of YOU who have so generously and sacrificially contributed in so many ways to make this vision: Shiloh Children's Home, become a reality. Our support is not up to 100% yet, but the Lord is providing for our immediate needs as He sees fit; and the needs for Shiloh Children's Home are being met as well, one step at a time; Praise the Lord!!

Please pray

- We can get the container out of customs quickly and not too costly; in Oct. Lord willing.
- We can get our donated truck down here and through customs as soon as possible.
- Haitian Presidential and Senate elections Nov. 28, 2010.
- We can raise the funds to buy this property: \$75,000; and begin building our permanent structure as soon as possible.



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"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."
~ Colossians 3:23 ~

We are excited to introduce to you Shiloh Children's Home first residents!! Jason Littillo Innocent and Caleb Vladimir Innocent. They are not brothers in the normal sense, only by the bond of similar circumstances. They were both left (abandoned) in the courtyard at Grace Children's Hospital. Their middle names indicate the person who found them, their last names were given to them by the hospital where they've been living for over a year, and 6 months respectively. We gave them their first names.



Jason is about five years old yet cannot walk or talk. He can pull himself up in his crib and loves to play with us. He is able to eat normally and even feed himself small pieces of food. He loves to eat everything and is learning to drink from a drink bottle (we'll work on a cup later). He seems to have a lot of potential and we expect he will be able to walk & maybe talk someday. God only knows what lies ahead for him. With Jesus as our guide we intend to do everything we can to help him become all he was created to be.



Caleb is approximately four years old and has some more severe issues. He cannot walk or sit up. He has medication for seizures and at first we thought maybe he was deaf and blind. But after a medical group came to evaluate both children, they believe most of his problems are seizure related, including possible brain damage. Because he was dropped off at the hospital after the earthquake, it is possible some of his problems are due to trauma/injury during that time. We plan to have a doctor give us a full evaluation, to make sure we can keep him here. If he needs nurses' care we may not be able to provide that,

but we don't want to see him go to a place where they will not work with him. We don't know what the Lord's plan is for this little guy, but we do know all things are possible with Him. We want to give him the love and care he needs knowing God will do the rest. He is a precious little one. Please pray with us for him.

There is also a one year old, boy, that has some handicap, don't know what yet. He was thrown in a garbage pile, his parents didn't want him, or were afraid they couldn't care for them. He was rescued by a Haitian pastor's daughter, but she can no longer take care of him, as she was given a job to help her family survive. We've been asked to take him, so we will go look at him soon, Lord willing.



Our heart's desire is still to work with children who have lost a limb in the January earthquake and we would appreciate your prayers concerning this. The Director at Grace Children's Hospital told us there are plenty in the area. One of the problems is that many of the Haitian people are now afraid to trust the white people with their children because of the group who tried to get orphans out of Haiti illegally through the Dominican Republic just after the earthquake. We are starting to develop a relationship with Grace Children's Hospital and they in turn will help us develop a relationship with some of the earthquake amputee families. This will take some time, but we know that the Lord's timing is perfect. We don't want to take the children from their families, our only desire is to teach them about Jesus and then give them a skill they can use in the future. If they have a home to go to on weekends, we would love to be able to have them do that.

A mother's job in Haiti includes hauling water to wash clothes by hand and for bathing the children; cleaning the house totally each day to keep bugs to a minimum; sweeping their dirt yard, making a meal for the family (no fast foods here), walking miles to market to sell or buy. Their day is long and full. When they have a handicapped child it can take all of their time to care for that one child. It is no wonder so many are found in garbage piles or abandoned at churches or hospitals. We are looking for sponsors for the children and nannies we will need to help us care for these precious ones.

We are also reevaluating the suitability of this property in light of the fact that the new law is to only have one story buildings for schools, churches and orphanages. The property we are renting is not very large, but it would have been adequate if we could have built a three story building. We are prayerfully considering seeking some other possibilities with more land.

In His Love and Service,
Tom, Ginger, JoHannah, Jeremy and Joshua

Shiloh Children's Home is joining the Child Sponsorship Program



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Shiloh Children's Home

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