

MIRACLES IN HAITI

By now there should not be anyone alive that has not heard about the horrific disaster that happened in Haiti on January 12, 2010. The aftermath of that disaster will be talked about from now until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by far the worst disaster in the Western Hemisphere, if not in the World.



Haitian Hands Raised in Prayer

What I would like to share with you is a number of miracles that have happened since the earthquake. There are countless testimonies of those who are thanking the Lord for their lives. Over the last couple of weeks many have come to know the Lord personally as missionaries have continued to witness to survivors. Many doctors who volunteered to come to Haiti to help by providing medical relief have witnessed the healing power of God in the lives of many who were injured. Praise the Lord.

The response by the Christian community has been overwhelming, to say the least. We had a young man who came up with a project to send buckets to Haiti to help Haitians carry water. The young man wanted to donate 100 buckets and I asked him to donate 1,000. In less than two weeks this young man, along with the help of his classmates, raised enough funds to purchase 900 buckets. The store that they purchased the buckets from donated 100 buckets.



Buckets of Love for Haiti

We decided that it would be better to send the buckets full of items that displaced and homeless people could use and it took off. Several local churches caught the vision and have committed to fill the buckets with the items. The project is called "Buckets of Love for Haiti" and we will be sending the buckets to Haiti the first week of March.



Tent and Solar Lanterns

A company heard that there was a need for orthopedic supplies and responded by donating one million dollars worth of pins, plates, screws, etc. for those in need in Haiti. Another company heard about the number of "Tent Cities" that have been set up and donated 500 solar powered lanterns. We have had hundreds of inquiries from those who want to volunteer to go on short term mission trips over the next few months.

In closing, I want to say thank you to each of you who have responded during this time in the lives of the people of Haiti. Thank you also for your continued support of our other missionaries in other parts of the world. Thank you for your continued prayer for all of us as we follow the Lord in responding to those that He puts in front of us.

God bless you, *Danny Thomas*

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

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Tom & Ginger Schmidt 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 ~

Yes, I want to support the Schmidt family and the ministry work they do in Haiti in the following way:



- As God provides, I will give \$ _____ each month toward support for the Schmidt family.
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Cullie & Sandy Woodall Haiti



The first two weeks after the earthquake Cullie worked almost non-stop in whatever capacity needed. The first few days he helped with rescue of persons trapped in a grocery store and a popular hotel. He traveled by motorcycle into the worst hit areas with lists of names given him by their family members trying to locate them. After dark, using a flashlight



to see, he rode his motorcycle transporting people or supplies, many nights getting maybe one hour of sleep and experiencing the aftershocks for two weeks after the initial quake. Our son Regan was able to get a flight into Haiti and spend one week with Cullie, good for both of them although they were always on the go and not always together. Cullie's mechanical gifts have been used as he helped retrieve a truck that had been sent to the Dominican Republic for desperately needed supplies for a medical clinic that had been set up at a school in Haiti. Things have slowed enough that he can now get some sleep/rest at night. His days are still full with overseeing the repair to the wall surrounding our yard, getting vehicles to our house for repairs, locating and purchasing the parts, doing the repairs and then getting the vehicle back to the owner/missionary. A few days after the quake Cullie helped move a large generator from a damaged building, this week he moved it to the organization's new location. Cullie has helped with showing an evangelistic film, Grace Incomparable, by climbing tall walls to hang the screen and then mingle with the people living in the tent cities where the film was shown. He has also spent time with friends and neighbors comforting each other, sharing what they have been through and praising our precious Heavenly Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth. It is exciting to see many people coming to Christ, churches filled to overflowing at each gathering of God's people. Praise His Holy Name!!!



Rod & Debbie Wray Haiti



Thank you so much for all the prayers. Our little hospital is so full and busy, and we are very thankful for Dr. Bill Tenhaaf. He is not only doing surgeries, but is coordinating the whole medical effort so that many people are being helped.

While some stores here in Cayes are short on food, we are thankful that Agape flights has flown tons of food supplies to Cayes. This has enabled us to continue helping people, including continuing the Renault Sunday school program. This past Sunday Dr. Roberts spent all morning caring for children with medical problems.

We were very thankful for Gary and Samuel from RMI who came to Port au Prince and helped pick up Christians from the MEBSH churches to bring back out to the camp. About 60 Christians from Port came with us out to the camp. They seem very happy at the camp and are being well cared for. We are trying to find more tents as we hear that more people from Port au Prince might be coming.





Children's Corner



Garden of Joy Ann Farquharson

January 12th changed Haiti and its people forever! Such devastation of life and buildings is something that is carved into our lives forever. Garden of Joy School was not touched by the earthquake. An engineer walked through each classroom checking all support posts. All the posts need finishing cement to protect the iron supports inside the cement. We are negotiating with a cement boss to finish this work before school begins again March 1st.

Pastor Manius, his wife and I have been visiting families to check on them, to give them encouragement, to pray with them and give them \$200 Haitian dollars to help with food. Prices have soared and many that were working have lost their jobs. One dear grandma who is raising a granddaughter cried for joy when she was given the money for food! Everyone has been so surprised by the visit. We also visited the Excellent family who lost their daughter, Maguy, in the earthquake. They were so delighted to see us! Their house has only one room standing where the whole family is sleeping. We will help them with rebuilding the rooms that fell. Mr. Excellent said that if the quake had come later in the day all his children would be studying in one of the rooms that fell and he would have lost all his children instead of just one. Garden of Joy lost the high school English teacher, and the husband of one of our teachers. We have visited this home and prayed with the teacher. As we continue to visit we continue to be encouraged with the faith of these precious people.



Maguy Excellent
Age: 18
01/05/92 - 01/12/10

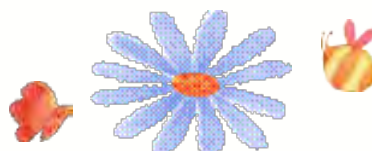
We thank all those who have given to the relief fund. For Garden of Joy we will be helping those families that have lost houses to rebuild at least one room. Ann has been attending to some people's medical needs in the area. We can rebuild lives, education, and homes, with the help of our God who is greater than this tragedy. Help us please by praying for Haiti!

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them: for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
~ Mark 10:14 ~*

If you feel you are being led to support Garden of Joy in relief efforts or to sponsor a child, please fill out this form and send it to Harvest International.

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Alan & Pam May Kenya



8th Grade Graduates

The Haven and Fresh Start homes have been abuzz with excitement over the educational accomplishments and opportunities of the recent 8th grade graduates, Alan, Laura, Norine, Florence, Jentrix and Babra. We are all so excited for them. They took comprehensive exams at the end of November, waited weeks to find out the results of the exams, then awaited invitations to attend high schools (boarding schools), and finally awaited word that they received sponsorship from supporters here in the States to be able to attend.

They are now in the process of packing and moving to their respective boarding schools.

That brings us to the matter of prayer requests for these students and the future education of the children in the home. Please pray for them to draw near to God, not to be anxious about the transition and separation from their beloved family at the children's home, and for them to study and learn all that they can to prepare for their bright futures! Also, pray for God's provision, in His time, of the resources to build and staff a school in Jua Kali so the kids coming up won't have to leave home to attend high school. We'd love the opportunity to continue the intensive, godly influence in their lives throughout their high school years. As it is, they'll only come home on school breaks, and we lose that day-to-day opportunity to point them to Christ. Who knows, however, perhaps God plans to use them to point their classmates to Christ?



Norine ready for High School

Two mission trips to Kenya are planned this year. A small team is going April 1-10 to minister to the kids and to partner with them to minister to their peers in the village and to the street kids of Eldoret town. This summer, July 28 – August 6, a larger team is going from Church of Hope in Ocala, FL and Living Hope Church in Memphis, TN. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please contact me directly (Alan May at 901-652-8526) or let the Harvest International staff know. It always amazes me how God works in the lives of the Kenyan children and the mission trip participants on these trips.



The Haven Tables & Benches



Last year's Christmas project for The Haven's dining room tables and benches was a **SUCCESS!** The tables and benches have been built, and now the children are able to eat their meals together around a table instead of the floor. Thank you to everyone who sent in support for this project. God bless you!





Dhan & Dolly Lalsee Zimbabwe



Take time to smell the roses.

When at home in Harare, we are often working towards finishing projects while the power is on or before we leave for ministry outside Harare and so we often fail to stop and enjoy the beautiful sunsets, moonlit nights, sunrises or the many other beautiful things that God has provided for our enjoyment.

Last week in Gweru, we were privileged to conduct seminars in two different locations some 20km apart. People were open, the interaction was great and we remain excited at what the Lord is doing both among the City pastors and in the township of Mkoba. As is typical of this life, there were some challenges too. But we thank God that even in those situations we could see His hand.

*“This is my Father’s world; He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.”*

Two seminars back to back is hard work and so we were thankful to God for providing free of charge to us, a guest house at Antelope Park where guests boast of ‘walking with the lions’.

It was a joy to just enjoy nature –the vegetation, animals etc - at the end of a tiring day. On evenings, we would sit on the porch and watch the impala grazing in the distance. At night we would hear the lions marking their turf and on mornings we would watch the hornbill greet us by pecking at the glass windows or incurring Dhan’s wrath as it tried to make breakfast of our windscreen wipers! The added bonus was the fleeting visits of the waterbuck and kudu.

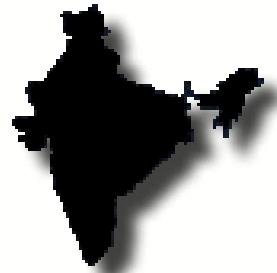
As I reflected on creation and the beauty around us, it hit me afresh that many tourists travel to other countries mainly to enjoy God’s handiwork. It is as we enjoy the sunset, marvel at the view from a mountaintop or just lie on the lawn and enjoy the movement of the clouds that the tensions of the day are peeled off and God’s peace envelops our souls.

A recent visit to the doctor revealed that I am hypertensive and taking meds of any kind is not one of my favorite things. While in Gweru, our stay at Antelope Park helped me de-stress. Pray with me that I will be disciplined enough to take time to *smell the roses!*





Daniel & Betty Edwin India



We had very good Christmand and NewYear service. We prepared food for 500 people. We were so much excited about this. We are now building a small hall for Sunday School children. The moulding is complete, only the flooring and the side walls need to be built. We have a big meeting coming up where Revered Daniel will be giving the message. Please pray for us. We are starting Palliative Care course in Harvest Community College. So far we had 15 new applications. Kindly pray for this new course.



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Cervical Cancer
Presentation Board



Thomas & Amy Kay Romania



The Kays are busy digging out of several feet of snow; much like parts of the US, Romania has been blanketed in white. We are blessed with heat and a car that is 4x4 (thank goodness for the wisdom of others who told us we would need it), so we are able to still live life rather normally. The kids are enjoying the snow immensely, complete with an igloo in the backyard. Kristina celebrated her 10th birthday this month, which means that she has had half her birthdays here in Romania! She is more Romanian than any of us! Thomas is busy helping the Christian med students plan a conference with two doctors coming as speakers from Great Britain. We are busy with life here in Romania, but our hearts and prayers are focused on Haiti as others are working day and night trying to meet the most basic needs of those there. We are praying that God's hand would be there in the midst of suffering and His name would be praised.



Randy & Debbie Bullock Romania



2010 Romanian Summers

We have a lot to be excited about this summer and things are beginning to gear up with three summer camps, two music camps and a second year for Children's Ministry training in the Ukraine. It's going to be a busy summer again and it will be here before we know it. Please pray for the team members who will be coming from the US and UK; their safety in travel; as they plan for the camps and that God will use them and bless them in ways they never imagined or dreamed possible. *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. ~ Ephesians 3:20-21*



Lela Steel Ukraine



Lela in Bloom



One of my favorite sayings is “Bloom where you are planted” and Lela is certainly doing just that. Each week when I go to visit with Lela, I always have to walk the entire facility at Oakhurst to find her. She is always on the move sharing her smile and encouraging words with everyone she meets. When I do find her, she is engaged in a fun activity or in conversation with the staff or other residents. On one occasion, she was sitting in the activity room with her hair in curlers waiting for her nail polish to dry. Another time she was participating in a sing-a-long as she clapped her hands and belted out the words to the songs. Last week I had a wonderful Wednesday morning visit with Lela. I found her in the dining room where she had joined in on a staff activity that was being held there. As an aside, I find the staff there to be loving, caring and nurturing with a real compassion for the residents. Lela was sitting at a table working on a word search. Lela was in great spirits and looked happy and healthy. Next to her sat a gentleman named George who was taking a little snooze. We talked for a while and then George awoke and joined in on our conversation. Our

conversation turned to our marriages and our spouses and I asked George if he was married. He became emotional and teared up and said that his memory wasn't real good after a head injury he suffered in an accident. Lela reached over and held his hand, told him he was a good man and that Jesus loved him. That brought him comfort. When I got up to leave I hugged and kissed Lela and asked George if I could give him a hug good bye. He consented and then he began to tell us of his brief and unhappy marriage...again with some tears. He said in spite of that unhappiness he had lived a good life. I asked if there was anything I could bring him on my next visit and he replied that he had everything he needed and that he wanted for nothing. I told him that he was indeed a fortunate man and that many people would envy him that contentment. I left as Lela and George continued to talk with Lela lovingly patting his hand. On so many occasions I have seen Lela witnessing and ministering to the seniors around her.

Though Lela's focus has now shifted to the senior population in Ocala, she has certainly not forgotten about the children in Odessa. This week I visited Lela and took with me a bag of Peanut M&M's (her favorite) and an email from Victor. As she munched on the candy she read Victor's message. Tears came to her eyes and she clutched the paper to her heart. She longs to return to Odessa and to see all of those there that she loves so dearly. Lela understands that isn't possible, however, she is still passionate about the mission of House of Hope. Her legacy of love for the orphans of Odessa must continue to flourish and thrive even in her absence.

God always uses my visits with Lela to give me perspective on my life. I am humbled, uplifted and inspired. I see that God can use someone powerfully for His kingdom regardless of where He has you planted. Have no fear, Lela is blooming beautifully.

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~ Karen Warren



Lela Steel ing with Ukraine



What a great time we had on Wednesday, May 12th. Karen Warren, one of our board members and a very close friend of Lela's, brought Lela to the Harvest office. Last week Karen asked me to help her set up a SKYPE session with Viktor, Diana, and Alyona. Viktor and I started planning the event and tested our connections to make sure that our software worked and that the video camera was set up so that we were able to see everyone.



**Danny, Pam, Lela, Cassie, Tom
at Harvest International, Inc.**

Lela arrived at the Harvest office at 10:45 amidst much fanfare. There were several staff members that had not seen Lela in a couple of months and they were all very happy to see her and how good she looked. There were many questions about how she felt and what she had been up to, etc. much to her enjoyment of having to tell everyone about her life at Oakhurst.



**Karen, Lilchik (Lela), Katia
Alyona, Viktor, and Diana
(on the computer behind Lela)**

At 10:55 Viktor called me on SKYPE and we all made our way over to my computer so that Lela could see Viktor, Diana, and Alyona. She was so excited when she saw Viktor. Lela kept saying "Viktor Migo, I want to jump through this computer and give you a great BIG HUG AND KISS, ou, ou, ou," (for those of you who know Lela well, ou, ou, ou is a good thing).

We all got to see Baby Mark, Alyona and Slavic's new son. Viktor was very happy to see Katia who he had not seen for at least a year if not longer.



Slavic, Alyona and baby Mark

Everyone enjoyed the time we spent talking to our friends and loved ones in Ukraine. We had lunch and continued sharing with one another and telling stories about visits to Ukraine with Lela. It was wonderful.



Rod & Debbie Wray Haiti



BUCKETS OF LOVE



I have received some very encouraging news from our missionary family in Les Cayes, Haiti. We sent a 20' container full of relief items for them to share with those people living in tent camps in and around Les Cayes. The container had 7,000 lbs of food products i.e. Rice, Beans, Oil, Spaghetti, Peanut Butter, and Crackers, plus 700 "Bucket's of Love" that contained items that each recipient could use such as Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush, Toilet Paper, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Bottled Water, Flash Light with Batteries, Extra Batteries, and Personal Hygiene Products for women. The buckets were handed out in a controlled area to those in need.

The report from the field is that the people that received the buckets were overjoyed with the items in the buckets. Here are some comments from Rod Wray as he handed out the buckets.

"Hi Danny; On Friday with the help of about 30 people we went out through all the areas of Simone (the area where we live) and did a census of all people who have come out from Port au Prince since the earthquake. We made up special tickets and gave about 1000 out as we went from house to house and then we did a big distribution yesterday morning.

It turned out to be a successful distribution of a lot of very nice things. Wow....the buckets were filled with all kinds of "goodies".....even a flashlight in amidst the many good food items.

It was pretty crazy there for a while but as the UN arrived along with the Haitian police, things settled down. We were soooo organized in the yard with a lot of Haitian friends helping. It was all very well done, although there was a sense of panic in the air so at one point we waited 10 minutes for the people to stop pushing and try to line up....(I don't think that is in their vocabulary). All in all, it was a hugely successful event and the many items we've received were distributed to the refugees who have come from Port-au-Prince to the Simone area."

The "Buckets of Love for Haiti" project was one of the most participated in projects that we have done. Over 1, 500 people in the Ocala, Marion County community got involved with this project. Some gave funds to purchase the items and pay for the shipping, most went out with their families and purchased the items themselves and filled a bucket. Not all



the buckets were the same. Some had messages from the donors, others had bible verses in Creole, French and English to encourage those that received the buckets.

Thank you to each of you that had a part in this great project to bless those in need in Haiti.



Tony & Tracey Herrera Haiti



Marc Johnson

The month of April has found us very busy as we prepare to make Haiti our home. On April 14, Tracey headed back to Haiti to bring in the second shipment of tents for the Tents for Haiti Now project. Our prayers were answered as we made it to Port Au Prince with relative ease and no difficulties with customs. Fifty families now have temporary shelter as the rainy season rapidly approaches. As Tony was not able to take this trip due to previous obligations in the U.S., a dear family friend, Marc Johnson, assisted Tracey in escorting the shipment of tents. His skills as a plumber were also very useful at the orphanage in Petion-Ville where they stayed, as the orphanage had been without running water for several weeks prior to Marc's arrival. God's provision once again was shown in glory. As Marc worked on the plumbing and a few other needed repairs at the orphanage, he was able to mentor some of the older boys, teaching them technical skills, providing them with spiritual encouragement and fostering new friendships.

Tracey stayed busy as well. In addition to coordinating the tent project, Tracey had the privilege of administering standardized tests to those children who are preparing to travel to the U.S. on student visas. The tests were given on a one on one basis which allowed Tracey the opportunity to get to know each child a little better. She was able to provide encouragement, answer their questions, and share the gospel.

After just a day back in Ocala, we were given the opportunity to present our ministry at our home church River of Life Community Church. We debuted a short DVD prepared by our pastors wife, formally introducing us, and we unveiled our new Ministry Gear T-Shirts. Two hundred shirts were donated to our ministry by the owners of Ministry Gear as their contribution to our mission.

The end of April had us traveling to Ft. Jackson, SC to enjoy the graduation ceremony of Ti Tony from Army Basic Training. He did very well in his training and looked fantastic. We spent a few days in SC and then delivered our son to his next phase of training, AIT in Ft. Eustis, VA. He will be trained on the mechanical, electrical, avionics and weaponry systems of the UH52 Kiowa helicopter.

Our projected date of departure for Haiti is June 1. We are now concentrating our efforts of preparing for this big move and continued fundraising. Thank you to all who have signed up to be prayer warriors on our behalf and also to those who have donated your time and money to help support our ministry. We look forward to sharing with you as we see firsthand how God is moving in Haiti, drawing the Haitian people to Himself.



Our Son - Ti Tony



Cullie & Sandy Woodall Haiti



After completing necessary repairs around our home, Cullie was able to leave Haiti on February 26 for much needed rest. His mind was set on being in the States for three weeks and going back to face the needs of the Haitian people. It did not take him long to see the need to slow down and seek God's direction. God opened many doors for Cullie to share about what was happening before, during and after the earthquake; how God provided for his needs. He shared how the six weeks in Haiti after the earthquake were some of the most difficult in his life. In the midst of those tough times God drew Cullie to Himself and gave him peace, even when he did not know what the next moment would bring. One of the hymns that he often sang was: Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Cullie has been blessed with time to relax and be restored physically and spiritually. He is preparing to return to Haiti the first of June, anxious to get back to ministry. Thank you for all your prayers and support for our family and ministry in Haiti. Please continue to pray for the adoption process to be complete so Sandy and David can return to Haiti.



Tom & Ginger Schmidt Haiti



The Schmidt family is busy with last minute preparations for our return to Haiti. We are thankful God has placed Haiti on our son Ben's heart, and that he will be going with Tom to help set up Shiloh Children's Home, Christian School and Church. Tom and Ben will be leaving June 2nd to meet with the owners of the property God has provided for this ministry, and make the transfer. Ginger and the three younger children will follow later in June, after the birth of Becky and Joe's second child.



Jeremy, JoHanna, Joshua

We have two more churches to visit and then a special prayer/commissioning from our home church Sunday, May 30th. We praise the Lord we have reached 75% of our needed monthly support level, thanks to the generous, sacrificial giving of many individuals and churches. We are confident the Lord will provide for all the needs of this ministry.

We have been given a container that we can load and ship to Haiti with Earthquake Relief items and needed supplies. The needs are very great in Haiti. Tom is asked, each time he goes into the country, to take children and care for them.

Tom has also been able to set up getting food for the children in the school which is a huge blessing to these children, many of whom have had nothing to eat when at school and often their families can't feed them either.

We have a lot to do in preparation for our first team in Haiti at the end of June from The Bridge Church, in South Carolina.

Please pray for a vehicle to buy/send for Haiti, More prayer warriors, 100% monthly support.

We are excited to see God's hand in all of our preparation plans and continue to be in constant prayer for wisdom in all we do as we begin this ministry.

The House



The Depot



The School (outside)



The School (inside)



The Water Tower



The Garden





Children's Corner



Thank you from GARDEN OF JOY

School is up and running well. There is a sense of security getting back to the normal. We have had films and no uniform days to help with the "fun" of school. There is certainly pressure to finish with school ending August the 13th, but there is a sense that things are right again as far as the children are concerned. All the children want to say thank you for the hot meal each day. Parents say thank you for your faithful giving so they can educate these precious youngsters. The school staff want to say a big thank you for the money sent to stucco the walls. They are thrilled to see the school getting finished. We ask that you pray for our teachers, that they will be diligent in their work, wise in their decisions and loving in all they do with the children. We ask that despite the heat of the summer we will push through to finish strong. Again, we all want to say thank you.



Spending Time with IN HIS HANDS & CHARLIE'S CHAMPIONS

In April a team from Church of Hope and Good Shepard Presbyterian Church in Ocala went to Haiti and visited with In His Hands and Charlie's Champions orphanages. They stayed at Pastor Charlie's guesthouse and were greeted with excited children. During their visit they played many games with the children and told Bible stories. One of the stories was on Jonah and how he was "running from God". Many of the children related to the story and gave their testimony on how they were like Jonah until they began their life at the orphanage. Now they profess their love for Jesus and are grateful for the life He has given them. While visiting, the team also weighed and measured each of the children and gave out deworming medicine. The children were full of laughter and felt so blessed to have these special visitors.





Alan & Pam May Kenya



In April, a team of five folks from Memphis, TN paid a visit to the Haven/Fresh Start home in Jua Kali, Kenya. The children and adults of the home were found to be thriving and enjoying the break from school. All of the ministry objectives of the mission team were accomplished, relationships were enriched and God was glorified.



Good Neighbor Project

We celebrated Easter with our Kenyan friends, and we partnered with them to minister to their neighbors in the village. We called one of our ministry endeavors the “Good Neighbor Project” whereby we delivered a sack of groceries to the immediate neighbors of the orphanage, prayed for these neighbors and invited them to a meal and a bible study at the children’s home. This event was a huge success. About 350 people came for the meal and bible study, and one comment was echoed by several neighbors, “You have shown us what it means to ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

The team also distributed Croc shoes to the orphans, offered First-Aid training, visited orphans and other children in a slum of Kitale town, participated in “purity talks” with the kids at the home, pursued a relationship with the headmaster of the kids’ primary school, met and initiated a relationship with the village chief, helped kids to write pen-pal letters and taught Sunday school at the local church on Easter Sunday. Perhaps some of the greatest ministry opportunities, however, took place in the ‘free time’ in which we simply spent time with the kids, showing them the love of Jesus by showing them we care.



Croc shoes for Kids



Pen Pal Project



Enjoying School Break

Another great outcome of the mission trip is the “vision casting” that took place. We have always believed God would have us establish a high school in the village so the children of The Haven/Fresh Start home would not have to go away to boarding schools (and other local high school students could attend as well). That has not changed, but we now believe God would not have us to establish our own elementary school, but rather to come alongside the public school to raise the standard of education so the whole village can benefit, rather than withdrawing the orphans from the local school where they are obviously ‘salt and light’ in the community. Please pray for God to bring to fruition what he has placed in our hearts.



Celebrating Our Time Together

The second mission trip of 2010 is quickly coming upon us. A team comprised of folks from Ocala, FL and Memphis, TN is planning to visit the orphanage July 28 – August 6. Please pray for the details of this trip to be ironed out and for God to prepare the hearts of the team members and the Kenyans in anticipation of our time together.

***If you are interested in going on a short term mission trip to Kenya
please contact Alan May at pam_n_alan@yahoo.com***

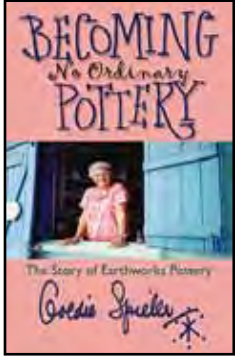


Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Zimbabwe



God has used a number of His servants in the discipleship process in my life. One of those is a very dear British lady, Shirley Harbour, whose smile was as infectious as her love for the Lord and His word. Through her, I developed a love for the scriptures as together we studied God's word in my early Christian days in Watford, England. It was then that Jeremiah's experience in the potter's house (Jer. 18:2-4) became very meaningful to me. In fact, I even entertained thoughts of becoming a potter!



We recently received an autographed copy of a book, "Becoming No Ordinary Potter" from our friend and sister in the Lord, Goldie. A completed Jew, born in Canada and now a Barbadian citizen whose heart is torn between her two homes, Barbados and Israel!

The book is autobiographical. The pottery pieces that she has created reflect her love of color, nature, architecture, her painting, needlepoint skills and more. Those of us who know her work can recognize it anywhere.



Similarly, our heavenly Father, the Master Potter, uses all our experiences, even the seemingly terrible ones, to create the tapestry of our lives and to fashion us into vessels through which His glory can be revealed. Eph. 2:10 reminds us we are God's workmanship (work of art) created in Christ Jesus unto good works...

Looking back at our own lives, we see how He has used our background and every aspect of our lives to prepare us for ministry here in Zimbabwe. We continue to marvel at His networking and how He has placed people strategically so He can accomplish His purposes in and through us.

Much of our ministry here takes us into the "high density" areas where we work with pastors and leaders who daily face conditions that those of us in the west cannot imagine living in.

Our western culture and our compassionate hearts cry out, demanding that we roll up our sleeves and meet some of those needs. Wisdom (we believe, godly) restrains us. He has used us in the past to bless certain individuals and no doubt He will continue do so as He sees fit, but we are increasingly conscious of the fact that our so-called help can easily hinder the Master Potter's work in the lives of these individuals.

As we have mentioned before, the faces of missions and missionaries are fast changing.

Compared to the western missionary, it costs little to keep us on the field and it will cost much less to keep the Zimbabwean believer whom God has been uniquely preparing over the years of hyper-inflation, economic and social hardships, etc, etc.

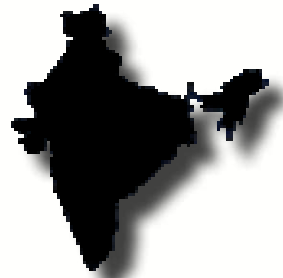
This past week, a pastor invited to his home to pray with his family. God had blessed them with a home and he wanted us to join him in giving thanks. His home is a simple, incomplete, two-roomed house, yet he was so full of praise to God for this blessing! After we had prayed with him, we learnt that he had a house guest, a church-planter, who had been conducting open air meetings in the front yard at night.

It is difficult not to shed a tear or two when we pray for some of these pastors, their living conditions and family needs. Yet they have such a spirit of thankfulness. It is just a marvel to see what God is doing in their hearts and lives.

Please pray for them and for us as we work together, with you, for the expansion of His kingdom.



Daniel & Betty Edwin India



Recently, we traveled to France to say with some friends. When we attended their church, the husband told me that Dhan's example shook them thoroughly and his son wants to become a minister for the Lord. The church members told me that our friends entire lives changed after they stayed with us in India, you can visually see it in their attitudes. I really praised God for that wonderful testimony. Only the Lord's name has to be glorified.

Our new vision is for 300 churches for the Lord in the remote areas of India. We will hand over the church to the pastor and ask him to run it for the Lord. We have finished ten churches and have 290 more to go. We will not leave Him until He fulfills this desire of ours.

Please pray for us. We are conducting VBS for the children. As we were transporting them in a van, some Hindu people saw us and started shouting that they will inform the police. The crime is we are teaching about Jesus. The children shared the gosel with their parents and told them that Jesus is the Lord. Halleluja! The parents were shocked that their children are so strongly for the Lord. When the Hindus shouted at us, the little ones are saying, "No! We will not give up Jesus at any cost". This comes from their hearts.



Kindly pray for us to get a van for ministry. Our van is 12 years old and needs more maintenance. We recently brought our children in a Matador van, which is used for transporting vegetables. If we had a proper van, we could bring more children to witness to.



Thomas & Amy Kay Romania



Thank you for your prayers as we gear up to leave our precious Romania. This is a bitter sweet time for our family. We realize how blessed we are with all the connections that we have here - both with missionaries and Romanians, but then how sad to leave here with all that we feel God has put in our lives. We are also overwhelmed with the blessing of our whole support network back in the States and the joy of being close to you all again soon. However, there are many goodbyes that lie between us and the shores of America. We are trusting God for the details of our new life in Texas, and we are trusting him to continue the ministries that He has started here though our family. We treasure prayers for wisdom as we want this transition to be smooth for each of us.



Randy & Debbie Bullock Romania



Summer is almost here and Romania 2010 Summer Camps are about to begin! Things are starting to come together for our 2010 summer in Romania with teams from all over the world preparing to share God's love with children in Romania. Team members are being trained; airline tickets have been bought and soon, bags will be packed.

Our summer schedule:

- June 24th – July 3rd - Church of Hope Summer Camp
- July 5th – 13th – Odessa, Ukraine Children's Ministry Training
- July 15th – 25th – Richfork Baptist Church Summer Camp
- July 29th – August 8th – Richfork Baptist Church Music Camp
- August 16th – 21st – Hospice Camp
- August 25th – September 6th – Suceva Handbell Camp

As you can see, it's going to be a very busy summer! Please pray for Team Members who are preparing now to come to Romania to share God's love for each child they will come in contact with.

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Our Beloved "Babushka" Lela



June 28, 1925 - August 20, 2010

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

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Lela Mae Steel

was born on June 28, 1925. At the age of 19, on October 28, 1944, she married James Steel who was an Army pilot. They had three children, two sons, Jimmy and Ronnie, and a daughter, Colleen. Life was not easy for the Steels but they turned to God for their sustenance and weathered many trials during their 42 years together. On September 20, 1986 James Steel went home to be with the Lord.

After his death, Lela's mission in life changed. In 1987, at the age of 62, she took her first short term mission trip to Haiti. While there she fell in love with the little Haitian children. When she returned, Lela prayed that the Lord would tell her where He wanted her to focus the rest of her life. Several years went by as Lela continued to teach Sunday school and seek the Lord. In 1994 Lela joined a mission organization called the Co-Mission and went to Odessa, Ukraine to help teach school children Christian Morals. She spent two years living in Odessa and while there she met a Ukrainian Pastor who introduced her to some street children that were in prison before being sent to an orphanage. It was there that she received confirmation on where God wanted her to be.



Lela came back to Ocala but really wanted to stay in Odessa. She wanted to go back to Ukraine but there were no organizations that would take a 71 year old widow. She came to Harvest International for help with some documents because the only way she could go back was to start her own non-profit Christian ministry organization. Danny shared with Lela that the last thing she wanted to do was to start a mission. What she needed was an organization that was willing to be a covering for her. Danny made the decision that if the Lord wanted Lela in Ukraine, then Harvest International would send her. In 1997, at the age of 72, Lela Steel became our oldest missionary on the field for Harvest International.

Her move to Ukraine was filled with obstacles. But everywhere Lela went the Lord went before her and granted her favor with everyone she came in contact with. Over the course of her service in Odessa she met with dignitaries, political people, high ranking military officials, and hospital administrators. No one denied Lela an audience. She would tell you that God ordained all her meetings.



During her time in Ukraine, Lela was able to visit and minister to orphaned children who were put in prison. These were children who had never heard the words, "I Love You". As she began to walk down the corridors saying to the children, "I love you, Jesus loves you," tears began flowing down her face. The children, who were at first wary, began running to hug her. She soon became affectionately known as "Babushka" Grandma Lela.



She helped all she could by having children placed in orphanages, "Internots", and then helping to get many adopted. She visited them daily, taking them on special trips and at least once a month she would take them to McDonalds (very special treat in Ukraine) for lunch. She taught them the love of Jesus and all that He did for us.

As the children grew older, God gave Lela a vision for a place for boys to go once they have to leave the orphanages. Once a young boy reaches the age of sixteen he is put out and forced to live on his own. Many, having nowhere to go, are recruited by gangs and forget their early teachings of Jesus. In 2004 Lela began preparations for building a home for older boys where they can be schooled in a trade, obtain a job, and prepare for life on their own.



In 2009 Lela fell and suffered a broken hip. She was rushed back to the United States, where she underwent hip surgery and many months of rehabilitation. At times she suffered greatly, yearning to go back to her children in Odessa, but the Lord had other plans for her. Lela was placed in a rehabilitation center where she quickly started telling her fellow residents all about Jesus. Her love for Him showed and she became known throughout the facility.



On August 20, 2010, Lela Steel "graduated" and went home to be with the Lord. There are hundreds of people all over the world that will miss her dearly, but we are all comforted in knowing she is exactly where she wants to be, with our Father in Heaven.

Most of you reading this already know about Lela Steel and what a servant of God she was. I believe that she was also a Saint of God's on loan to us (all of us) to lead us to a closer relationship with Him. Even though Lela was never able to return to her ministry in Ukrain, her legacy still lives on.



Lela's Legacy - House of Hope



House of Hope continues to operate as Lela intended. Lela went to the Ukraine because God put it into her heart to love these children that were loveless and alone. At the age of sixteen the boys at the Internot are turned out to make it on their own. These young men, without mentors, parents or guidance are a steady and dependable source of manpower for the gangs and street thieves of Odessa. She purposed in her heart to provide a Godly alternative for these young men that had received a taste of God and now needed to be brought into maturity in Christ.

Lela began raising support, financial and authoritative, for her vision. In the United States, she visited churches, study groups and individuals and spoke of the need for a home with Godly parent role models for these boys. She made appointments and visited officials of the Ukrainian government explaining her vision for helping these members of Ukrainian society that would, in time, be a problem if she was not allowed to proceed. She moved members of a society long dominated by communism and orthodox churches to reach out and help her to help their own people. Others, with more experience in the country, told her that she would never get the necessary permissions. She not only received the needed documents and permissions but the individual officials actually showed her favor and helped her accomplish the next step in the process. Finally, she was ready to begin. Viktor Migo, her faithful and ever-present assistant, located suitable land, negotiated the purchase and construction began. Lela enjoyed the frequent trips to the site to check progress and flesh out the dream she had held for so long.



Lela & Viktor

Sadly, Lela was not able to witness the first four boys moving into the home she provided for them. She personally chose these four from her many "grandchildren" at the Internot. In May of 2009, just a few short months before the boys moved in, Lela fell and broke her hip. She was evacuated to the US for surgery and never recovered to the point where she could travel back to the Ukraine. Not being able to return to her beloved children was a difficult blow for Lela. In time, she adjusted to this as part of God's plan and she loved and ministered to the residents and staff of Oakhurst Rehabilitation Center. She truly prayed for and believed that God would pour His love for people into her so that she could express it to those around her. She was able to talk and see Viktor and his family on Skype and those days were truly joyful for her as she was updated on the activities at the House of Hope and the boys she loved.

Danny Thomas, the Director of Harvest International, visited Odessa in July of this year. He reports that, even in her absence, Viktor Migo, who oversees House of Hope, has expressed the desire to take on two more boys starting in the fall. The space is ready and available and all that is needed now is funding. Each boy will stay for a period of three years. The first four boys have completed their first year and are doing well with home, trade/technical school and even part-time jobs. In another two years they will finish their schooling and be ready to move out and will have the skills to support themselves and be a Christian influence in their community. I ask **boldly** now that you prayfully consider helping to perpetuate Lela's legacy of reaching out to the orphans of Odessa. No contribution is too small and no contribution is too large! You may use the form below to mail in your tax deductible gift or you can give online by going to www.harvestinternational.org. Visit the website and click on Newsletters and select Ukraine to get more information about Lela and House of Hope.



Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. ~ James 1:27



House of Hope

Yes, I want to help support House of Hope in the following way:

- As God provides, I will give \$_____ each month toward support of the new House of Hope boys
- As God provides, I will give a one-time gift of \$_____ toward support for House of Hope.
- I will pray for House of Hope and the boys there as they seek financial support.

Please make checks payable to:
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Tom & Ginger Schmidt Haiti



Shiloh Children's Home is about ready to begin receiving children who have lost a limb in the 2010 earthquake. Our 3 donated pre-fab bungalows were built by our sons, Benjamin & Matthew, and our new friend, Ethan Wilson, from SC. We really appreciate Benjamin being here these past 3 months helping us with all the start-up challenges, rebuilding our generator almost every day to keep it running, fixing our car with minimal tools. His help and advice have been invaluable, we will sorely miss him when he leaves in September! We also really appreciate Matthew, who came in for a week during a busy work time to help us get these

buildings up, and Ethan who gave up his 21st Birthday celebration to come help us! We also want to thank Ben and Matt's boss, Brian, for giving them the time off to be here. Thank you all, we could not have done it without your help! The guys have worked tirelessly in the sweltering heat, with great attitudes and building expertise to get this job done. Each morning the request for lunch comes a little earlier. They have worked so hard that by 8:30 -9AM they are ready for a break and an energy booster, by 10 or 10:30 they begin looking for dinner. JoHannah, Jeremy, and Joshua have also been a tremendous help, screwing down the siding, painting the outsides, being the "go-fors" for the guys and taking pictures. We have been very blessed!



We have another group coming in Sept to paint the insides of each bungalow and build customized bunk beds for the children. We will be ready to begin taking children in a few weeks. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Each child will need a sponsor, to cover costs for living, schooling, and any medical expenses. We need to hire one teacher, 3 house mothers, a cook and eventually an Administrator, as we want this work to be Haitian, not American. Our goal is to provide them with a loving Christ-centered home, where they will have a regular Haitian school in the morning, a big meal and rest during the heat of the day, and an interactive English school in the afternoon. They will learn about Jesus' love for them, memorize Scripture in French, Creole and English, do hands-on science experiments, learn the history of the world dramatization and visuals, and have music lessons as well as physical therapy and gymnastics. We also plan to have our tilapia fish tanks ready soon and begin some aquaponics for fresh food. We will include all the children in this venture as well, teaching them the rudiments of gardening and raising life-sustaining food.

Our Suburban has been a blessing, we Praise the Lord for allowing us to get it out of customs; at the perfect time and not too costly. We are also excited for the donation of a truck being sent down! The Lord is so good, He knows our needs and provides for them just when we need it.

We thank the Lord for those who are offering their time and talents to come alongside and help in God's work. *"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins" Colossians 1:10-14*



Tony & Tracey Herrera Haiti



*Wound care clinic time at HCRM.
So much impetigo, so little time.*

We arrived in Haiti on July 29th and basically, we hit the ground running. We spent a few days checking in at the orphanage in Port-au-Prince where there are now up to 115 children, with more coming in every few days. The children greeted us with hugs and cheers and made us feel very welcomed. Though conditions haven't changed very much at the orphanage, the kids truly seem happy. Some of their adoptive parents arrived on the same day and as usual, it was great to see them interacting with their little ones and building bonds of love and family.

On August 1st, we partnered with another mission organization, Christian Medical Services Corps and headed to Dessalines, in the North of Haiti. This was our first time in Northern Haiti and we noticed quite a few differences in the landscape and weather. This is the area of the country that has been so devastated by deforestation. Traveling to Dessalines we also passed by some of the tent cities that have been erected in efforts to move people out of the tents in the streets of Port-au-Prince. It is not an easy situation, to say the least. The rains are upon us here and almost every night there are thunderstorms with torrential downpours. As you might imagine, the needs are great all over the country of Haiti and sickness is rampant.



Cullie & Sandy Woodall Haiti



"Tann Pa We Ou" I have been back in Haiti since June 17th. As I travel through the streets of Port-au-Prince and up into the mountains where I live, this is the most common thing I hear, "long wait not see you"(tann pa we ou). Each of our Haitian friends asks about Sandy and David and share about their losses from the earthquake. Sandy and David were not able to return with me because the adoption is not final. Sandy was very much involved with our work in Haiti. Somehow, she managed to keep me on track.

For those who don't know, Sandy left Haiti with David on Dec. 12th of last year to be with our grown children for Christmas. My plans were to stay behind and work a crusade through Christmas and maybe go home to Florida for a few weeks in the middle of January. We then planned to return together to Haiti. The earthquake hit Haiti on January 12th around 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Life in Haiti changed at that point, as well as my plans. Over 200,000 perished and six months later there are over 1.2 million living in tents and make-do shelters all over Port-au-Prince and its outskirts. I can now see the importance of getting away from Haiti from time to time to renew your mind, be still, and hear from God. I was not able to leave Haiti until February 25th, six weeks after the earthquake.



Our family has served in Haiti over 12 years and has seen many ups and downs. I will have to say my first week back after the earthquake was very difficult. The shock of seeing so much devastation still in the streets was almost, I say almost, more than my heart could bear. I know many of you have been praying for my family and me. We appreciate those prayers! With so many homeless there is much to do, and so much need. God is faithful to His promises to supply our need.



Rod & Debbie Wray Haiti



Before



After

One year ago we began work on the Camp Mahanaim project. One of the main tasks that we have steadily worked at has been the perimeter rock wall that Lord willing will eventually encircle the entire camp. Today was a special day as we passed the half way mark, having now built just over 1800 lineal ft of a 6 foot high, by 3 foot wide rock wall - all by hand. We have about 1800 lineal feet remaining before the job will be complete, but praise the Lord, we are progressing. The wall is needed to protect the camp from flooding.



Thanks to the help of teams and visitors and a good Haitian crew, work is progressing well on the orphanage project. Rod has begun to put in rough plumbing in the bathrooms. Please continue to pray as we build this orphanage and prepare to find the amputee children that will live in it.

With the help of a team, the bus and a local pastor, we were able to do a large distribution to the “ladies” of the LaSavanne area in Les Cayes. La Savanne is a very poor area and they were so excited to receive the gift bags of food and clothing. As you can see it was a bit of a challenge getting the gift bags from the bus to the inside of the church.



Thanks to the great donations of girl’s bathing suits, Kara was able to fit these local girls with a bathing suit each and they were able to come on a special outing up to Tet Laquille with us. These kids have grown up near the camp which is at the mouth of the Laquille river, but they have never seen its headwaters.



Children's Corner



Garden of Joy - Update

July was full of rain. It was terrible for the people in the tent cities. Water and mud! We had to delay building houses because of all the rain. Plywood and 2x4's were wet and needed to dry before we put sealer on them. We prayed for the rains to stop so we could climb the mountain and begin building much needed houses. How I praise God for a young lady, by the name of Paige, who is from a missionary family. She ran a half marathon and raised fifty thousand dollars. All this money is going to build houses for those families that lost everything in the earthquake. I am so excited to see the first ones in our area finished. When the houses are finished we will climb the mountain to pray with the families and give each bed a new blanket and some candles.

I have been over whelmed with the amount of work needing to be done and I must admit I am exhausted. But the Lord is my strength each moment and His strength keeps me going. Please continue to pray for our health and strength as we get things done before we leave for Canada for a long rest. At this point we are not sure when that will be but we will keep you informed.

So much has happened since July. Three houses are finished in Grenier where the Excellent family lives. Jordanie Elie and Ronny, Edith and Estherline Excellent have new houses. The third house is for a cousin who has a little guy in Garden of Joy School but not on the program. We did get all the wood sealed and carried up 3,000 vertical feet to Grenier. Also 39 sacks of cement were carried up on heads and backs of donkeys. My friend Marianne, from Canada, and I left the house at 5 a.m. to climb the mountain, to pray with the families and present blankets and candles to each person. I am delighted that section of the housing is finished. We have one cement house finished and people living in it again. We thank ALL who have contributed to building homes. We have a house in Belot to build and then we are going into Divette. Adjany Soime's house will be repaired with two new walls, a new door, and a new corrugated tin roof.

School is finishing with exams for the next two weeks. The English exam is on Tuesday, August 3rd. As you know, I have been teaching English to grades 10 and 11. When I am finished grading the exams and averaging everything then that is one more job finished. The official exams begin the 15th of August. Please pray for Gabriel Emmanuel, Stephanie Dantes, Daniel Desir, Raymond Smith, Claudy Pompilus, Claudia Pompilus, Pamela Lizaire and Katty Baptiste. All these students are writing either Rheto or Philo exams. It is equivalent to grade 11 and 12 exams. The grade six and grade nine government exams come first then the others will follow. School begins again the first Monday of October. This year we have been able to feed the children all the time. Depending on the budget for next year for school fees and food prices, we will see if we can carry on with the program the same next year. Measurements for uniforms have been taken. I will buy the material in two weeks time. We are so fortunate to have a really good seamstress and tailor- a husband and wife team - who do just a wonderful job.

~ Ann Farquharson

The Excellent's House



Prepping the Land



Bulding the Rafters



Adding the Porch



Their New Home



Dick & Barb Johnson

Uganda



Our trip to Uganda in May was wonderful in every way. We always visit with the Good Samaritan students during our visits and this trip was no exception. We met on Saturday, May 8th at Pastor Sam's church. Zoe, Pastor Sam's wife indicated that we should try and make it a special occasion. So we set up a program of singing by all of us, then some of the students did some special songs for us followed by Barbara and Dick presenting the word of God to them to encourage them not to do their best for us but for the glory of Jesus. Usually when we visit we supply some treats for our time of fellowship but this time Zoe volunteered and insisted that she and few of the ladies prepare a meal for the students. Our immediate reaction was no, you need not burden yourself with more work but she insisted that it would not be much work and she would have help. We hope the pictures give justice to the reality of the joy of the students. They, or I should say we, feasted on rice, matoki (boiled bananas), chicken, spinach, green beans, cow peas, carrots, rolls, and sodas spread out over three tables. Now the interested note here is that we were admonished for taking such small "mountains" of food rather than the large "mountains" of food most of the students took. But they are growing, we are maturing and well, they enjoyed this feast to the max.



Seezi (Seth) Kaijukyo with "Mountain of Food"



Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Zimbabwe



Speaking thru an interpreter at a school building in Chegutu

We have just completed three amazing seminars – at Mkoba, Gweru and Chegutu. In each case, the attendance is now down to a hard core of participants whom we sense are really committed and are desirous of growing in the Lord. Although the numbers are disappointing (considering the initial response), we are NOT discouraged. In fact, some of the attendees have expressed the hope that we would not give up on them and we are happy to assure them that we are not giving up but are with them for the long haul. We find too that smaller classes facilitate group discussion and interaction and we are better able to build meaningful relationships with them. What we found particularly encouraging was the participants' grasp of the material which was not apparent earlier. We truly praise God for that.

In just a few days, we leave Zimbabwe for seven weeks – August 21 to October 13. Although the "Eyes of Africa" Missions Conference in NY is the main reason for our trip, we are taking the opportunity to visit you our treasured partners, family and friends in the US and Caribbean, not knowing when we will be that way again. Unfortunately, we will not be able to visit everyone but we are looking forward to seeing several of you. In fact, we are really excited.



Alan & Pam May Kenya



A break from school

Wow! It is already August and most students in the U.S. are headed back to school while the students in Kenya get a break. The Kenyan school calendar starts in January and offers the kids breaks the months of April, August and December. So, when the students of the Haven/Fresh Start home return to school in September, they'll be winding down their school year. This year, Kenyans had more than a school-break on their minds as the nation anticipated a referendum vote on a proposed constitution. The referendum was held on August 4th, and it passed with an overwhelming majority vote. Our Christian friends in Kenya opposed the new constitution because of a couple of very controversial inclusions. While all Kenyans welcomed many of the provisions of the new constitution, the document made allowances for abortions and the recognition of Islamic

family courts. These two issues specifically drew opposition from many Christians. The outcome of the referendum vote probably was the best thing for immediate peace to prevail in the country, yet the nation now must contend with these controversial issues. Please continue to pray for Kenya and the kids of the Haven/Fresh Start home because all of these things in the new constitution will certainly shape the future direction of the nation and its people.

September not only will mark a new school session for Kenyan students, but also the beginning of a new ministry era whereby I will focus my attention full time on the development of The Haven/Fresh Start home and the community in which these children live. Exciting things are in store for the children and the community of Jua Kali village as we envision and pursue the development of a pre-school and a high school; improvements to the village's elementary school; establishment of revenue generating projects to provide employment opportunities for the older kids in the home and others in the community; and provision of venues for training in the Bible, missions, evangelism, and Christian living. The Lord has begun a good work in the young believers of the Haven/Fresh Start home, and He will see it to completion. I will work through Harvest International and a new community development non-profit organization called Sero to pursue the vision of Christian community development in Jua Kali, Eldoret and other parts of Kenya. Sero is a Latin word which means "to seed" or "to grow," and the name aptly describes this ministry pursuit. Please pray for unity and clarity of vision as we exalt the name of Jesus, point people to Christ and equip believers for service.



Allan Oluoch with new bible

The children of the home send their greetings! I would be remiss if I failed to pass on their sincere appreciation for the love, support, prayers and visits from so many people through the Harvest International connections. God has wrought amazing transformation in the lives of these children, and He is preparing them for His Kingdom's purposes. For the most part the kids have enjoyed good health. Hamisi had a soccer accident recently in which he broke a tooth and had to see a dentist for the first time in his life. He has recovered nicely.

It is not too early to consider joining us on a mission trip in 2011. We are already making tentative plans to take three teams next year. Please let me, or the staff at Harvest International, know if you are interested in more information about mission trips to Kenya. I may be reached directly at awmay1104@yahoo.com, or 901.652.8526 (cell). Thanks you!



Alan with Ben & Mary



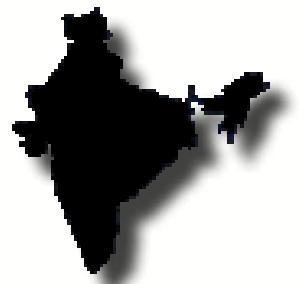
Writing to Pen Pals



Celebration



Daniel & Betty Edwin India



How nice and wonderful that we serve the living God. One of my college students was in an accident and the doctors had given up. He does not have a father and his mother is very poor. The principal who is a catholic priest told me that he is getting ready for the funeral service. With this message I went in to the chapel and pleaded for his life. I told the Lord I wanted to see him completely healed. I brought him before my eyes and said that I am declaring helaing in His name. I repeatedly said this to him. He stayed in the ICU for nearly a month. I clung to our Lord. I told my principal that the Lord would bring him back.

He underwent an operation on the left side, so he will not be able to move his hand and leg on the right side. I immediately canceled it in Jesus' name. Then, after a month, he slowly opened his eyes. The doctors said it is difficult for him to get his mental ability back. I again canceled it in Jesus' name.

Last week I was near the hopsital and my colleague said that we needed to go see him. I said within myself to the Lord that I want to see him walking and not in the bed. Hesitantly I agreed to see him. As we were walking inside the hospital, my colleague stopped for a minute and loudly said, "Madam, Kevis is walking and coming opposite to us". I could not believe my eyes, I was just dumbstruck and stared at him. He came closer to me and I asked if he recognized me. He immediatley replied, "Madam, you are Betty". I praised the Lord for such a beautiful miracle. Praise the Lord!



Randy & Debbie Bullock Romania



This summer has been a tremendous opportunity to share God's love with children in Romanian and give them an experience of a lifetime. So far, this summer we have hosted three teams from the US. Two were Summer Camps and the third, a music camp in one of the villages. It has been an awesome experience for the children, the translators and the short-term mission teams. God has also blessed these teams with over 40 children making professions of faith and Pastor Florin will be following up with each of them to talk with them further.

Thank you Church of Hope in Ocala, FL and Richfork Baptist Church in Thomasville, NE for sponsoring these camps! These children would of never had this experience if it were not for you. Who knows how many lives will be changed, for eternity, because of your faithfulness.

Randy would never have made it this summer without his summer interns either. They traveled home on August 22nd. Most will be starting college soon. Kevin from Thomasville, NC has been there all summer long! Thank you Kevin! Others who have helped out at different times during the summer are: Chris Lovell, Lacie Martin, Amy Ergle and Annie Grace Schaffer. Thanks guys and girls – Ya'll are awesome!!!

Randy has one more camp in the northern part of Romanian. Pray for him and the RO team as they travel and that the Lord will use each of them in such a mighty way to reach people for Christ.

Our ministry is continuing, onward and upward, to whatever God has in store. Thank you to those who have supported our ministry over the years – God has multiplied your gifts so many times over!

Ephesians 3:20 – God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!

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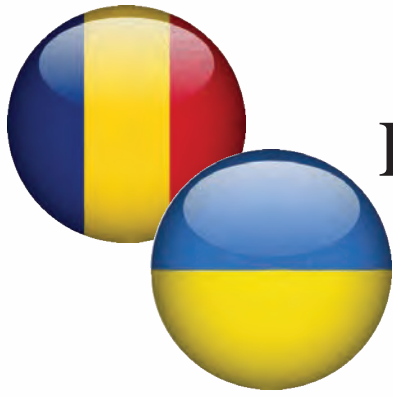
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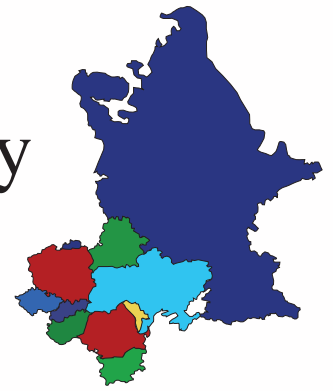
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Introducing Eastern European Ministry



with Randy & Debbie Bullock

Harvest is excited to announce that the Lela's House of Hope will continue to have an active missionary advocate. We at Harvest have been praying for God to provide someone to continue the work that Lela started in Ukraine. Any ministry or project will die without a hands-on committed advocate to both oversee the mission and raise awareness and support among believers. Harvest does not solicit missionaries. It is our policy to facilitate what God has called individuals to do through the body of Christ as opposed to building corporate projects and staffing them with personnel. God has moved, in His timing, to provide someone with such a call on their life.

Randy Bullock and his wife, Debbie, have served as missionaries to Romania through Harvest International since 2001. In 2006 they moved back to the USA due to family needs. God graciously allowed them to continue the work in Romania by hosting teams who sponsored and taught at summer camps. Hundreds of children each year heard the gospel and many accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Last summer Alyona Puzanova, translator and assistant for Lela Steel and Harvest International, asked Randy to come to Odessa and Lela's House of Hope to help train college students how to have a "creative" Children's Ministry. Little did they know then that God was opening a door of opportunity. Randy's heart was stirred to help Alonya and her husband, Slavik, to reach out to Ukrainian children as he had Romanian. Through several events this summer God revealed to Randy and Debbie that He not only wanted them to continue the ministry in Romania but to expand to Ukraine. It is their desire to be full-time and "radically" dedicated to sharing the gospel in Eastern Europe. The two countries share similar ideas and histories which gives them a "leg up" in understanding the situation in Ukraine.

Randy and Debbie have immediate plans to continue the work in Romania as they step out and expand in Ukraine. They plan to be advocates for Lela's House of Hope and continue her work there. They would also like to take the experiences learned in the Children's Hospital in Oradea to Ukraine and the children's hospital and Internots in Odessa. Their first visit to a Ukrainian children's hospital was like a step back in time to the children's hospital in Oradea before they helped improve the conditions for the children in one of the wards. They wish to work alongside Alonya and her husband Slavik as they minister to children from the villages and internots.

We are praising God for His provision of an answer to the need in Eastern Europe.



Why do we go?

by: Pam Barrett



People ask me all the time, “Why do you go on these mission trips?” “Aren’t there enough needy people in America without your going overseas?” “Isn’t it difficult with the long flights, different foods, risky water and lack of flush toilets?” I answer these questions differently, depending on the person asking, but it is really very simple. I go because of Edwin.

Let me tell you about Edwin (not his real name). Edwin lives in Romania. He attends his assigned high school which cultivates his talents and does his best to earn a scholarship for university. His family life is horrible in a way that would be illegal in the States but which, unfortunately, is not uncommon enough in Romania. He has suffered enough at the hands of his father that he has very little respect for men or authority. His life has made him cynical and hard as only a teenager can be. The local churches do not have a youth outreach because that is an “American” idea. He has no close friends because he cannot take them to his home and he does not want their sympathy if they knew his position. Consequently he is going through life alone with no close friends, no father figure, no Christian influence and no hope.

One day he is invited to a summer camp. He goes at his mother’s insistence but life has taught him not to expect much. On the bus, as the other young people are laughing, playing and talking, he sits alone and refuses to participate even when asked. For many of them it is their first trip away from home and expectations are running high as they discuss the activities and people they have been told about. Edwin protects himself, as he has learned to do, by having no such high expectations. If you don’t expect anything, you can’t be disappointed.

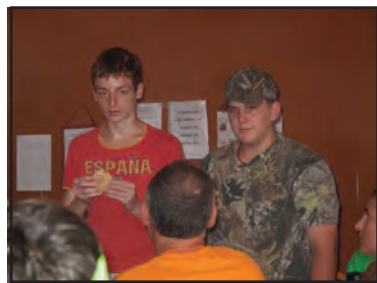


They arrive at camp and fun begins. Rooms are assigned, lunch is served, games are played and then they gather together for worship. You can tell by his demeanor that although the message of love and forgiveness sounds good to him, he doesn’t really believe it. People continue to try to include him in the activities and conversation but his “wall” is up. He knows that people aren’t really motivated by love.

As day one turns into day two he continues to hear about God’s overwhelming and all forgiving love. He sees the affection that exists between the camp leaders as they work together to manage all the activities that go into a project of that size. The games, although competitive, are more about having fun together and playing fair than about winning. The Bible is read, verses are memorized and the Holy Spirit is working his heart. Can this be real? Are these people for real? Slowly he loosens up. First he participates in games, then he starts interacting with the other Romanian youths from his village and finally, we learn he speaks very good English as he starts to talk with us. Praise and worship time finds him attentive and involved. During lessons he says little but you can almost see the wheels turning.

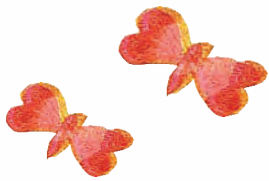


Finally, it is the last night of camp. Randy gives an invitation to all who recognize their sin and need of a Saviour. He doesn’t promise that life will be instantly easy, only that Jesus will walk through it with them if they ask. Everyone is praying either for themselves or someone else as Randy asks all those who wish to accept Christ to raise their hand. Edwin shakes. He is sobbing silently as the Spirit moves within him. Slowly, he lifts his hand. This boy who has learned not to trust, not to open himself to ridicule or hurt, not to let anyone too close, takes a public stand for Christ. As we leave camp Edwin takes Christ with him. He now has two things he didn’t have before he came, eternal life and hope in this temporal life. That is why we go.



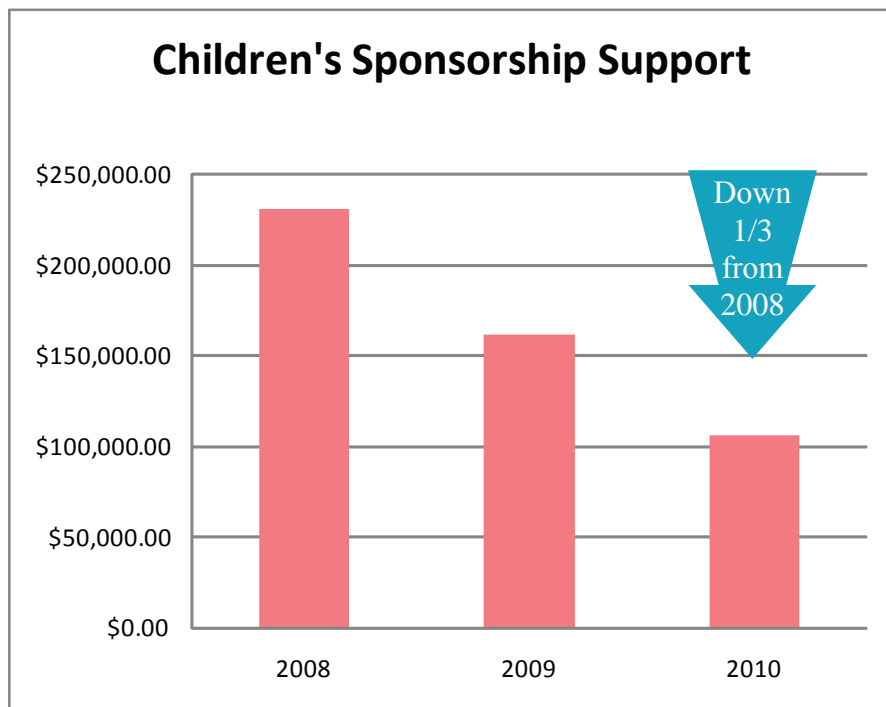
Update just in: Randy just returned from Romania and reports that Edwin’s change was carried home with him. His grandmother called and says he is a different boy. Of course he is! He is a new creature in Christ and a child of the King of Kings!

Child Sponsorship Program



In the first eight months of 2010 Child Sponsorship dropped by nearly one-third from 2008. This means that for every ten children who received help in 2008 with food, clothing, housing and education, now only seven are receiving these life changing gifts. The schools, orphanages and feeding programs continue to operate despite the decrease in funds, but the programs and children are suffering.

Please help us continue making Child Sponsorship a priority by supporting these programs and becoming a child sponsor.



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Our Programs



Garden of Joy school is located on a mountain in Thomassin, Haiti. Coordinator of this school is Mrs. Ann Farquharson who has lived and served the Lord in Haiti since 1986. The school serves over 300 students from K-3 to 12th providing them with food, care and a Christian education.

Jerusalem school is located in Gonaives, Haiti and has over 100 children attending classic or technical classes. Jerusalem supports children of poor families by providing them with food, tuition and textbooks.

Charlie's Champions and **In His Hands** orphanages are located in Gonaives, Haiti. Charlie's Champions is led by Pastor Charlie Dieudonne and In His Hands is led by Pastor Sylvestre Cineus. These orphanages were started in 2004 after Hurricane Jeanne hit Haiti and destroyed most of the town. Many children were left on the streets with no family or home to go to. Pastors Charlie and Sylvestre gathered the children that they could and made homes for them.

New Life Children's Home is located in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and is run by World Harvest Missions. New Life provides a safe and loving home environment for over 100 children of all ages. Each child receives food, clothes and schooling. Many of these children have severe physical challenges requiring full time care.

Shiloh Children's Home is an orphanage located in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and is run by our missionaries Tom and Ginger Schmidt. Shiloh Children's Home is a Christ-Centered Family Home for orphans and amputees. The children are taught to live for the Glory of God and to be contributing members of their society. They will receive a Christian education, physical and occupation therapy, needed medical treatments, and a profession to support themselves in the future.

The Haven orphanage is located in Kenya (Africa) and began in 2005 by our missionaries Alan and Pam May. They started the orphanage to house children who were abandoned on the streets, abused and neglected.

The Children of India is a ministry program dedicated to working with slum children in India. Our missionaries Daniel and Betty Edwin conduct health clinics, food distribution and school to children of poor families and homeless children in the village.



Building Bungalows for Haiti



New homes being constructed on their hurricane resistant foundations.

In 2004, four major hurricanes devastated the city of Gonaives, Haiti. Many people lost their lives in the flooding and mud slides. Live stock was almost completely wiped out. During that time a young pastor named Sylvestre Cineus and his wife felt God calling them to open their home, church and their hearts to the orphans that resulted. Pastor Sylvestre started taking a few children into his home. Within days he had more children than he could house so he opened the church for them to live in. He now has 58 orphans that he provides a home for, feeds, and sends to school.



When Harvest International heard about the work he was doing, we started visiting his orphanage with short-term teams and added his children to our child sponsorship program. We have worked with him through several challenging events (Hurricanes in 2007 and 2009, Earthquake of 2010) and have watched as he responds to each catastrophe. The home he and his wife shared with the girls was rented from a landlord and paying the yearly rent has always been a struggle. Due to the need for housing for these children Pastor Sylvestre immediately began building on a piece of property that he owned.

This year when the home rent came due, Sylvestre had no funds to meet the obligation. Due to the earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Gonaives has experienced an explosion in population which has driven up the price of housing. In Haiti, rent must be paid for one full year in advance. There are no monthly payments. Likewise, buildings must be paid for as they are built; there are no mortgages. Faced with few choices, Pastor Sylvestre decided to move his wife and the girls into tents on his property while he finished the church. He reasoned that he could finish the church and live there while he built a home. Then God stepped in with His plan.

The earthquake in Port-au-Prince caused hundreds of thousands to become homeless as concrete buildings collapsed into rubble. The urgent need for shelter caused many companies to quickly research and market alternative housing to replace the concrete buildings that Haitians had previously favored. One of these companies, Maxima, had developed a wooden structure that provides shelter from rain and a place to sleep. They donated three of these bungalows to Shiloh Children's Home which is run by Tom and Ginger Schmidt, our former Haiti Director. Harvest contacted Maxima and they had three additional bungalows available for purchase.

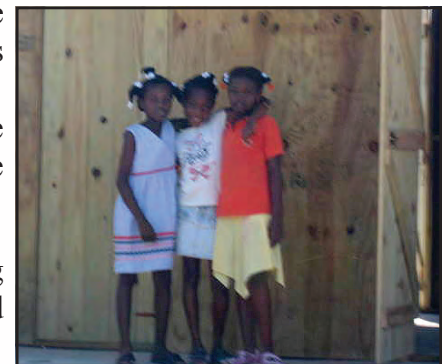
Using funds that were given by God's people for the orphans, Harvest arranged the purchase, delivery and assembly of the three homes. These homes allow all the girls and boys to live together as a family.

Pastor Sylvestre arranged for the construction of 3 foundations which would lift the homes approximately three feet from ground level. These foundations insure that the homes remain dry during the next hurricane.

With God's protection and the provision of God's people, these children are being raised to value God and their fellow man. They are the next generation of Haiti and what is being sowed into their lives now will bear reaping in the Haiti of tomorrow.



Pastor Sylvestre and three of the girls praising the Lord for their new home.



Haiti Earthquake Update

On January 12, 2010 an earthquake struck Haiti at 4:53 p.m. One minute people were going about their daily business as usual. The next moment their lives turned upside down; for many, literally. Women preparing dinner for their families saw their cook pots start to vibrate. Students working at their schoolwork felt their desks begin to shake. People in stores, shops, and markets felt the ground begin to tremble beneath their feet. The fortunate ones were already outside and in the open areas. The quick-thinking ones ran out of doors before the shockwaves really began in earnest. Some people sheltered under tables, chairs or their own arms as the ceilings began to collapse. The less fortunate were buried in the rubble for hours or days as entire buildings became rubble. The truly unfortunate died where they stood when it began.



After the tremors subsided, the horror that was to be Port-au-Prince for the next few months began to emerge. People cried out for loved ones, searched through rubble for children and supplies, and started mourning the dead. The devastation was unbelievable. Moving about the city was a nightmare because of blocked roads and the loss of landmarks to guide the way. The world became aware of the catastrophe slowly but response came quickly.



Many of you donated funds to help with relief efforts through Harvest International. Several area churches came together to fill more than 1,000 relief buckets with basic survival supplies. Others sent large amounts of food to be shipped into Haiti. Many called volunteering for mission and medical relief teams. Most importantly, God's people prayed for the lost in Haiti.

Our own Haiti Director, Tom Schmidt, was on a plane to Haiti within ten days. That was soonest he could arrange transport. He visited the city, spoke with our missionaries, offered help where he could with interpreting and labor and came back with a conviction from God. After speaking with his wife, Ginger, they made plans to leave their 6 grown children and 10 grandchildren and moved to Haiti to open Shiloh Children's Home, an orphanage for those children who lost limbs in the quake. They took their 3 youngest children with them and their second son went to help for the first three months.



Harvest initially shipped a 40' container filled with relief buckets, food, and supplies through connections with America's Relief Team. We received almost a million dollars of orthopedic surgery supplies and got them into the hands that could make a difference. We have shipped tents for the tent cities that have been erected to offer some shelter to those displaced by the quake. Pi Sat, a renewable energy technology company, donated over \$30,000 of solar powered lanterns for the tent cities. We were able to distribute these lanterns using teams, missionaries and organizations that are operating in Haiti. Many sponsors for the Garden of Joy program sent gifts that Ann Farquarson used to rebuild or repair children's homes. Over \$100,000 of wheelchairs were shipped to aid the newly handicapped.

A second container was just shipped in September containing supplies for Shiloh Children's Home, relief and medical supplies and our commercial bucket program. We, with your help, and the help of Neighbor 2 Neighbor, have put together buckets of items needed in order to put ordinary men and women back to work to support themselves. In Haiti, men must supply their own tools in order to be hired for even the most menial of jobs. We have put together buckets for construction, carpentry, tire repair and painting. We have also put together buckets of items for women to sell in the streets in front of their homes to support their families.



The devastation of Port-au-Prince took only minutes. The rebuilding of the city could take years or even decades. Harvest has ministered in Haiti since 1982 and we plan to continue ministering there as long as the Lord allows. We will continue to send teams, support missionaries and provide supplies in order to meet the huge needs that have always existed there. None of our people have expressed a plan to leave because of the increased hardships they are facing. Teams are still needed and interested in going to minister on a personal level with individuals and to provide willing hands for the work that needs to be done. In the midst of the worst parts of the aftermath, stories came to light of how our God is still working, ministering and calling His own to Him. He hasn't given up on Haiti. How can we?



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