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## 1st Quarter 2016 Newsletter

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*Thank you to all who participated  
in our annual 2016  
Have a Heart for Harvest Fundraiser.*

We had a spectacular evening and want to give thanks to everyone who came out to support us. It takes a tremendous amount of volunteerism to have this event each year. We would like to give special thanks to Carolyn Cain for her dedication each year in helping to get tables sponsored, Karen Warren for working tirelessly preparing the decor, tables and food, Tom Ranew for graciously finding volunteers to do the clean up, the staff of First Baptist Church who generously helps with food prep, serving and presentation, Donna Durban & Cosmo for preparing a fantastic feast for us to enjoy, Yvonne and David Carreiro who took on a big job this year with organizing the serving schedule and gathering young volunteers to serve in the dining room, Uriah Johnson for providing his photography talents, Pastor Robert Lopez for preparing our video presentation, and all the volunteer servers and silent auction gift givers. Without the support of each and every one of you our event could not be pulled off. We also want to give thanks to Dr. Teo Babun for sharing his testimony and his ministry efforts in Cuba.

There was over **\$32,000** raised  
to help support our efforts in reaching  
the lost around the world.

We give praise and glory to God  
for blessing us with such abundant love from all of you.

**Thank you.**

*Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives*

*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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# GIANT *Spring* WAREHOUSE SALE

Join us for FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP on  
**Fri-Sat, May 6th & 7th**

Accepting Donations through April 28<sup>th</sup>

Suggested Donations

Furniture, Electronics, Appliances, Tools, Equipment, Movies, Clothing,  
Accessories, Home/Yard/Seasonal Decorations, Toys

Please make sure all donated items are clean and in working condition

**Drop off items M-Th 9am-3pm**

Proceeds Support Christian Outreach

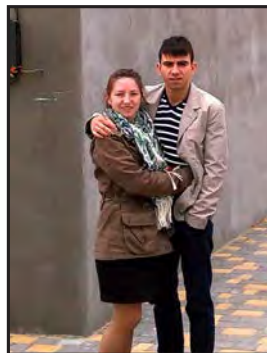
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# HOUSE OF HOPE UKRAINE



Viktor and Deanna Migo from House of Hope sent me an update on what is going on in the lives of the boys who have “Graduated” from House of Hope over the last few years.

Pasha & Tanya Ivaschenko in their new house. They have been married less than a year, are very active in their church, and help with the children who are in boarding school.



Dima & Yana Kornev have been married for a few years and already have two children. Their new home is 70% and they are very excited about being able to move in the next few months.

Aleksey & Bogdan Gadarozha have been married less than a year and are very excited that they will also be moving into a new home in 4 months. They are very active in their church and help with the children that live in a boarding school.



# Randy & Debbie Bullock

## Eastern European Ministries

India Romania Ukraine



This past Christmas our Romanian team helped Samaritan's Purse with the shoe boxes. They did an incredible job of serving and ministering. I want to share with you what the team did and their experience.

I still remember the year when I was a child and I received a shoe box for the very first time. I treasured each thing that I found in the box and now, after so many years, I can truly say that a shoe box packed with love for a child can change his life forever. It has been an honor and a privilege for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus for the little ones this Christmas! We are so thankful for each shoe box that has been packed with so much care and love for them. This year we were able to distribute shoe boxes in three different locations, Ceica, Dumbrava and Goila. We also shared the love of Jesus through these gifts with some very poor families. In Ceica and Dumbrava we had some programs for children with puppets, handbells, Christmas carols and an object lesson. I was so happy to see the faces of all the children receiving the good news of Jesus' birth! I was so blessed to work with an incredible team of volunteers. They gave of their time weeks before the programs, having to practice with the puppets and also rehearse with the hand bells. The puppets told the story of Jesus' Birth, we sang together, we laughed but most of all we found out through the object lesson that the same way God gave us the perfect gift, His Son. Now what we can do is to offer Him in return, our hearts!! Don't know how many of you made a shoe box this year, but would like you to know that your kindness had a big impact for these children. We are also happy to announce that soon we will start to meet with the children to start an adventure together of 12 lessons provided by Samaritan's Purse! Thank you for giving to the Lord, and if you know someone that made a shoe box please share this newsletter with them, so they can be encouraged also! ~ Many blessings from Romania, Adelina Ghiurau





## *Help Us Fill Our Pantry!*



Happy Easter friends and family. We hope you are enjoying this time of celebration and reflection of the most amazing days in history. In our home it is certainly recognized.

While we are enjoying these last few days of our spring break, we are gearing up for the summer. It's just around the corner and plans are coming together for a few Harvesting at Home projects that need some attention. We are looking to fully restock our pantry in the weeks ahead and preparing to bless several families during the summer.

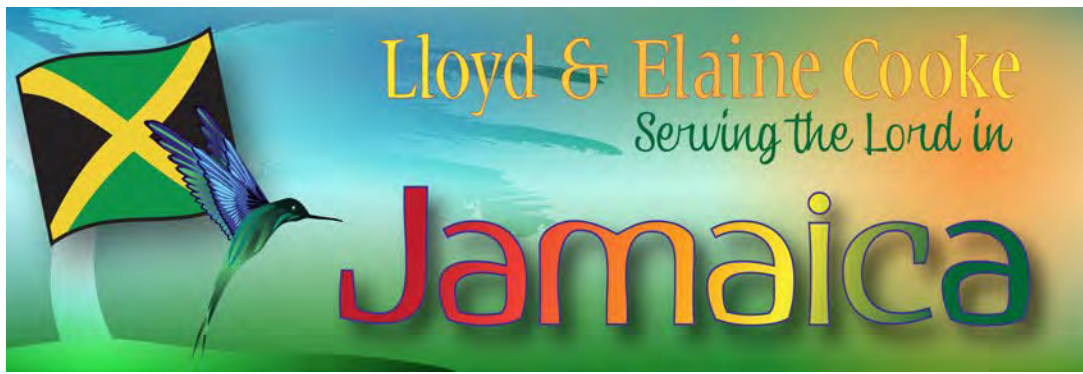
If you are interested in donating to the cause, we are looking for non-perishable, kid friendly foods. Boxed cereals, macaroni, canned fruits/veggies, juices and snacks.

We are looking forward to seeing how God's people will provide in the road that lays ahead. Thank you for your outpouring of prayers and support.

*Drop off or send your donations to  
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*For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.*

*~ Deuteronomy 15:11 (KJV) ~*



As co-laborers with us in the Kingdom of God, we greet you again from Jamaica where it is perpetually Spring. At this time of the year we are usually facing dry times, with its attendant low water pressure and often lock-offs. However, this year the Lord has been gracious and the showers have not ceased. As a result we had an outburst in recent weeks of flowering trees: the yellow Pouii, and a purple shrub in our garden whose name I am ignorant of.

The national election I mentioned last time went off peacefully, and resulted in a change of government. But the results were close, as there was only a one seat difference between the two major parties. The transition has been good, with acknowledgements of the need for cooperation in government. The cabinet of ministers chosen is a good mixture of youth and experience, with two of the members of the upper house (the Senate) being members of Lloyd's denomination. There are many nominal christians, and a few evangelical members on both sides of the parliament. Your prayers are needed that all will seek God's wisdom to govern rightly and righteously.

Elaine returns on the 16th. from her New York visit for the funeral of a niece who died tragically. Lloyd's two weeks of housekeeping will thankfully come to an end. With all of his other responsibilities many things did not get done. He would value your prayers for the following upcoming ministry involvements:

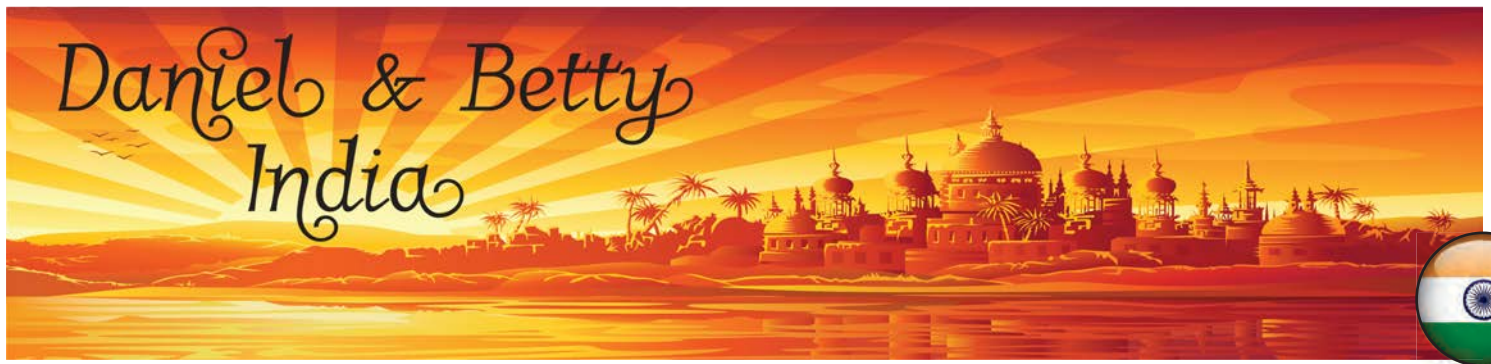
- His continuing teaching responsibilities at the two Bible Colleges in town;
- His supervising of the new Children's Ministry Course, with its 15 eager students;
- Good Friday preaching assignment at an Anglican church, over two hours drive away;
- Missions Conference at Spalding Brethren Assembly: April 3-5th;
- Lloyd's travel to Scotland for the wedding of our first daughter, on April 9th.
- Elaine's outreach, with her church, to needy male students from a remedial school;
- Her children classes and preaching assignments with the Methodist churches.

Let us remember to take every opportunity that comes our way to share the message of God's love with everyone we come in contact with. That opportunity was Lloyd's yesterday, as he witnessed to the landscape man who works for us. He attends church occasionally but is not saved. He said to Lloyd afterwards that "you know, you are the first person who has ever talked with me one-on-one about my soul." Do pray that he will soon ask Christ into his heart.

We praise God for His many mercies and blessings; and we praise Him for prayer and financial supporters like you. We would not be able to do what we do without you. Thanks again! Do keep lifting us up in your hearts and your prayers.







We have been building structures. One a new church at Srirampuram slum in Bangalore. They were shifting their churches here and there. Now we got a small land but the prices are huge in the city. It is 30x 25, we have put a small church there. People are very happy. Many things need to be done yet, we are slowly doing it.



**Mark's Collapsed House**

We also built a house for a man by name Mark who is working in the church for more than 20 years. His house collapsed due to heavy rain and we built a small house for him and his wife. Both are hindu converts working for the Lord now very loyal and sincere.

We have identified a place in Salem for a church. They are doing it in a rented building. We will be buying a place for them and put up a structure there.



**Rented Church in Salem**

There is also another new church coming up at Balarsha in North India. It is not easy to build churches there, very hard terrain, please pray for us.

Pastor Daniel is right now at North India speaking in five different places. Please pray for his protection.

We have a seminar and a workshop coming up in February 25-26. It is a training course for pastors, we are expecting 200 people for two days. We are catering and keeping them in different places in Bangalore, we need your prayers.

We already finished a fasting prayer for seven hours on January 26th and also another meeting on February 20th. Please pray for us.



**Kannada Meeting**



**Pulse Polio Program at Church**





# Dick & Barb Johnson

*Serving the Lord in Uganda*

## The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



It was with great excitement and joy that the Christmas party was attended by the Good Samaritan students, guardians and guests. As usual there was a program, gifts, speeches and of course great food. The testimonies of the impact of the project on the students and community was particularly powerful. As the project completes its 20th and final year we are all so grateful to our Lord Jesus for all He has done through us. Michael Kamanyire who has just graduated from Makerere University proclaimed his full thankfulness to God for all God has done in his life. The party of course was in mid December and he graduated from the University on January 22nd, 2016.



Michael Kamanyire

Michael's thankfulness: "I am glad to inform you that I graduated on 22nd January 2016 with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration majoring in Procurement. It was such a colorful day in my life, sure my dream came true and I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you who wholeheartedly contributed too much to my success. To me, I could not believe that day. It was a miracle. My grandfather was among the happiest. He could not believe having the first ever graduate from Makerere University. I promised him that even the Masters Degree will also come as well. Once again thank you so very much and MAY GOD CONTINUE BLESSING YOU ALL."

Michael is now working for the Department of Education in the Procurement department in the Ft. Portal district. He also commented that 500 were eligible for graduation from his class but only 200 graduated because of shortness of finances, a problem he never had! Praise our Almighty Lord Jesus.

## 2015 Christmas Party



Celebration



Gift Giving



Cake



Food



Testimonies



**Gweru:** We returned from Gweru a couple of days earlier than scheduled because of some mix-up over the dates with the Bible College. It smells a little bit like sulfur, since we had given our Gweru dates to the College in December and sent messages as well. So effectively, we miss this first term and are expected to pick up the slack in the second term.

The sulfur is even more apparent as the Church we work with there is in the middle of an unpleasant situation with a congregation to which it rented and who has not paid any rental for months. Nevertheless the “tenant” church has now moved their services to clash with our host Church’s service time without prior discussion or notice. The host Church is a small, mainly white, congregation. The “tenant” Church is a large black congregation..... Thank God there is no intimidation in His Kingdom!

**Chegututu:** After seven years in the area, we think it may be time to move on. However, we had an especially good time with the host Pastor and are minded to see how the Lord leads i.e. to move or not to move! If we are not to move, it would be so we can pour into this pastor.

**Goromonzi:** The class in Goromonzi is both encouraging and challenging at times. We are still amazed at how little Bible reading is done in Christendom here, even though the people generally are avid readers. We also have an ongoing battle with the cultural norms which do not support interaction. A teacher or an elder within or without the Church is highly respected and therefore cannot/should not be questioned! But, this may just be an excuse for the bigger problem!

**Domboshawa:** The Domboshawa class has not come off the ground this year. We believe they have venue issues. Friday morning Pastors’ prayer time and Monthly Breakfast: The weekly prayer time been on hold since Christmas but will resume at our home on Friday 4th March.

Monthly Pastors’ Breakfast: Each month a different Pastor or Missions’ group hosts this breakfast and share their work or use the time to promote an upcoming ministry which would benefit the Zim Church. This month it will be hosted by a group who will be launching a Bible distribution ministry.

**Resthaven, Rusape:** Although we no longer have a monthly group there, we visited the residents at Resthaven in January. They were quite happy to see us but it was obvious that many of them were facing health and other challenges. The place is still fairly well maintained but there was a sense of sadness there.

The founder of the group in South Africa who brought in food and other supplies to most of the retirement homes here, is now ill with cancer. Many of the residents were dependent on those food packages to supplement their meagre pensions. Most of them would have lost their farms and their investments during the hyper-inflation days so they can hardly afford the \$40.00 US needed to meet the monthly fees.

With little or no family support, their future does not look encouraging. The non-white Zimbabweans have a lot of family support and are hardly ever found in retirement facilities.

**One on one:** We continue to meet with individuals on a one on one. Mainly they are people who love the Lord and are dissatisfied with the lack of depth of the organized Church where they don’t fit in anymore. So we meet with them and encourage them in the Word and trust that the Lord would lead them to a place of fellowship in His time.

**OM:** Dhan continues to serve on the Board of OM. We have seen many changes in the past few months. The Field Leader of six years is moving back into the foreign mission field (to a country we are not at liberty to disclose) and a new leader has been installed; there have also been some changes on the Board and there may be more to follow as the older steps down and the younger steps in! But slowly and surely, young missionaries are being sent out most of whom are serving on the LOGOS Hope.

**Preaching:** Dhan continues to preach as and when he is asked to do so both in Harare and in Gweru.

**Health Checks:** Our annual check- up revealed that we are still very much alive and the aches and pains are not life-threatening! For this we give Him praise.

**Spiritual Health:** We thank God for keeping us. Indeed, He allows circumstances in our lives that daily send us running to Him.



# Alan & Pam May

## Serving the Lord in Kenya



### New School Year



*Arial view of  
The Haven & Fresh Start Homes*

The new school year in Kenya began with the calendar year. The Haven and Fresh Start homes now have thirty-nine students in various boarding high schools around Kenya. Thirteen of these students are in Form 1 (that means they are Freshmen), eight students are in Form 2 (Sophomores), ten are in Form 3 (Juniors), and eight are in Form 4 (Seniors).

Though the primary school students are closer to home than the high school students, they, too, are in three different schools, and some of the Class 8 students (eighth graders) are also boarding at their respective primary schools.

All schools take a break for the month of April, so that means all students, including high school and primary boarding school students, will be home for the break. Please pray for them as they wrap up this first trimester and travel home.



### Sponsorship, Advocacy, and Prayer

Sponsorship, advocacy and prayer are great ways to get involved in orphan care! Sponsorship provides regular financial support for a good home, nutritious food, clothes and medical care “to look after orphans...in their distress,” James 1:27. Our dear Cassie Shipley manages Harvest International’s child sponsorship program for The Haven and Fresh Start Homes (as well as other HI orphanages around the world, of course). The children are grateful for Cassie’s work on their behalf!

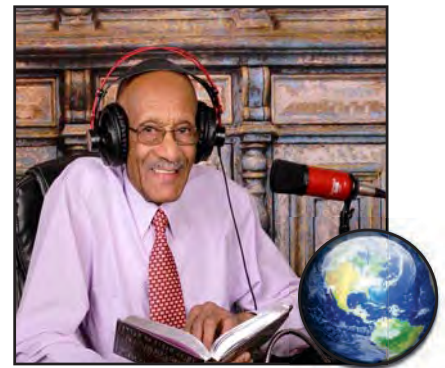
In addition to sponsorship, assistance is needed to recruit other sponsors and donors among small groups, neighbors, classrooms, churches, extended family members, et al. There is no end to the need, and every gift, small or great, is deeply appreciated. This opportunity to speak on behalf of orphaned and abandoned children is overlooked and underestimated by many. Please, heed the call to be an advocate for the children and a champion for their cause!

Prayer support, too, is vital for God’s work among orphaned and abandoned children. One may never know the outcome of prayer support, but God’s word clearly states, “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective,” James 5:16. Please practice the discipline of prayer by regularly pleading the case of a helpless child before the Lord.

The Lord uses sponsorship, advocacy and prayer support to transform young lives. Please give, advocate and pray generously and regularly!

**Send gifts for The Haven & Fresh Start homes to Harvest International, Inc. P.O. Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34479.  
Visit [www.HarvestInternational.org](http://www.HarvestInternational.org) to donate or sign up for to become a Child Sponsor.**

**\* Notate for “The Haven” on all gifts \***



Greetings from Ocala, to our friends, prayer partners and financial supporters. It hardly seems possible that the first quarter of 2016 has gone from us, but what a quarter of miracles it has been.

Our Mighty God continues to make his voice heard and His hand outstretched in so many ways and in so many places.

The first thing I wish to report on is a successful “Fund Raising” event at one of the malls here in Ocala. The Board Members rolled up their sleeves, cooked sausages and chicken, and we handed our gospel tracts and ministry information. Great day! Oh yes, Jamaican Gourmet sauces were served and sold.

In our last Newsletter we shared with you how that we were focused on prayer and that we were launched on a campaign to establish prayer groups at home and abroad. I offer a sincere word of thanks to those of you who have agreed to lead a group or be a part of a group. If you are willing to host a prayer group, please let us know.

Let me share with you one answer of prayer that was very, very close to home. In fact, it was at home. At the end of November Beverley and I went on a week's vacation and while we were away, she suffered a major seizure and in spite of medication continued to seize. She was hospitalized in early December and then released to a rehab facility because by this time she had lost her speaking ability and her mobility had deteriorated badly. (She was gone for seven weeks)

After two weeks of daily therapy, her condition did not improve and the institution advised me that her condition was irreversible and advised me that I should consider finding a Long Term Care facility because she had not and would not be able to stand or speak again. Without the details, all I can tell you is that, like Peter in prison and facing serious consequences from the Roman government “prayer was made of the church for her.” Beverley is home, standing, walking and speaking. Glory to God. Thanks for your prayers.

Perhaps this next testimony will strike a responsive chord and you will be challenged to attempt great things for God, no matter how old you are, or how much you have failed. God is in the business of mending broken lives. We preach that to people who are not saved but we are inclined to write off a brother or sister who has made shipwreck of their spiritual lives. Jesus confronted people like that in the churches of Asia Minor and He offered them the hand of restoration.

The testimony from a listener was in response to my testimony given on the broadcast several weeks ago. I admitted to the world that I felt I had been a cast away of God, because I failed God and now I was too old and too stained. God brought to my attention several of his servants whose sinful failure derailed their lives and tarnished their witness, but they repented and returned and He graciously forgave them and recycled them.

Like some others, I felt I was just too old to get involved, and then God reminded me of Moses and Joshua and Caleb. Incidentally, we have made a CD of that message and you can obtain a copy by writing or calling the office.

#### **Testimony**

**Good morning Audley,**

**WOW! What a powerful message this morning. I want to talk with you about how to use your message today to encourage the number of people who are sitting in countless churches in our community, thinking that their time of serving the Lord is over. These brothers and sisters have 3 of the most important things needed to get involved, Time, Talent, Treasures. I couldn't agree with you more on what you said. We need to use your passion to help those that have lots more to give to “Get out of the pews, and get on the road to serving the Lord again.**

***Also good news for prayer and ministry in Buffalo, NY and a new outlet in Grenada***



While in India Sharath, his wife Shanthi, and I “Ray” went to a conference in Bangaluru. Following the conference we flew to Malaysia and then on to Cambodia.

We stayed in Cambodia for 2 weeks. We visited a church service for Cambodian youth. The church was Pastored by our van driver while in Cambodia.

We meet together with Cambodian missionaries and discussed how to reach the lost. Their lives reflected what they said.

We met with another ministry, “The Pink Ladies”, and learned how they reached out to these girls and taught them a trade to support themselves.

We did some shopping and visited in Phnom Penh. We visited the Kings Palace, a museum where in the 1970’s 300 million of the educated people were murdered. They had pictures of the people murdered and a memorial with 8,000 skulls in it. This was the Killing Fields. All you could do is cry.

Well, that’s a short visit with me on what we did while in Cambodia.



*In front of the largest temple in the world in Siem Reap, Cambodia.*



*Cambodian orphans in a church service in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.*



*Missionaries talking at lunch on how to reach the Cambodian people for the Lord in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.*

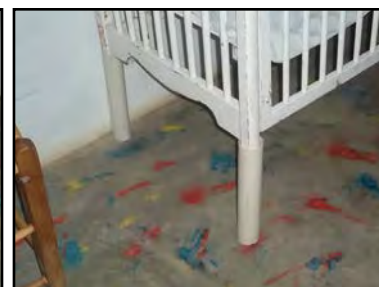
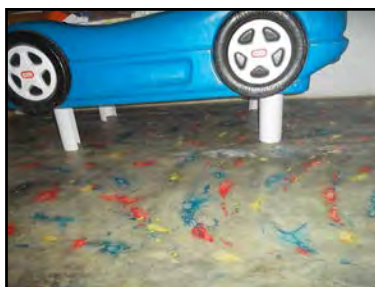
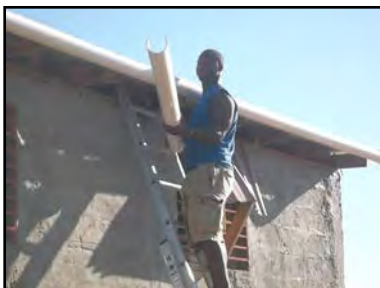


Tom & Ginger Schmidt  
with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

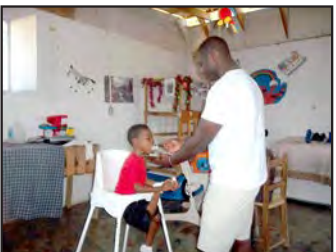
Serving the Lord  
in Haiti



Tom and Josh were able to go to Haiti for two weeks in January. It was a busy time taking down all the broken and leaky gutters, cutting new heavy duty pvc pipe gutters, and installing them all back up. They also cut shields from the old gutters to help prevent heavy rain water from splashing out onto the wooden rafters (rotting them). Tom, with Josh's assistance, cleaned the existing three rainwater cisterns and 'epoxied' the oldest one in hopes of stopping the leaks! They were able to purchase a new cistern and fittings, level the new location and assemble two new double tank systems. Tom was also able to clean all TEN batteries & connections, for the truck and inverter (not an easy job, but especially necessary to get the inverter working). They replaced two rotting pieces of plywood on the porch and repainted the entire porch floor. They were also able to put pipes on all the boys bed legs to keep rats and mice from crawling up into the beds. Then they changed and painted the porch roof ridge connecting to main building, because mice and rats were running through there getting into the bedrooms, kitchen, etc. Tom and Josh were happy when the nightly 'ridge races' ended!!



Tom also added new screws and re-screwed loose screws on the entire Shiloh Childrens Home roof! And was able to paint another 24' of the outside of SCH with a cement coating. This is a long slow process due to the lack of water. Each time he goes into the village he has to bring drinking water and often water for bathing and washing. When he has to do jobs requiring water, it has to be rationed from the available water. We are still hoping to build a cement cistern to store large amounts of rain water so we won't have to be so limited with water usage. We still have about 50' of outside wall to be coated and then the whole SCH can be painted!! Yay!!



Tom and Josh also enjoyed helping feed the boys at breakfast and supper time and playing with the boys on the porch in the afternoons. Josh was also able to take Jason on many walks around the property. They had a great time and accomplished a lot!

The most exciting news is that Dieulene is getting married in August!! We are very happy for her! Her fiancé is a teacher/preacher and we are trying to work it out so they could live in Carabal. This may be the answer to our prayers and would be such a blessing to the community. If we can start a Christian Church and School in the village, Dieulene could continue to be in charge of the children's care and Nelson could be in charge of the spiritual and educational needs of the community! "Si Dieu vlé!" / If GOD wills! To GOD be the GLORY!





***Our 2.5 year missions trip is now coming up on 4 years!  
Thanks be to God and you!***



Our goal four years ago was to come to St. Croix & live a life that honored God and preach the gospel to the children on the Island. Through God's Grace we have been able to do this. The gospel of Christ has been shared with Men, Women and Children. From East to West End and everywhere in between God's Word has been proclaimed. We are so very thankful for what He has done over the past four years. We would like to thank you for teaming up with this work here. Please pray that God would plow the soil as we continue to throw seed... (The word of God).

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,  
for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes... Romans 1:16*



Boys & Girls Club  
3+ years ministering  
to the children.



Review game that  
reinforces Bible lessons at  
George's Christian Academy.



Movie Night at FWB. We colored, had a treasure hunt,  
Bible lesson, craft and a movie.



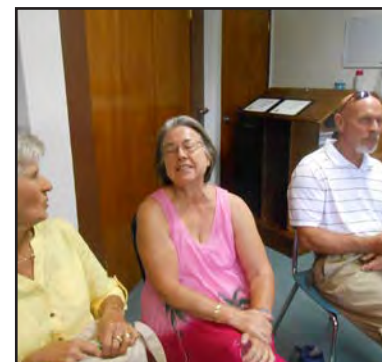
Simon teaching Leroy  
how to hold the bat at  
Frederiksted Park.



Frederiksted Park is one of our  
first ministries on STX. We  
started two weeks after arriving.



A team from Naples, FL came to  
serve through YWAM.  
They blessed us by helping at the  
Boys & Girls Club.



Steve is now teaching the  
Cornerstone Adult Sunday  
School Class.  
This is a great honor.





Rod & Debbie Wray  
with Katie

*Serving the Lord in Haiti*



## Katie in Haiti



Katie recently told us that she might become a missionary when she is older. In many ways, Katie is a missionary already. Katie cares for the Haitian children and they love her.

We had a large medical team here last week, and they were able to see and help almost 2,800 patients. Katie worked as a translator for Dr. Jon. Roberts.

Katie translated and helped patients select reading glasses. Katie also dresses the brides for the weddings that we do.



### Our New Zip Line



Katie can set up and run the zip line by herself.



Hosted a group of young people at the camp.

### A Visit From Christie



We were so thankful that our daughter Christie who is a nurse came to help us with the medical team.



## Angels Volleyball Team



We have a new appreciation for how good we have it in Canada and in the U.S. in that we have passports and are free to travel into other countries as we desire; very different for the folks here. We were excited about the possibility of taking our Angels volleyball team to Missouri in April. We planned to attend the J.V.A. World challenge do a tour in some of the smaller communities in Southern Missouri.

The girls waited in line for 2 hours and then were divided and weren't seen as a group even though we had spent two weeks on the phone arranging for them to be seen together. Myrlande went to show the "letters of invitation" for the tournaments, the itinerary for the trip (including where and who we are staying with and all the phone numbers), the funds available, etc, and he didn't take the time to look at any of it. Myrlande said the few that were together were asked about 4 questions He took their passports, typed a few words into the computer and turned and said "you don't qualify today". After paying \$160 per person for the visa appointment the girls were not spoken to or given any explanation.

ThankS so much for all of your support, encouragement, thoughts of opening your homes, plans to make the trip to "watch the games," and prayers especially. We really appreciate it.



# The Harvest Family

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**Pamela Barrett**  
Chief Financial Officer



**Cassie Shipley**  
Secretary / Child Sp.



**Ethel Johnson**  
Receptionist

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**Tom Ranew**  
Secretary



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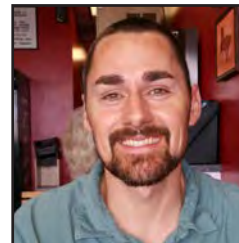
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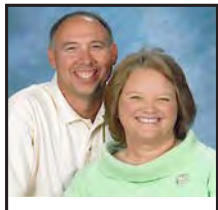


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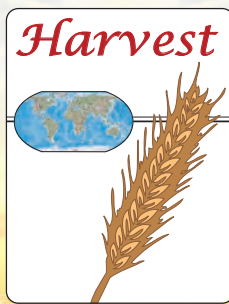
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### Ethel Meets Her Great Grandchildren from China

Working here at Harvest with many of our missionaries from different countries is very exciting for me and has been for over 10 years now. I never dreamed that one day my husband and I would become great grandparents to three children from China.

Our granddaughter Cindy and her husband, John, are blessed with their own children, Jenna and Ryan, who are in their early teen years. One day Cindy had a dream from the Lord about a little girl in China who needed her and John to come and take her home with them. Cindy patiently waited for the Lord to touch John's heart and when He did they started planning a trip for the whole family to travel to China and meet their new daughter and sister.

After a lot of paper work, money, trips, and a lot of patience, Cindy and John came home with the daughter of their dreams, beautiful Elyana who is now four years old. Her smile is so contagious!

A year after they brought Elyana home, Cindy was once again led of the Lord to bring back two little boys from China. They went through all the procedures and brought home Wesley who is six years old and Hudson who is eight years old.

Cindy and John were blessed to be able to add on to their home to accommodate for a family of seven now! After visiting with them a couple weeks ago I was so impressed with the love that was shared from this beautiful and selfless family.



John, Cindy, Ryan, Wesley,  
Elyana, Jenna and Hudson



Ryan, Cindy, John, Ethel, Jenna,  
Wesley, Elyana and Hudson

*Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives*

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



**We are pleased to announce that there were  
15 Graduates from Garden of Joy School on June 19, 2016**

We would like to thank each and every sponsor who has lovingly supported and prayed for these children.

Their future is bright due to your generosity.  
God bless you.



**2016 Graduating Students and Their Future Ambitions**

Richemond Lexine (Lawyer) - Emmanuel Alexandre (Engineer) - Ronaldo Auguste (Diplomacy)  
Riphca Decembre (Teacher) - Bendy Derosier (Diplomacy) - Odamelle Derelus (Lawyer)  
Jonathan Romela (Doctor) - Dienitha Prosper (Dentist) - Ronaldo Bouilli (Psychologist)  
Emlandshe Michel Gabriel (Doctor) - Estherline Amazan (Doctor)  
(not shown: Alpantes Graveus, Indjy Jourdain, Peterson Lexine and Jodna Pompilus)

**Please remember to pray for these students as they take their final Government Exams in July.**



## Sponsor a child for this summer's Gypsy Camp in Romania



We have an urgent need for this summer! This year we will be doing a camp for gypsies like we did last year. Last year a foundation donated the money to cover the camp cost but this year they are not in the position to do the same thing. If you would like to sponsor a child to go to camp this summer the cost for a child is 65\$ and you can send your donation to Harvest International PO BOX 6690 , Ocala , FL 34478 , please make a note on the check "Gypsy Camp!" Thank you for your prayers and support!



# Flowers for Widows



**Layla**



**Jaylen**



**Alina**



**Matthew**

Greetings friends! We hope you are enjoying a blessed summer so far. Praise the Lord Harvesting at Home is growing! We are so excited to update you with news that God has abundantly blessed us not only with lots of groceries but also with toiletry items as well.

My husband David and our son, Dawson, have put in another shelf for the overflow which by faith we believe will be enough to feed those in need. I would like to personally thank each of you for your support in this ministry. You have truly blessed us with your time, groceries, toiletries and financial donations.

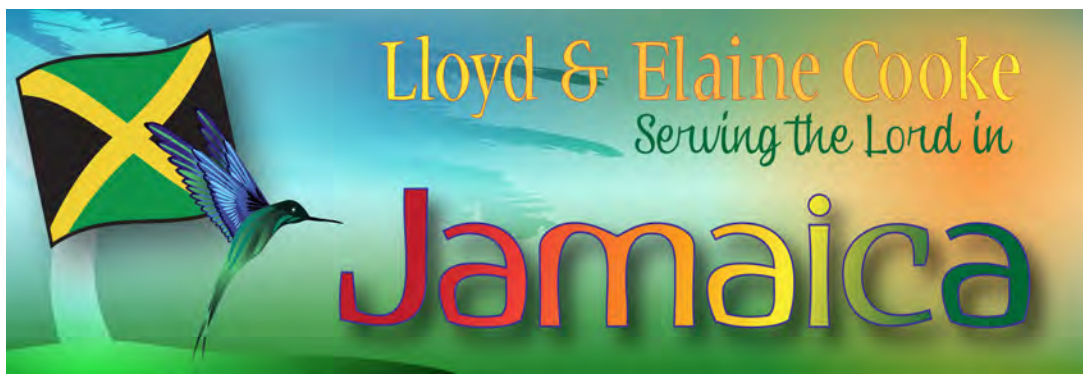
We are currently working on an "Event Calendar" for the littlest of our missionaries. They will be aware of what day, time and the event they will be participating in. Praise the Lord our group of HaH Kids has grown to 12. This group is so excited and on fire for the Lord to get out in their communities. They all want to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Our latest event, Flowers for Widows, was a big success. Each little missionary hand painted cheerful images on flower pots that we planted yellow marigolds in. When the project was finished they each got to bring their potted plant to a widow. This allowed our young missionaries to see that a little time and creativity can brighten someone's day and bring joy to someone's life.



**Harvest at Home's "Little Missionaries" delivering their special flower pot to Connie**





The academic school year 2015-2016 has come to an end. For our theological students their exams are over, and they can enjoy the upcoming summer activities. Lloyd has finally finished marking two sets of exams and end-of-term research papers from his students in Comparative Religions at Regent College of the Caribbean, and Introduction to Missions at Bethel Bible College. He is filled with gratitude for the privilege of helping to mould young lives for future christian ministry. While finishing his markings Lloyd was also under much pressure as he prepared for a weekend seminar in Kingston at an Episcopalian/Anglican church. That went well, and we pray that much benefit would remain with those who participated.

**SUMMER** As the summer months come upon us it brings the beauty of “June Roses” and the many flamboyant Poinciana trees whose fallen blossoms carpet the ground. Various fruits are also ripening: every variety of mango is available; our local apples (O’Tahiti) bore profusely but are now finished; and the star-apples are now ripening, a couple months late. The continuousness of the rains may have contributed to its late arrival. The summer will also bring a much anticipated visit from our grandchildren. Annika and Tyler come in early July, and will spend some time with aunts and uncles, as well as with their second cousins. May the Lord grant us energy to match theirs! There will also be summer activities such as Vacation Bible Schools and Camps, which Elaine will be involved in, as well as adult spiritual conferences like Keswick Convention the last week of July, which we will both participate in. Pray that these will be signally blessed of God.

**HOMEGOINGS** There have been a number of significant homegoing celebrations of close friends and associates recently. These have been times of rejoicing and memorializing our friends’ years of faithful living for and service to our Saviour. They also remind us to maximize our service opportunities, as we consider the brevity of the time that may be remaining to us. Lloyd will be attending yet another this weekend, for the widow of a much respected former friend, mentor and denominational leader.

**GRADUATION** Graduation (Commencement) come up on July 3rd. at our Alma Mater, Regent College (formerly Jamaica Bible College). Lloyd has been tasked by the Board to formulate a Citation, along with an Installation protocol for the new President at that time. The new President is a former student of his who graduated 15 years ago. Lloyd seeks your prayers for this assignment.

**NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS** Jamaica begins a season of national celebrations, as early August brings Emancipation (182nd) and Independence (54th) anniversaries. Later in August there will be extreme anticipation in Jamaica of how our athletes will do at the Rio Olympics in Brazil. The country has come to expect the usual medals in track and field events, with hope for the same in swimming as well. We trust that our people’s eyes will also turn to the Lord, and give Him thanks for the many perceived blessings this country has received over the centuries. May we become more faithful in upholding the moral and spiritual standards that have made us an example to the world. Thanks for praying for us; and help us pray for Jamaica!





# 2016 VBS





# Dick & Barb Johnson

*Serving the Lord in Uganda*

## The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



Another success story the Graduation of Dr. Tadeo Katuramu from Kampala International on June 4th and Party on June 12th.

Direct quote from Pastor Sam Kasule: "Among the Batooro, the name Katuramu is given to a boy born after the normal nine months of pregnancy. So Tadeo Katuramu the last born among four sisters and three brothers, was not only born after nine months, but never saw his father who died when Regina Nyanjara Tadeo's mother was still pregnant.

He was born in real stinking poverty. The late father left no land or any property. All his siblings went up to grade three and dropped out of school. His brothers were all hunters of small wild animals and had about ten dogs that would assist them in hunting. Sarcastically the name busoro means a place with many wild animals! Katuramu was initiated into hunting "profession" as early as at six years!



Our first Sunday in Busoro in 1993, we were scared to death by this team with their dogs, spears, nettings & bells, as they chased a helpless animal past our door as we were going to church. Tadeo was among them, he had dropped out of school in P2 and the best and only clothes he had was a torn old uniform of his former school.

It was at this time that God's love through Good Samaritan Project reached the orphaned hunter boy. He joined Hope school in the 3rd term in P3 of 1999 and lost his mother in 2009 when he was in his Senior 6. None of us knew that the former hunter, through God's mercy, love and compassion, was starting his long journey to becoming the first ever medical doctor from Hope school, his family, Busoro village and indeed Busoro sub county administrative unit. Indeed God's word in Psalms 113:7 and 1 Samuel 2:8 has come to pass.

Tadeo since he joined school has been a brilliant student and was always 1st in class at Hope save for one term when he was second and cried so hard for not leading.

Whenever we would give memory verses in the Good Samaritan Bible Fellowship like two or three verses, he would memorize the whole chapter! Such a brilliant young boy was going to rot in the village hunting and being a wasted drunkard if it was not for God's love through Good Samaritan! His two brothers up to now are hunters and drunkards. Praise be to God for Good Samaritan Project and the love of God's people that have reached and transformed many in this community. Psalms 115:1.

On 4th/June/2016, Dr. Tadeo Katuramu stood with 188 others to take the professional vows! It was great joy as Zoe and I sat among that big congregation to witness what God's love can do. On 12th June 2016, a Thanksgiving service was held in Busoro Church, with over 300 people attending and I preached from Psalms 118:1-7. After the service a grand party was held in the Hope School gardens and among the guests were twenty fellow doctors of his class.

In his speech, Dr. Tadeo Katuramu told his story from childhood, his hunting, biting poverty and confessed that the first pair of shoes in his life was from Good Samaritan Project and that since then he has never lacked anything: good clothes, school needs, fees etc. They started 320 students in his class but only 188 graduated as others dropped due to lack of tuition but he made it because of God's love, your support and prayers. Glory be to God. In my speech at the party I asked him to be a special, unique doctor with special character, service with Jesus' touch that will be "infectious" positively to his fellow doctors, nurses, midwives and the many patients he will attend to and that many will see and hear Jesus in all he does and come to the saving grace that has transformed all of us who believe.

Thank you so much all of you who have supported, sponsored and prayed for Dr. Tadeo Katuramu. May God's name be glorified for ever and ever."





## THE AGONY OF WAITING ON THE LORD

A few years ago, we wrote of a young, single, white Zimbabwean lady, a trained nurse who, in 2000, left her friends and family in Harare and went to the Tonga people in obedience to the Lord's call. There in Siabuwa, she began a nursing/medical/etc ministry from her tiny caravan.

This is a small tribe in the Zambesi Valley whom the development in the Country seemed to have missed completely. The land is very dry and sandy. There's no irrigation so folks depend on rain to produce food for themselves and grass for their few animals. When there is no rain, they scratch the riverbed for water.

Electricity and telephone were things they only heard of when Vicky first went to serve her Lord in that region. There was no one of her ethnicity around; she did not speak their language nor was she familiar with their culture. Hers was the only medical 'facility' around. But the local Chief welcomed her and allowed her to park her caravan from which she attended to 200 to 400 patients daily. It also doubled up as her accommodation.

Over the years, Vicky has tried to train a few of the people so they could assist her. She also had a Sunday School for the children. All who come to her for help understand that it is Jesus Christ who, in her, is reaching out to them. In due course, she was able to arrange for Pastor Rikki from Harare to visit monthly to teach the pastors. Although churches abound, their spirituality is mixed with tribal practices and beliefs. Now over seventy-five, Rikki and his wife continue to make this eight hour trip despite the terrible roads. Dhan had the privilege of accompanying him on a few occasions. Four years ago, the pastors asked for Vicky's help in having a Missions Conference to which they invited many pastors from other villages – a first for Zim, we are told. This has been an annual feature since then.

At the beginning of the year, we visited Vicky's home Church in Harare who have always had a very significant role in this work. In a stirring report punctuated by graphic testimonies, Vicky emphasized that after fifteen years, she was only now beginning to see real change among the Tonga people..... Fifteen years!

This, in a nutshell, is Vicky's story. So why are we sharing it? Because it is the story of so many of us who serve the Lord in missions. Time and again, we labor and wonder if there are any results; whether our efforts count. We ask ourselves, "are these people benefitting from what we are doing? Are we really making disciples?"

We have been reading over the Psalms these days and looked at Ps. 126 recently where the Lord promises (vs. 5,6): "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him." That same day, we received a call from two pastors who, until recently, were part of our Chegutu group. They said, "Dhan and Dolly, we just want to say thanks for the investment you made in our lives; there is hardly a day that we do not recall and apply some of what.....". We could only say "thanks" and encouraged them from 2 Tim. 2:2 – "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

The Lord spoke to us, we responded in faith and that is why we are here. Though we stuttered at times, we have never really doubted His call upon our lives nor the validity of what He called us to do. We know only too well that "the race is not for the swift". Our task is not to judge the work by the appearance of visible, tangible results. On our part, faithfulness is really the only true test of success. So before His face, we must strive daily to be faithful.

We are very grateful that, whilst many of you readers have been faithful in praying and giving sacrificially, you have not demanded of us that we produce "hard" evidence of the success of our mission. We know it's tough not to do so. But even more tough is trying to put God in a box and to demand of us what we cannot of Him. Instead, you join us in waiting for the appearance of fruit in due season, and we deeply appreciate that.

But most of all, though, we give praise to our Lord whose work this is, for calling us and being able to serve Him in this way. Indeed, we are so very blessed. Thanks be to God for His abundant blessings!!

In April we gave God thanks as we marked 30 years as full-time missionaries and this month we give God thanks for seeing us through 8 years of ministry here in Zimbabwe. We thank God for all of you who have partnered with us over the years, some of you all of the 30 years! May God richly bless you for your faithfulness to His call.



“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” Psalm 46:10

If you are anything like me, being still is often a challenge in our busy, rat-race lifestyle. In fact, Pam and I fondly remember the slower pace of life as one of our favorite experiences living in Kenya. A slower pace of life is not at all equivalent to laziness, on the contrary, my Kenyan friends work very hard, yet they are not pressured to keep strict schedules. As I look over my planner, most of my days have several, if not many, appointments to keep and deadlines to meet. In fact, I honestly do not know how I would function without recording my commitments and referencing my planner throughout the day to be sure I get where I am supposed to be on time. In Kenya, I often hear, “you have watches, but we have time.” As I reflect upon our culture as it relates to time, some of the thoughts and sayings that come to mind include, I don’t have time...don’t waste my time...time flies...I’m against the clock...make time to do it...time is money...etc. One lesson I learned from the experience of living in Kenya is that life is full and meaningful without constantly looking at a planner, and I must be intentional in “making time” to reflect, to meditate, and to be still and know that He is God. I wonder how often God is speaking, yet I am too busy, too hurried, or over-committed to keeping appointments to hear Him.

One reflection I have pondered lately is that when I was preparing to move to Kenya, God gave me a vision of African children singing praises to Him in a language I could not understand. When Pam and I finally moved to Kenya, I recalled that vision often as I had the privilege of worshipping with Kenyan children and seeing how they poured out their praise and thanksgiving to the Lord in song. One of the favored experiences of mission team participants is to witness this firsthand as the children of The Haven sing and dance in unfettered worship to the Lord. Though their worship is unrehearsed and free flowing from the heart, you can get a taste of their singing and dancing by way of social media. The children of The Haven and Fresh Start Homes, a.k.a. The GFE Children’s Home, have a few music videos on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T32JYkSBjys> (“Jesu” which obviously translates, “Jesus”)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFwEGAGCvQ8> (“Nimekubalika which means “I Have Accepted”)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8QIx2aN9\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8QIx2aN9_Q) (“Life Is a Blessing,” by the way, Allan May is Allan Oluoch who took my last name as own)

Please pray for these children and their caregivers. Pray for their every need to be met by the Lord. Lift up in prayer the large team from the U.S. who will be visiting them shortly on a summer mission trip. Pray for the people of their community as the children take seriously their mandate to be salt and light in this world.

Prayerfully consider supporting The Haven with designated gifts. Here is a list of things the children are actively trusting God to provide (and the cost of provision in U.S. dollars). You send donations to Harvest International, notate The Haven.

<b>Green House Repairs</b>	<b>\$420</b>	<b>Electrical Rewiring of Dormitories</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Fire Extinguisher Servicing</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>Commercial Cookstove</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
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<b>Replacement Blankets</b>	<b>\$840</b>	<b>Plumbing Repairs</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Replacement Bedsheets</b>	<b>\$960</b>	<b>Chairs for Study Room</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
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Two weeks before I was to leave India, Sharath (the Pastor I work with), his wife Shanthi and I took a special trip to Cambodia from India. We had to take a flight from India to Malaysia, and then from there to Cambodia. We landed in Phnom Penh, a large Cambodia city.

Sharath and Shanthi stayed with some missionaries that had been to India in the past from the USA, Roger and Sarah, and I stayed at a motel named the Green Pastures Inn.

Roger and Sarah had been working there for about 4 months and were very helpful introducing us to local missionaries. We met with them and found out how to reach the people of Cambodia with the gospel.

The Cambodian leaders in the 1970's murdered all of the people that had an education, about 10 Million people in all. We visited a memorial for those who were murdered that had a shrine with 8,000 skulls in it.

We took a bus all day to get to go a large city named Siem Reap, we were met by a Pastor of a orphanage who also was a van driver for us. He had a church full of orphaned children. We had church with them and Pastor Sharath taught a simple message on being born again. Many of the children responded to the message.

While in Siem Reap we visited the largest temple in the WORLD, ancient Angkor. It was so large that you had to walk up an entrance 500 meters long. The walls were covered with stone carving of what life was like during the time. The town was filled with temples so we stopped at one other and went on.

Our two weeks were filled with activity. The people there didn't seem to hold on too any hard feelings for the past. We came back to India.



**Church filled with children from the orphanage**



**Missionaries Roger & Sarah at lunch with locals**



**Shanthi in front of the Presidents Palace**



**Sharath & Shanthi on the 500 Meter Walkway to the Angkor Temple**



**Ray on the 500 Meter Walkway to the Angkor Temple**



Tom & Ginger Schmidt

with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

Serving the Lord  
in Haiti



Caleb

We are so grateful for the faithful prayers and support for Shiloh Childrens Home! Jason and Maurice are doing so well, and Caleb is holding his own.

We are so thankful for how the LORD sustains Caleb and the life lessons he teaches us: gratefulness for even the smallest things - a smile - a gentle touch - a twinkle in the eye - love expressed in word or deed. These are things we often take for granted, but can be huge blessings to the impaired. Caleb's accomplishments may seem small on the outside, but his contentment in life expresses his gratitude for even the small things in his life. He is a Love Angel to us all!



Jason

Jason is making strides in walking on his own and is a great problem solver when it comes to trying to get something he wants. He enjoys watching Maurice & Franci-Love (2 year old neighbor whose daddy works for SCH) talk and 'play' and often tries to imitate. They encourage him to stretch and learn!



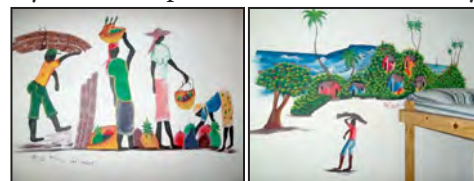
Maurice

Maurice continues to make great gains in walking & talking! His enthusiasm with life is so contagious! He is learning to pull himself up and stand alone! The staff continues to work with him on learning to speak and understand new words as well as to walk. He is a hard worker and very motivated to view his disabilities as opportunities to conquer!!

We Praise GOD daily for our wonderful staff who love the LORD, and the SCH children; encouraging and working with them daily to grow in and improve their abilities!



**NEWS FLASH!!** Dieulene, our Home Manager, is getting married!! We are so happy for her! Nelson is a Pastor's son and is training to be a tiler: laying tile in the 'nearby' city. He loves the LORD, Dieulene and the SCH children. Together they are committed to the children and their care until they die. This is such an unusual LOVE that only GOD could give them. They are an inspiration to the community and beyond! We are so blessed to have them! They plan to make their home in the village and Nelson will join Dieulene in caring for the children - he has already painted murals on the walls to bless and encourage the children. He prays with them, proving to be a wonderful, godly addition to the Home!



## Prayer Requests

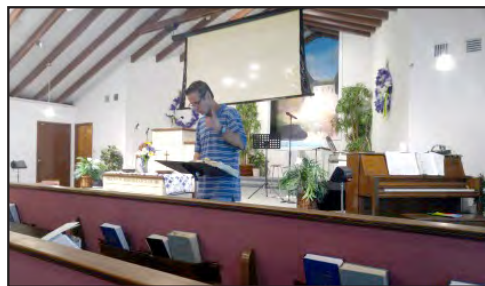
- Funds for a large (20,000 gal) cistern we are planning to build to hold rain water. LORD willing this will give us the 6 mos supply of water needed for the Home to carry us through the dry season.
- Dieulene and Nelson as they commit to each other, with GOD as the center of their home, and their ministry to the SCH children. Their wedding date is 8/27/2016
- Safety for Tom and Ginger as they travel to the wedding and spend some time at SCH to give Dieulene time off for a 'Honeymoon' of sorts. The road has been particularly bad this spring! Tom has had some serious troubles getting in and out of the village. We Praise the LORD for all the people (75 last week) who have come along to help get the truck out of ravines and the opportunity to share the Love of Christ with them!
- Our Haiti truck which is taking a beating on the rough terrain on the road to village of Carabal where SCH is located.



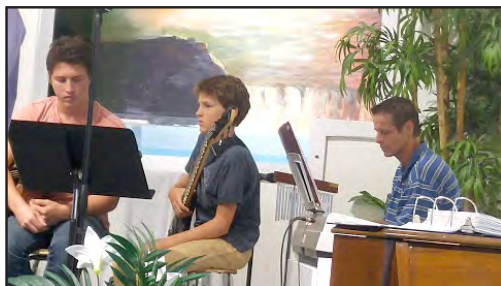


Danny recently returned from spending several days with Steve and Cheri Westbrook and their family in St. Croix. He wanted to see firsthand how their ministry was going. He came away encouraged and excited about what God is doing through them.

He attended church with the family on Sunday morning and had the opportunity to meet and speak with the pastor of the church. He shared some very encouraging things about the Westbrook family and their ministry to the church. Steve teaches the adult Sunday school class (about 30 in attendance) before church services.



Adult Sunday School Class



Steve and two of his sons, Simon & Oliver, are part of the "Praise and Worship" team during the regular service.



Then Steve and his children teach Children's Church. God has given Steve a special gift of teaching children.



Danny spent Monday at the home they are renting that was built in the late 1890's, and they had a chance to talk for several hours about what the Lord is doing through the Westbrook family. He was most encouraged finding out that God has granted Steve favor with many Muslims. On the way to his home on Monday, Steve had to stop and give a Muslim friend a tract about Jesus. His friend was leaving for a trip off island and Steve wanted to give him Jesus reading material for the flight.

Steve's outreach extends to teaching young Muslim boys and girls about Jesus on Saturday afternoons at a public park as well as in private schools. Steve and his children come to the park and roundup all the children that are there and play games. In the middle of the games they take a break and Steve does a Bible lesson. He shared with Danny the first time he taught the Muslim boys. The mothers of the boys were all sitting together wearing burkas staring at Steve. It was intimidating and rewarding all at the same time. Praise the Lord. That has turned into a regular meeting every Saturday morning.



On Tuesday, Danny went with Steve to see his ministry to 3-4 year olds at Georges Christian Academy. The children went wild when they saw Steve. His method of teaching is very positive. He tells a Bible Story using picture cards. After the story, he plays a game with them. He asks a question about the Bible story he just shared and whoever can answer the questions gets to participate in the game. It is a very effective method of teaching. After the Bible lesson, they went to McDonalds for coffee and he shared the Gospel with the woman that took our order. Gave her a tract and told her that Jesus was the way.

They ended the day with Steve and his children sharing another Bible Story at a nursing home for physically & mentally challenged adults.

Because they are living in St. Croix, most people believe that life is easy and fun. Danny came away with a new understanding of the sacrifice that our missionaries make in serving the Lord. He believes that the Lord is using the Westbrook family to reach people that are overlooked (Children of all ages, Handicap Adults and the Muslim community). Steve has a special gift from the Lord to teach those people. We fully support what the Westbrook family are doing and ask that you consider supporting them as well.





# Rod & Debbie Wray with Katie

*Serving the Lord in Haiti*



Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement! This morning we returned to the Renault Sunday School program and it went very well. The entire road was lined with people on both sides welcoming us back into the area. The children surrounded our vehicles and sang as we drove into the yard. We thank the Lord for His care and direction and pray that He will continue to lead as we are definitely out of space in the existing location.

Many people came and visited us at the Camp and encouraged us, including this group of 19 teen aged boys who came in the pouring rain and were completely soaked. Deb squeezed all 19 into the Toyota and gave them a ride part way home.

Katie was very excited to be back in Sunday school and it was great to have the Yordy's with us again also.

This lady walked all the way out to see us at the camp last week and explained how she has seven children. Six of them attend Renault Sunday school (the older boys aren't in the picture). She told us that when they get their six small bags of rice each Sunday, they save it and use only one bag per day. Even though, they only each get a few spoonfuls of food, they at least eat something each day.

This lady brought her baby into our yard this week with a big smile and thank you! She was brought to us, when we had the large Missouri medical team here in late Feb. She and her baby both were on death's doorstep. They both hadn't been eating and were so weak they couldn't move. The medical team cared for them, and then we took the lady to her little hut and showed her neighbors how to feed her and her baby. It was really encouraging this week to see both of them doing so well, and thankful that kind people from Missouri had cared enough for them to save their lives.

We are doing well and were so thankful to find the camp well cared for and in great shape when we returned from Canada. Thanks again especially for your prayers about the Sunday school.



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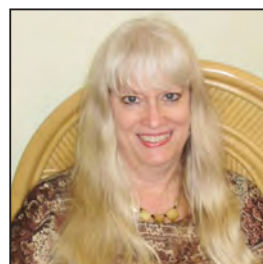


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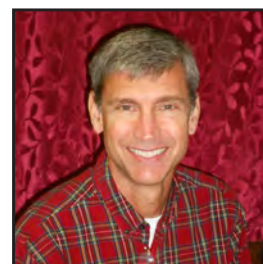
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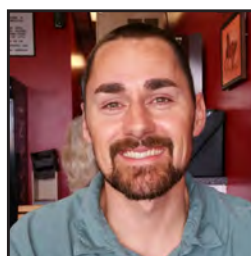
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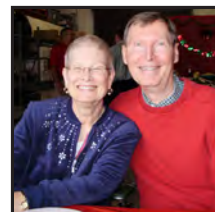
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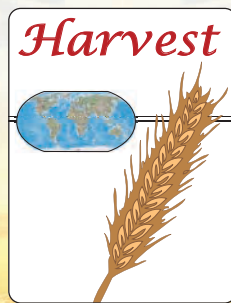
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# Busy Summer for Harvest

Things have been pretty busy here at Harvest this summer. Supplies coming in, containers going out and Danny's trip to Haiti to visit our missionaries and projects.

## Containers for Overseas

Our warehouse had been completely full for several months as we were waiting on things to come together to send out a couple of containers overseas. We are happy to report that in the last two weeks of August we loaded and shipped two containers, one bound for Haiti and the other to Africa

The first container went to Haiti and was full of supplies for Camp Mahanaim. Lots of Sports equipment for all the teams that meet there along with 20 toilets were included. As you can see from the pictures below, we also loaded a truck.



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The second container was full of medical supplies for a new Hospital in Sierra Leone, Africa. A local church in Ocala, Florida collected medical supplies and equipment to send to Liberia, but unfortunately due to shipping requirements they were unable to send it. The Pastor of the church then asked Harvest if we could find a home for the supplies and we are happy to report that a new hospital in Sierra Leone, Africa will now be blessed with it. We were able to load twenty pallets of medical supplies and a car.



# Danny's Haiti Trip

In the first week of September, Danny traveled to Haiti to visit our missionaries and other ministries there. Our missionary, Tom Schmidt, was in country and spent the week driving Danny all over Haiti. They were blessed with great weather, a truck that worked well, and many good meetings with lots of people that he hasn't seen in a while.



*Pastor Etienne and Danny*

The first meeting was with Pastor Etienne Charles who Danny had not seen in over five years. They spent some time catching up and fellowshiping with each other. It was such a blessing for Danny to reconnect with him.

Tom and Danny then drove to Les Cayes to visit with Rod & Debbie Wray at Camp Mahanaim. What a great blessing the camp is to the community. They were able to be a part of the Renault Sunday School Children's Feeding Program where 1,200 children come every Sunday morning to worship the Lord. Each child who attends leaves with a bag of rice to help feed their family.



*Children at Renault Sunday School*

On Monday Tom and Danny drove to Gonaives to spend most of the day with Pastor Charlie Dieudonne. Danny was able to be at Charlie's Champions Orphanage when the food boxes arrived for the Gonaives Children Feeding Program. The children were very excited and all pitched in to help off load the boxes.

Danny was also able to visit with Pastor Sylvestre Sineus. In preparation for Danny's visit, Pastor Syvlestre had the In His Hands children ready to get new pictures taken for their sponsors. These children are no longer children, but have grown to be young adults. All are either in high school or in a trade school. Although they are older now, support is still critical for their education and their future.



*Pastor Charlie and Danny*



*Kids helping unload feeding boxes*



*Danny and Pastor Sylvestre*



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# HOUSE OF HOPE UKRAINE



*The newsletter below was written by Viktor Migo. Viktor was Lela's driver, guide, protector and friend for many years while she lived in Ukraine. He is proficient in Ukrainian and Russian and speaks English quite well. He sent an update on what is going on through House of Hope and we left it in his words. Please realize that without Viktor and House of Hope, many of the activities the orphanage children enjoy would not happen. Working in the orphanage gives the children a chance to see Jesus in action and allows Viktor to get to know the children in order to choose the best candidates for House of Hope upon the end of the orphanage years.*

Good afternoon. I want to tell you about Harvest organization in Ukraine.

## **Orphanage # 5**

We help children to buy new shoes and clothes, create celebrations and little festivals, buy products for the celebrations. We organize excursions, trips. Children participate in various activities outside of the orphanage. We organize hiking with tents for 2-4 days, we cook food on a fire (we buy products for children and provide transport for children) and we have fishing. We call this Camp "Victory" (Orphanage 5). We help with minor repairs in orphanage, plumbing works, we buy cleaning supplies and medicines. We buy clothes for the summer(hats, shoes, T-shirts). We buy bed linen, sports equipment(balls, rackets, hula-hoops), medical supplies. Also we buy ice cream, tea, cookies and products on little holidays.

## **House of Hope**

Every weekend I take 3-5 children from Orphanage 5 to House of Hope, they have the opportunity to talk with students from House of Hope. They go to church on Sundays, ride bikes, play mind games, play computer. I take the children back to the orphanage on Monday morning. I also continue to build houses for graduates House of Hope. Pasha and Tanya already live in a new house. Dima and Yana, they can move in their house but we need to buy only furniture and that's all. For Alex and Bogdana we need establish sanitary ware, paint the walls, buy furniture and they will be able move into a new house. Maxim began his study in Christian college and he lives there with other students now.



# Randy & Debbie Bullock

## Eastern European Ministries

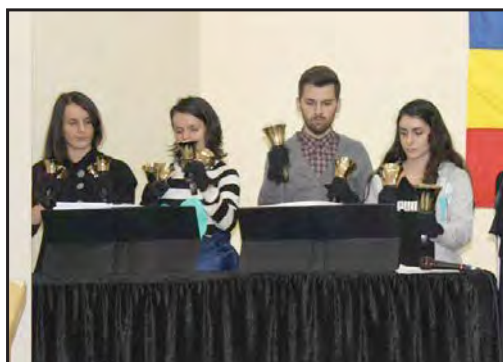
India                      Romania                      Ukraine



God is good all the time! This has been a great summer in Romania. As the Lord worked in the hearts of so many children, and is continuing to work in the hearts and lives there. The first camp was awesome with the team from Rich Fork Baptist church. This camp was for the children from Hospice, it was unique in so many ways. To watch these children, play and worship all week long with the struggles that are going on in their lives is amazing. It was a challenging camp this year, nothing bad just little things kept popping up sickness and runny noses, and oh oh's , but God had it all in control. We give God the glory! I want to Thank everyone who had a part in making this a great and awesome week for these special children.



The next camp for the summer was with the children from Dumbrava, this was our second year with these children. We had a team come from First Baptist Ocala to lead this camp, and we had three cooks come from Thomasville NC to cook for the camp. Words cannot describe what these two groups did. It was amazing as they worked with these children all week long. The energy and excitement that was put forth to make this a very special camp for these children. I want to thank Dani and Lavi for allowing us the opportunity to work these very special children, as these children are gypsy, and most of them don't have the opportunity to go to camps. Dani and Lavi are doing a wonderful work there in Dumbrava working there at the center for the children in that village.



We ended up the summer with a Handbell workshop with the children, youth and young adults from Beth Adoni church.

I want to once again say Thank you to everyone who had a part this summer in the camps, I pray that the Lord will continue to use you and bless you in your journey of serving Him. I want to say a special Thank you to Harvest International for their support and hard work for making all of this possible. Pray for Romania, for all of their young people and leaders, who are there on the front lines, leading out and pouring their hearts and lives into these children. Thank you Lord for your Grace and Mercies which are new and fresh each Morning!



# Harvesting at Home Back 2 School Success

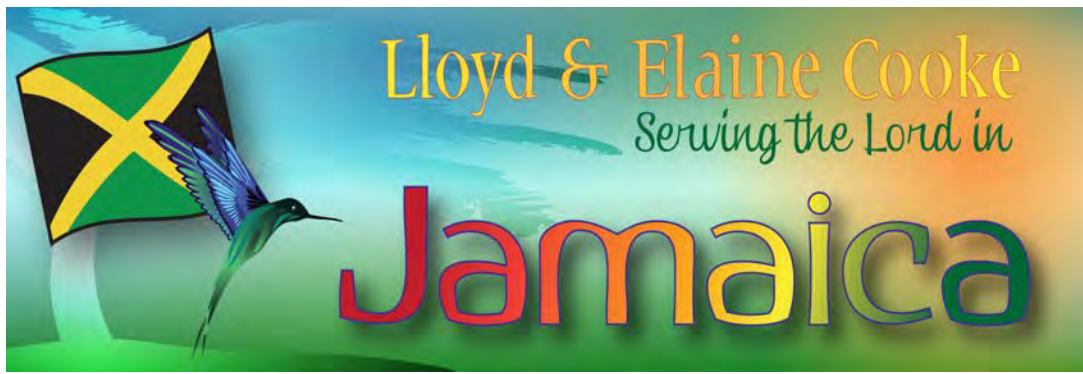
Greetings to all of you! Hope your summer went as well as ours did!

This summer we launched full speed into our mission to reach out into the Harvest neighborhood. There are about 75 apartments in the neighborhood near Harvest International office in Ocala, Florida and we figured this was a good place for our Harvesting at Home Outreach Ministry. We had a successful turnout and were happy to have met with several of the parents and grandparents of these neighborhood children. With your donations and support we were able to provide these families with back to school clothes, hygiene products and school supplies. This enabled the children to have a good start for the new school year.

We are now looking ahead to the next Harvesting at Home mission for our Fall and Winter outreach. This mission will be to gather sweaters and jackets of all sizes for children who cannot afford one. We will also be preparing a Thanksgiving meal and gathering time to celebrate the season with these families.

Please contact Harvest International if you are able to support us with your time, funds or supplies for our Fall and Winter Harvesting at Home outreach.





We just returned from Baileston United (Presbyterian, Congregational and Disciples in Christ) Church, in Clarendon near Spaldings. What a morning of blessings it was!

Elaine first shared briefly about the urgency and necessity of evangelizing children. She also shared about use of the Wordless Book in teaching kids their need for, and God's provision of salvation. Lloyd took over and first reviewed his former teaching with them on Personal Witnessing strategy and methods. He then took the remaining time to point to the far greater importance of preparing the heart and life by prayer and Bible study. Witnessing would then become a lifestyle where the believer would take every opportunity to "gossip the gospel", wherever he/she goes. Lloyd took them through Scripture to teach how prayer is indispensable to soul-winning, and how it prepares the believer to represent Christ; and what it does to condition the heart of the unsaved person to receive and respond to the gospel.

Plans had been made for the participants to go out on the streets in the community for a time of one-to-one witnessing. However, showers of rain which started when we were ready to leave, wouldn't stop. This made us postpone the outreach effort. But the church hopes to do this soon, on a Sunday afternoon after services. Maybe they will have more members than were at the seminar participating at that time.

The church was also mourning, and we with them, the very recent passing of their interim minister, Rev. Earl Thames. Help us pray with and for the Christians at Baileston United Church. During the rains we got to share a few very personal moments of relating with these believers in Jesus Christ. It was a most precious time.

Thanks for your prayers and for sharing with us, so that we can help God's people become his witnesses in life and by lip. Hallelujah!!!!





## Fasting, Prayer & Worship





# Dick & Barb Johnson

*Serving the Lord in Uganda*

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project

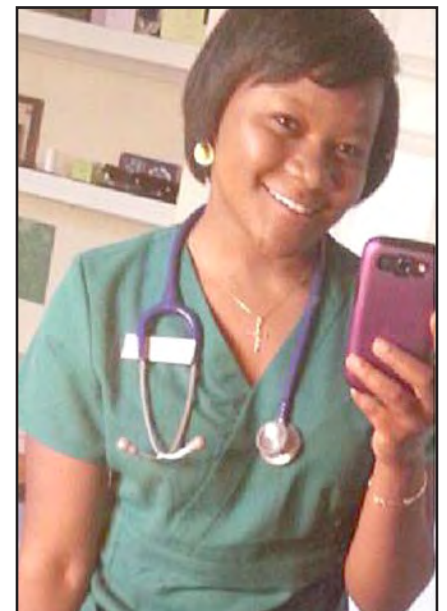
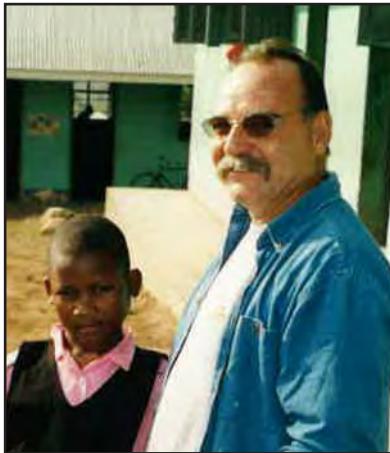


## ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

In 2005 Ron Peets and a team from Seven Rivers Church arrived in Ft. Portal, Uganda. This trip would change the lives of many especially of Aisha Kunihira. Aisha was enrolled in the Good Samaritan Project at the time. Ron and Lori, his wife, had been sponsoring Aisha in the project and wouldn't you know he fell in love with this beautiful girl. Upon arriving home Ron informed his wife Lori that he believed they needed to adopt Aisha and bring her to the US. In November of 2006 Lori and Dick returned to Uganda intent on accomplishing this task. In a matter of three weeks, the adoption papers were completed, the approval of the US embassy was completed, an airplane ticket was purchased, and on November 18th, 2006 Aisha arrived in the US.

Now ten years later, on April 29, 2016, Aisha Marie Peets graduated from Santa Fe College as a Respiratory Care Specialist and is currently working at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL.

Thank you Jesus for providing all that was necessary in changing Aisha's life spiritually, physically and intellectually. Hallelujah, Amen!







***“And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” Gal 6:9***

Earlier this year, we quietly celebrated thirty years of ministry with praise and thanksgiving to our Lord for the privilege of serving Him these past years, for leading and keeping us, and for all He has taught and continues to teach us in our journey with Him.

We spent time reflecting on God’s goodness and faithfulness as He graciously and patiently worked and continues to work in us through these many years. We could see how He used our backgrounds and life experiences to prepare us for today.

For the first seventeen years of ministry, we were based in Grenada and worked in most of the English- speaking islands in the Caribbean in the areas of Evangelism and Discipleship, Hurricane Relief (when occasion arose), and various other forms of ministry. In retrospect, the Caribbean was our comfort zone. At times, we clearly did not understand what God was doing, like when He sent us to the US for five years. That was part of our preparation for coming to Zimbabwe although we did not see it initially. But we thank Him for extending our borders and bringing us into this phase of our ministry experience. Undoubtedly, despite the many challenges, this has been the highlight of our lives as we grow in our relationship with our loving, Heavenly Father.

We are as convinced now as we were in 2008 this is where God wants us to be right now. As we grow older, there is an added sense of urgency to share Christ, to make Him known, and to help prepare believers in this land for this mission. So we continue to work with the leadership of different assemblies, as well as individuals and other groups, in spiritual growth (discipleship) - knowing the Lord and taking the Gospel out.

We are ever deeply grateful to our Lord and to all of you who have been a part of this process. Some of you have been partnering with us throughout these thirty years and we celebrate you and your faithfulness. Others of you later came on board and have been no less faithful. You all have been a very special blessing from our Lord to us. You have been more than supporters – you have become our dear friends. We thank God for your friendship, prayers, encouragement and financial support without which we certainly could not remain on the field. We pray that our journey with the Lord has been a growing experience for you as well.

There is a great and continuing need for Discipleship in Zimbabwe; indeed, in Africa. Please pray that the Church would see Discipleship as essential to its obedience and growth, and to the nurturing and preparation of those who will take the Gospel from Zimbabwe to the nations. To this end, we labor.

***“But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest” John 4:35 (NLT)***

## **PRIASE REPORT**

In our early days of ministry, the lady in yellow could hardly walk or sit up for long; there was hardly any flesh on her bones! She was sick with a wasting disease. Her Mom used to fix this mattress on the floor and when she could no longer sit, the Mom would help her lie down.

The Lord healed her. She not only walks on her own but has put on weight and today, she is one our best students.





# Alan & Pam May

## Serving the Lord in Kenya



***“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” ~ James 1:27***

This passage has been our ministry verse since we began working with orphans in 2005. Our church recently heard a preacher expound upon this verse in a sermon, and he made me realize how important it is to visit orphans. As I pondered the sermon, I recalled how so many times our friends in Kenya have expressed great appreciation for our visits. The children always laugh and play with team members, and they know they are loved. There are always tears and wailing when it comes time to say goodbye at the end of a mission trip.

This summer was the first time I did not accompany our church’s mission team to visit the children and caregivers of The Haven. I was so excited, however, that the team of nineteen return-visitors and first-time visitors had a wonderful experience without me. It was reported that VBS was held at the local primary school, visits were paid to high school and college students, the caregivers were led in Bible studies, arts and crafts were enjoyed by all, Sunday school was led by the mission team, gifts of clothes and shoes, among other things, were distributed. The children, the mission team, and the caregivers made a great music video while together. Here is the link... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkRfUoTsOfs>.

Since the mission trip, the children had the month of August off from school and have since returned for this year’s final term. It is not too soon to begin praying for the eighth graders who will have to take a comprehensive national exam at the end of the term. The results of the exam will determine if/where the students will go to high school. Pray, too, for the eight students who have received scholarships to attend universities and vocational-technical schools. God is so good to provide the means for these students to further their education and training.

In the last quarterly newsletter, some needs were made known, and many of them have been met. Praise God! Specifically, the kitchen’s cookstove, aka a jiko in Swahili, has been replaced. The kitchen has been expanded. New cookware has been provided, and money to make needed electrical repairs has been supplied. Lastly, money has also been provided to have chairs and tables purchased for the dormitories’ study rooms. Again, we praise Jehovah Jireh for His faithful provision.

Thank you for your generous support of the children and your faithful prayers for them and their caregivers!



**Hanging with the kids**



**Praying in a Public School**



**The Swing is still a Hit**



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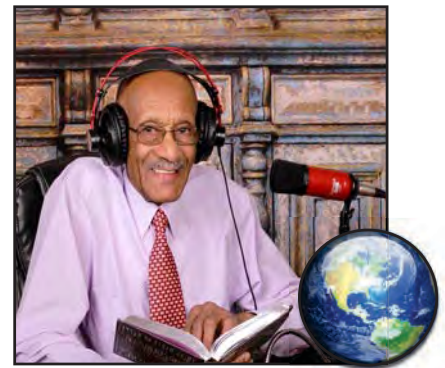
**Old Jiko**



**New Jiko and Expanded Kitchen**



**Students of Cheramei Primary School**



Thank you for your fellowship in the Gospel Ministry. It hardly seems real that we have almost gone through another year. But we know that the year 2016 will soon be history. The world around us has been ablaze with conflicts, startled by crises and in many instances churned in chaos.

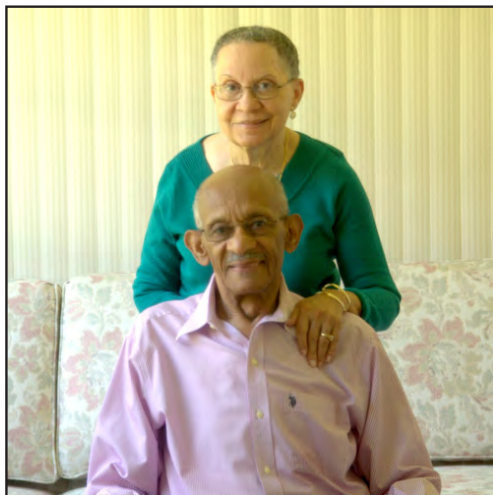
Against this bleak and scary background, the Good News of Jesus and His love has penetrated more of humanity's vast expanse and reached more people through all the mediums available to us. In this continuing penetration of the good News, radio continues to play a unique part. It gets into places where TV cannot reach. It grabs the attention of people who many of us are unable to meet face to face and who never darken the doors of a church or meeting place.

According to The Pew Media Research: "Advances in consumer technologies allow increasing numbers of Americans to choose to listen to radio on a variety of newer platforms, while at the same time, terrestrial radio continues to reach the overwhelming majority of the public... The American public's consumption of audio content... continues to increase." The worldwide radio listenership has made amazing advance in developing countries and we have an opportunity to be part of this evolving and increasing market. Again, thank you for enabling us to take advantage of what Jesus described as: "The fields ... ripe for harvest."

Here is what He really said: "You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around, the fields are already ripe for harvest." (John 4:35 NLT)

Through the good graces of Trans World radio, we are now being heard in the Caribbean. We also have an invitation to take advantage of four additional stations in the US. We need your fellowship and support to take advantage of this new opportunity. For just over \$200 per month we can take advantage of being on these four stations every week of the year. We invite you to grow with us.

On the home front 2016, to date, has been a year of challenges for the McLean household. But, glory to God, our God has made us conquerors. Your prayers helped "move mountains." The year dawned with Beverley having been transferred from hospital where she had been since the beginning of December because of a series of seizures which threatened her life. At the end of her stay in the rehabilitation facility, the professional advice was that we should make arrangements to transfer her to a permanent nursing home facility because, they cautioned,



she was not responding to speech or physical therapy and we should not expect her to walk or talk again. Glory to God, Beverley has been home since February. Not only is she able to walk with her cane, she talks and is back at her telephone ministry of encouragement.

GLORY TO OUR GREAT GOD! And thanks for your prayers. I must tell you about the wonder of the outreach through Harvest's website. By means of [www.HarvestInternational.org](http://www.HarvestInternational.org), we now have responses from people near and far. Here is one more way you can help make the radio ministry known. Please tell your friends and family about the accessibility of **THE BIBLE SPEAKS ON: [www.HarvestInternational.org](http://www.HarvestInternational.org)**. Thank you for being a part of this ministry for the Lord and for your encouragement to us.



**Ray Nelson has return to India for another six months.**

**Support Ray in his ministry work as he travels throughout India sharing the Gospel of Christ to those in need.**



*6 new bicycles are picked up by the pastors*



*Steve praying for responders at convention*



*Steven, Beverly and Ray praying for responders at convention*



*Children at the school we went to*



*Pink Ladies at Cambodia*



*Children eating at Pastor Yohan Church*

# Faith Foundations International

## Ray B. Nelson - India

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Tom & Ginger Schmidt  
with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

Serving the Lord  
in Haiti



We were so blessed to be a part of our SCH Manager's wedding the end of August! What a blessing to see a young woman turn her life around as she trusted Christ for her Savior and wholeheartedly & sacrificially lived for HIM!! She waited patiently on the LORD and HE answered her 16+ year prayer by bringing a wonderful Christian man into her life! Dieulène and Nelson were married 8/27/16 in a lovely Christian Chapel in Hinche, Haiti. The wedding message was on the duties and responsibilities of a husband and a wife in a GOD-honoring marriage. To add to the JOY of this Blessed Occasion, Dieulène's father recently trusted Christ as his Savior! The perfect wedding gift!!



The enemy may have TRIED to keep us from making it to the wedding, but GOD prevailed! HE gave us the strength to walk the thick mud-slick miles needed when our truck broke down; provided for motorcycle taxis when we got to the drivable road and gave us a 'not too happy' angel to help us find the right church! She understandably wasn't in the best mood due to the fact that we had to walk a couple miles in the rain - when the over-taxed groom inadvertently sent us to the wrong church. All part of the great adventure!!



We are so thankful and excited for the work that Dieulène & Nelson and the other ladies are doing with the SCH children! They all seem to be thriving with the loving care they receive! Our immediate goals include getting Jason & Maurice potty trained since disposable diapers are hard to get, expensive & a real challenge to dispose of. LORD willing we will begin work this month on a large cistern that will help meet the water needs of SCH and possibly some of the neighbors & staff as well. We were all blessed when Nelson's Aunt came to visit and shared a worship service with us!



We so appreciate the prayers and financial gifts from our faithful supporters, you can be sure GOD is pleased with your sacrifices on behalf of Shiloh Children's Home! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!



## Saying Goodbye to St Croix

Because you have been a loyal and faithful part of our ministry over the past years we wanted to first thank you for your financial and prayer support. Secondly, we wanted you to be the first to know about where God is guiding us in the next couple of months.

As you know, we spent the past 4 ½ years in the USVI's on the island of St. Croix ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ to men, women, youth, and children through various ministries, one-on-one street witnessing, and community service projects.

Cheri's parents and my in-laws have recently taken a turn in their physical health. They are almost housebound by their disabilities and there is only one person in Colorado Springs helping them with their needs, their son-in-law, Edgar (who is working a full-time job and tending to a disabled wife). After much prayer, and as the need intensified and their health declined, we knew God was calling us, according to scripture (1 Timothy 5:8) to provide for our parents in their infirmities. We believe God is calling us to move closer to Ed and Dee. We don't know what ministry opportunities God will open for us but we do know God is faithful in His calling and provision.

We began this missionary journey 11 years ago, in the fall of 2005, to reach inside & outside the walls of the church with the love of Christ & His word. (For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes). When we arrived on St. Croix in the spring of 2012, we arrived without a house, a car, or established ministry opportunities; but we knew God was leading and calling us to reach the lost and serve the body of Christ on the island. God opened so many doors for us over the past 4 ½ years. We are so grateful.

Again, we want to say an overwhelming thanks and send you a reminder of the ministries you have actively supported with prayer and faithful financial giving. Over the past 11 years, we steadfastly preached, taught the word of God and helped our neighbors in practical ways in St. Thomas, Florida, and St. Croix. Here is just some of the fruit of your faithfulness.

Again, thank you for investing into so many lives over the past 11 years. Please pray for us as we make this transition. We are grateful for your love and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ, and for our family.

**Wherever we go... the Gospel of Jesus Christ goes!**



*The Westbrooks Family*

*Steve, Cheri, Isabelle, Simon, Solomon, Oliver, Chloe & Theo*



# Rod & Debbie Wray with Katie

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



We are thankful for God's continued faithfulness even through difficult times. There have been several roadblocks in Haiti recently, and last week Deb and Katie had to go 4X4ing through corn fields and muddy back trails in order to make it home. Deb did a great job and the Toyota once again proved it's worth.



We had another big windstorm last week and the roof on the old shop blew off again. I (Rod) climbed the ladder and was going to flip the tin back in place, but as soon as I grabbed it, the tin started sliding and it pulled me off the roof. We are so thankful for God's protection as I ended up jumping 12 feet to the ground and landing on my feet, with only a sore lower back.

Last Sunday afternoon, we learned that our good friend Marv had passed away of a heart attack. Marv and Sharon (from Grand Rapids, Michigan) have been great partners and friends with us and we truly will miss Marv.



There has been almost no electricity given by the Haitian electric company, so thanks to our solar panels, we have been sharing electricity and water with the people of the village. Katie mentioned to us that she prays for Wendy (the boy with cerebral palsy) and she decided to start a small business so that he can earn some money. Katie and Wendy sell coconuts and small bags of ice for about 1 hour each week day.

Edna is a nice girl who has quite a history already in her young life (she is 16 now). Her dad died before the earthquake and our son Tim and I rescued Edna and her mom from a tent village in Port au Prince after the earthquake. Edna's mom had been injured and couldn't walk. Edna and her mom lived in our village of Ti-verny until about 4 years ago when Edna's mom died. Edna was able to move in with her brother's family and she became very close to them. This past week her brother's wife died of a heart attack at 34 years old. It is as if Edna has lost her mother again and she is very sad.



We continue to pray and seek God's direction regarding the Sunday school at Renault. Last week we took measurements as we consider enlarging the building and putting a new roof on. Every Sunday we are having large amounts of children coming and our existing space is obviously too small.

This week, we had a special visitor stop by at the camp and he offered for us to purchase a large, very nice piece of land in the Renault area. Actually, it turns out that it is the exact piece of land where we started the Sunday school more than 8 years ago, when we set up tents on the open land. Please pray with us that God would show us His will for the future of the Renault Sunday school ministry.



We continue to enjoy volleyball and we had a big 13 team tournament here at the camp on Saturday. This afternoon, the Haitian volleyball federation brought "Mireya Luis" to visit Camp Mahanaim. Mireya was a famous Cuban volleyball player who is rated as one of the best female volleyball players of all time. It was very special for Katie to meet and visit with her.

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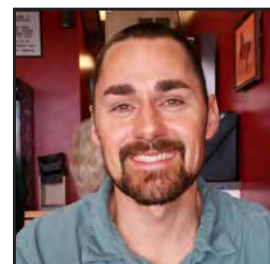
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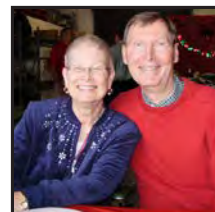
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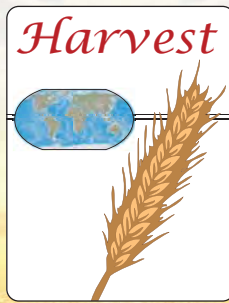
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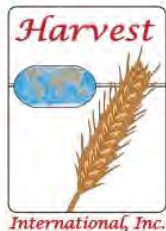
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# Our Annual Christmas Open House



# Hurricane Matthew RELIEF EFFORTS



## Buckets of Love for Haiti Update

December 7, 2016

On November 7th we sent the first container of Hurricane Matthew relief supplies to Rod & Debbie Wray. The container was filled with 250,000 meals and 358 "Buckets of Love" for the people in and around Les Cayes which received the worse of damage from the Hurricane.

The container arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on November 23rd, but could not be delivered because of the violence that many of the relief containers have experienced. Gangs have attacked the containers and drivers have been threatened to not come back. Rod appealed to the UN for an armed patrol to escort the container to them.

On December 4th I received an email from Rod and the following is what he shared with me.

*"Hi Danny. We are thankful for the Lord's direction regarding the arrival of the container. This morning at 5:30 am the container arrived in the yard. By 6:00 am we were unloading and it was great to have the help of the 11 man team. At 7:40 am the container was empty.*

*We quickly loaded the red truck and headed to Renault. At Sunday school we gave out some samples of the new food that you sent, so we will have reports back by next week.*

*When we got back to the camp we did a big distribution for the local community. Every family got a box of lentil mix, a bag of rice / bean mix and a bucket. **They especially loved the buckets.** We have just a few remaining, (it was a pretty big distribution)." - Rod Wray*

At this time we are working on sending a second container. I have another 215,000 meals and 300 more buckets to send.

Thank you very much for your help and support for the people of Haiti.

- Danny Thomas, Director

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# Randy & Debbie Bullock

## Eastern European Ministries

India Romania Ukraine



I would like to start our newsletter with a few verses of a song by Matthew West, that so many of us know, but in the busyness of our daily routine so many times we forget the importance of appreciating what we have and what God has blessed us with.

*“For one last Christmas, one last time, One last season when all the world is right, One more telling of the story, One more verse of silent night, They’d give anything so he could have, One last Christmas”*

You might wonder why I would choose such a sad song to end our year with: well it is maybe because in the past 2 years since my health hasn’t been very good, and this summer working with the Hospice children in Camp, God spoke to my heart more than ever about the urgency of passing on His message to as many people as possible, before the last Christmas comes for them, or any of us.

In a time of turmoil all over the world, not just in America, our eyes should be on Him the Creator of everything and the only one that can bring peace in our hearts!

There is so much to say about 2016 that it cannot be expressed in just one newsletter but I can truly say that God is still moving in amazing ways in the ministry He put before us.

Watching gypsy youth witnessing Christ as their Savior, seeing Hospice children getting baptized and accepting the fact that this might be their last camp, their last Christmas, it still has a powerful impact on my life. Your prayers, help and support are not in vain. Lives are being transformed through the local missionaries that we have equipped, trained and prepared for the ministry to the world.

The Samaritan’s Purse shoe boxes have been passed out around some of the villages where we minister and we continued to meet with most of the children that received those boxes having special programs just for them.

May this end of the year be a reminder for you of how important you are in this ministry. We could not do it without your support and prayers. Thank you for giving of your time talents, and gifts. If you would like to make a gift to the ministry, send it to Harvest International, PO Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478 and notate “Bullock” or “Romania”.

God Bless Merry Christmas and a very blessed new year!







# Harvesting at Home

## with the Carreiro Family



Greeting to all of our Harvesting at Home supporters!

What a successful and exciting evening we had Friday, distributing out Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets to our neighboring community.

Thanks to your generosity, Harvesting at Home was not only able to give out food baskets but your donations also enabled us to bless these families with Publix gift cards and gift baskets full of household supplies like laundry detergent, bath soaps, paper towels & toiletry items.

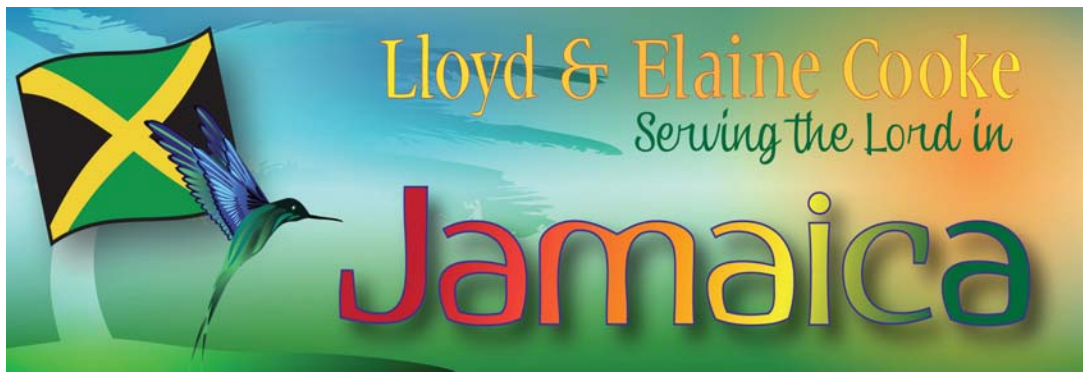
One of the most exciting things to watch were these families looking through and trying on jackets and sweaters, knowing that they were not having the burden of paying for them. We were able to give out approximately 300 nice jackets and sweaters to these families.

The highlight of the evening though was not just obeying what God had put together for our ministry, but also watching and listening to the expressions of gratitude that these families expressed. I am more and more recognizing why the Lord said that it is more of a blessing to give than to receive.

Having my family involved and teaching them these principles by example was why we wanted to have other families get involved in learning how to reach out into their communities when they also see a need. The pass it on attitude. *“Do unto others as you would have them do to you.” ~ Luke 6:31*

Once again thank you for being a part of this successful evening.





Joy To The World!! Good News!! Good News!!

A Joyful Christmas, and a very Happy & Prosperous New Year to All!

A recent visit by Elaine (with three (3) others) to a local Elementary and Junior High-School resulted in much blessings and salvations. She goes into local schools to speak on the dangers of early sexual activity; and to encourage the students to "Wait & Win."

When she initially contacted the Principal and explained her purpose, he asked her to speak with the entire Grades 6, 8 & 9: a total of 14 classes. These were covered over two days when each did two sessions. With an average of 35 - 40 in each class, this means that about 500 students heard the abstinence message, together with a clear gospel presentation. Of those hearing the dual message of the dangers of early sexual activity, and of the power of Christ to save and help them to wait until marriage 237 children, and one teacher, prayed to receive Christ as their Saviour.

Praise the Lord with us

- for the opportunities we still have in Jamaica to present the Christian message in our schools;
- for open hearts among the children to receive us and the message;

Pray for the following,

- help in the follow-up process, to lead these kids to maturity in their faith;
- that we and other Jamaican Christians, will take every opportunity we still have to reach children for Christ;
- for one child, who spoke with Elaine afterwards, about the physical condition of the house her family lives in. Elaine, and persons from her church, has since visited and are trying to aid them;
- for the family of Lloyd's cousin, as they mourn the passing of their father. His funeral was on the 10th in Kingston;
- for Lloyd's students at Regent College as they take their end-of-term exams between the 12-16th. of the month;
- for Elaine and I as we travel to Miami after Christmas for the wedding of our first daughter on the 30th.





Betty and Daniel continue to minister in India. As the Christmas season approaches they prepare to open the church to women and children that are not allowed to celebrate Christ's birth at home. Many believers in India are married to Hindus and they must be circumspect in their celebrations. The church will provide a worship and prayer time followed by a celebratory meal.

To make matters more difficult, the government has instituted a plan to replace the traditional 1,000 and 500 rupee notes with new bills. Long lines to exchange the bills for the new redesigned 500 and 2000 rupee bills has led to poor people having to choose between working to earn money for that day's food or losing the funds they already have. The supply of new bills is much smaller than the demand and there are restrictions on how much cash can be withdrawn from bank accounts or exchanged at one time.

Please pray for the believers in India as they celebrate Christ in these troubled times.





# Dick & Barb Johnson

*Serving the Lord in Uganda*

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



Pastor Sam and Zoe, who have their land inheritance in Luwero District north of the capital of Kampala, had the distinct honor of having the President of Uganda visit their farm. You see, Pastor Sam had received honors for the farming techniques he uses to maximize production and in fact had received a free one week trip to Kenya to tour their farms in order to discover techniques that they use that he could apply to his farm in Uganda. But this visit was truly an honor as the President toured his farm of crops and even his home. The village people were so surprised to see this entourage of 40 vehicles plus bodyguards descend upon their village. They are now saying that Pastor Sam's home is considered one of the President's palaces. They call the President the "Man with the Hat", and you can see why! Praise the Lord for His mercies every day.





## ***CELEBRATING THE LITTLE, INSIGNIFICANT THINGS IN LIFE***

Christmas greetings to all!

We thank our Heavenly Father for this time of year when we celebrate His gift to us – Jesus Christ His Son. The celebration is global, joyous and meaningful. What a wonderful God we serve!

These past few months, we have experienced many changes in our lives and personal circumstances which could easily have robbed us of our joy but for God's amazing grace. However, amidst these challenges, there are always reasons to celebrate.

We are so thankful to Him that the rains have at last come, bringing an end to one of the harshest droughts most parts of this Country have ever experienced. As water sources dried up, once-green lawns became parched and the winter winds blew dust into our homes and surroundings as never before, people in many areas suffered food shortages, the worst being those in the rural parts. The nation longed for the rains to come but, even as we prayed for the rains, we also asked the Father to send sustained but moderate showers lest we moved from drought to flooding. And the Lord is answering our prayers.



On November 11th, the showers came in our part of town. A “gogo” (grandmother) shouted with joy to any and everyone who cared to listen, “This is my birthday present from God so I am sharing it with you.”

The property where we live never had reason to store water before, so all the beautiful rain showers were watering the lawns while we continued to buy water for home usage. Dhan, with some assistance, tried to attach hoses to the downpipes so we could harness some of the rain water.

Last week, I called out to the Lord. I was tired of bucket baths. I just wanted a nice long shower for my Christmas present. Two days later, there was sufficient water in the borehole so water could be pumped to the house. Never has a shower felt so good!

I thank God for the gift of His Son through and in whom we are so blessed. It is such a joy to know that we can take our requests to Him, no matter how seemingly trivial and insignificant, and He will hear and answer. I thank Him too for teaching Dhan and me to appreciate the gifts which He lavishes on us each day. Gifts that may appear little but are so very important to our overall well-being.



***May He find pleasure in you, as you celebrate His Son – His eternal Gift to the world.***



# Alan & Pam May

## Serving the Lord in Kenya



***“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!” ~ Psalm 100:4***

Thanksgiving, the holiday, has come and gone for 2016, yet thanksgiving for the Christ follower is more than just a modern feast day. During this holiday season I have become more and more grateful to the Lord for the network of friends who have come alongside not only Pam and me, but also and more importantly, the children and caregivers of The Haven and Fresh Start homes.

Our Kenyan children and friends have hosted so many of us over the years as we travel on mission trips. Among the travelers, some have returned to Kenya multiple times. Many close relationships have developed among the children, caregivers, and team members; and God works in our lives through these relationships for mutual encouragement and edification.



One such special person in all of our lives is Florence, auntie extraordinaire to the children and devoted friend to the adults. Florence, a.k.a. Chela, arrived last week to spend a couple months visiting friends in the Memphis area. I remember when I first met Florence, she was a teenager at the Spiritual Life Centre church in Eldoret, and she was a faithful member of the youth bible study class. She has matured into a godly and graceful young woman who now serves as a caregiver and tutor to the children.

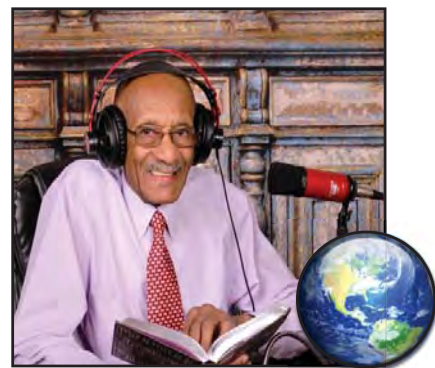
As 2016 winds down, please join all the friends of Kenya in expressing gratitude to the Lord for His great provision throughout the year. School fees were paid and the children finished another school year. Repairs and improvements were made to the children’s home. Medical care was provided, and the bills were paid. A local hospital has agreed to treat the children of the GFE Children’s Home free of charge. The largest mission team to date visited this summer; new relationships were forged and old friendships were strengthened. Jehovah Jireh has been so faithful to meet every need in 2016, and we trust Him to provide anew in 2017. Thank you for every prayer, gift of support, word of encouragement, and act of love and kindness shown to the children, their care givers, and to Pam and me.





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Ray Nelson has been serving in India since September and it has been an exciting time for him. He has been assisting Pastor Sharath, his host, with pastor conferences to help educate and equip the native pastors in their ministry. He has been part of several weddings which are very important events in India. They have been ministering to the churches that Sharath pastors and traveling to meet the needs of the flock.

In November he was the lead speaker for a series about “Good News for the Poor”. They meet with groups in homes on an almost daily basis in order to encourage and strengthen the brethren in a country that is sometimes hostile and always difficult.

Please pray for him as Christmas approaches and he continues to share Christ and the “reason for the season”.







Tom & Ginger Schmidt  
with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

Serving the Lord  
in Haiti



Tom spent two weeks with the Shiloh Children's Home boys. The road in was in such bad shape he left the truck six miles from the home, just off the main road. We have been praying this whole year about selling our truck and trying to raise money to provide a means for water to care for the boys. Each time we have driven in to SCH we have had to spend hundreds of dollars on the truck. Our last trip cost us \$800. We found a man that would buy the truck and even wanted to help us even though the truck is almost 20 years old.

Our home manager has been working around the clock because of the boys all having colds and the staff staying home because of being very ill. We have had a proposal by our home manager, Dieulene, and her husband. Nelson and Dieulene, newlyweds, wanted us to consider moving the children to Hinche. The most important changes this move would make are: easier access for teams, better access to medical care, water, food, electricity (that we don't have now) water for bathing, and good drinking water. We would also be able to hire staff that have a great church background and even take the boys to church. We don't plan on replacing the truck, but will fly to the town of Pignon which is only one hour from Hinche by motorcycle. This will make our costs less by not having the truck to maintain, upkeep, and operate.

We do feel this is best for our boys and would also open a possibility to care for more children. Caleb has been doing well with less meds and has become more attentive. Jason is very independent and walks around always looking for something to get into. He loves to eat and is about the same developmentally. Maurice is still the happiest boy, always smiling and making sure Jason doesn't take his toys from him. He flops around the room on knees to feet and also rolls to get around. He will play with wheels on wheelchairs, pull himself up on all the crib/beds and wants to make sure you notice he did it. He has a great mind and can solve toy games. I bring in shapes and pegs and he tries to say words. He knows all of staff by name and when you say their names he points to them. And of course he knows the other boys' names as well. Our family feels he will continue to improve and the sky's the limit with God's help and our prayers.

Thank you for your help caring for these boys and know it has made a great difference in these boys care. Pray that we will be able to move the boys into Hinche by the end of January. Caring for them will be much improved because of the availability of electricity, water, diapers, food supplies and Godly staff. We are very thankful to Duielene and Nelson for their love for God and care for the children.



Jason



Maurice



Caleb



Rod & Debbie Wray  
with Katie  
*Serving the Lord in Haiti*



Merry Christmas! Thanks so much for your care and encouragement these past two months. We are going to try to show some of the transformation that has happened at Camp Mahanaim since hurricane Matthew struck just over two months ago. We are so thankful for your help and support as you have stood with us to make this recovery possible.



With the help of a team of 11 men we installed wire cages in the river and filled them with rocks. We are rebuilding the protective wall along the river on these rock cages. The river wall is 7 to 8 feet tall and is made of rocks cemented together. We have already brought in more than 110 truck loads of rocks.

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We are really thankful for the help and care from so many people in the village. They have been a huge encouragement and support to us. Thanks also to the team at Harvest International who have helped us greatly, including sending containers of food and supplies. We have been able to carry out distributions every couple weeks for the people who live near us.



Please continue to pray for us that God would direct us regarding the Renault Sunday school. This past Sunday we had more than 1,500 children. They really want to learn and are very well behaved, but we just don't have enough space in the existing building and hardly in the yard.

It's great to have our son Tim home for Christmas with us. He has made up a short video of the progress here at the Camp since the hurricane, if you're interested in seeing the latest happenings in greater detail check it out here: <https://youtu.be/rzJrur7QQ50>. We're excited to have a real Haitian Pine Christmas tree this year. Thank you again. Merry Christmas!



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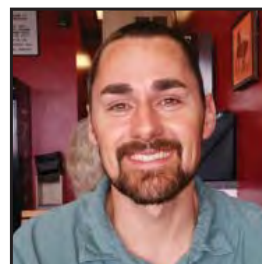
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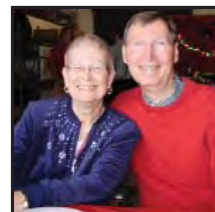
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