

International, Inc.

*1st Quarter 2015
Newsletter*

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We had a wonderful evening and want to give thanks to everyone who came out to support us. This year we presented who Harvest is & what we do in a more direct way. We received a lot of great feedback from it and it helped make our night a great success.

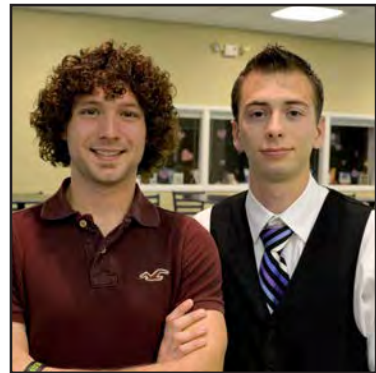
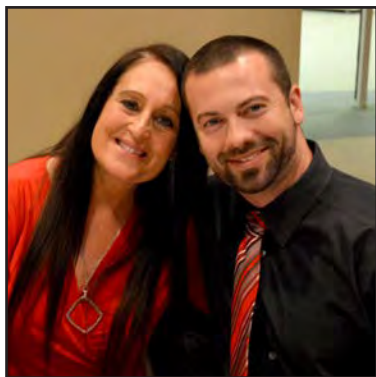
There was over **\$36,000** raised
to help support our efforts in reaching
the lost around the world.

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

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





Special Thanks to:

Jim Moore (Guest Speaker) - Pastor Robert Lopez (CCVIDA Video Production) -
Uriah Johnson (Photography) - Donna Durban & Cosmo (Chefs) -
The Staff of First Baptist Church - Volunteer Servers - Silent Auction Gift Givers

SAVE THE DATE **AND** GIVE YOUR STUFF

Harvest International

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GIANT *Spring* WAREHOUSE SALE

Join us for FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP on
Fri-Sat, May 1st & 2nd

Accepting Donations through April 28th

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

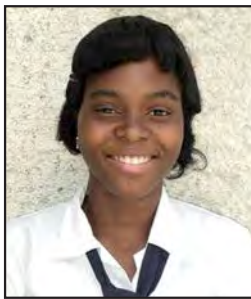
Drop off items M-Th 9am-3pm

Proceeds Support Christian Outreach

Cash
Check
Credit Cards
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Child Sponsorship Program

We are excited to announce that Garden of Joy school in Haiti will be honoring **11** Graduates in June!



Virginia Augustin
Highest Grades: Chemistry & Biology
Future Plans: Doctor



Mondialita Kista Baptiste
Highest Grades: Philosophy & Biology
Future Plans: Teacher



Sanchez Baptiste
Highest Grades: Social Sciences
Future Plans: Lawyer



Sophonie Cajuste
Highest Grades: Chemistry & Biology
Future Plans: Doctor



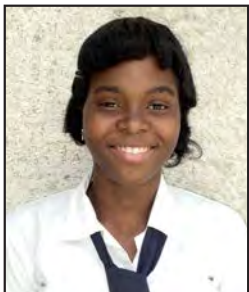
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Highest Grades: Biology
Future Plans: Doctor



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Highest Grades: Mathematics
Future Plans: Mechanical Engineer



Chedlene Hilarion
Highest Grades: Math & Biology
Future Plans: Civil Engineer



Rebecca Jourdain
Highest Grades: Chemistry & Biology
Future Plans: Doctor



Alex Christian Marcellus
Highest Grades: Math & English
Future Plans: Business Administration



Valerie Mombrun
Highest Grades: Social Sciences
Future Plans: Lawyer



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Congratulations!



Introducing our future missionaries

The Carreiro Family *David, Yvonne, Destiney, Dawson & Jaylen*

The Carreiro family live in Ocala, Florida. Throughout the years they have been involved in many mission outreaches in their community. The Lord has opened a door for them to join the Harvest International family as official missionaries in the Marion County region.

Our goal is to inspire and equip our rising youth to become missionaries in their local communities. We are excited to begin Harvesting at Home. Through Harvesting at Home children and youth of all ages will have the opportunity to work the mission field.

We believe you don't have to leave the country to reach the mission field. You can be missionaries planted in your own backyard.



David, Destiney, Jaylen, Dawson & Yvonne





Getting ready for Romania and the Ukraine. Please pray for this summer as plans are in the process as we seek Him and His ways to lead and teach the children and youth. We are planning to go to the House of Hope for a visit this summer, to visit with Victor and the boys as we didn't get to go last year. We have camps and VBS scheduled for the summer, we have teams coming over to lead out in those experiences. Also we are in the process of holding a first ever Handbell festival in August.

As most of you know we are in the process of raising funds for a van. We travel everywhere in Romania and eastern Europe, and the van we have now we have had since 2001, it is getting very tired with lots of kilometers. We are close to having enough to get a newer one. If you would like to help you can send the funds to Harvest International.

We would like to Thank everyone who has supported us and prayed for us over the years, as we look back and see what the Lord has done and is still doing in the hearts and lives of children and young people all over eastern Europe. We serve a awesome God. Continue to pray for us as we seek Him and His ways.



Bullock's New Van Fund

I would like to help purchase a new van for the Bullock's ministry.

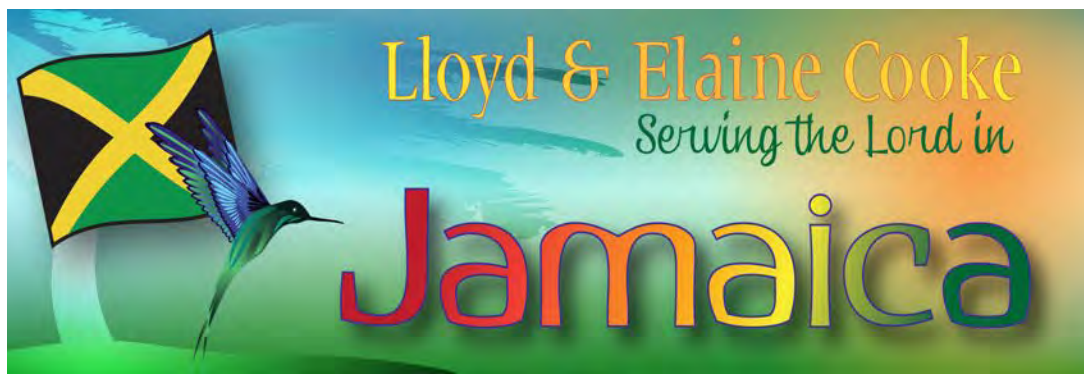
As the Lord leads, I will give \$ _____ to go towards the purchase of a new van.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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or visit www.HarvestInternational.org to donate online**



A spate of homecomings of friends and ministry colleagues keep us reminded that our time here is short and we must needs keep focused on our priorities. Elaine and I are both in good health, and are trying to pass on to others some of what the Lord has taught us about loving and serving Him. Elaine's various children's ministries have hit a bare patch, but she is still actively involved in helping her church members to intervene spiritually and practically in the lives of some young people in a government literacy program. The leaders of that program appreciate her caring and sharing with the students.

Lloyd's classes at both Colleges where he teaches weekly provide him much pleasure, as the students are very eager and seem to drink in the things shared. At times it is difficult to remember which course he is teaching, as there are many similarities and overlaps. At Regent College of the Caribbean he teaches Evangelism, and at Bethel Bible College it is Introduction to Missions. These times give opportunities to pour into them lessons learned and experiences faced. Oh that the Lord would light a fire for souls, both at home and abroad, in each heart!

Lloyd has also had the joy of hosting and sharing with his church the work of some Jamaican missionaries. This he was able to do on both first Sundays in February and in March. The believers at his church have responded well to the presentations. The last of these provided special satisfaction, as the missionary was his own nephew who had gone to India for six weeks with a YWAM short term mission team. May other young people sense a call to give their lives of such service.

The upcoming Easter weekend has presented Lloyd with an opportunity to share at Good Friday services at the church where as a child he was Confirmed in the Anglican Church. Thank God he can share now with them of personal faith in the Saviour's sufferings and death, which were not of much meaning to him at that time. May some come to express true faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Thanks for keeping us
in your hearts and in your prayers!***



Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



We want to give you an update on some of our students past and present. Time seems to slip by so quickly and then we see the updated pictures of the students and still remember when most were in the project as much younger but then again this is the progress we desire to see, them growing spiritually, intellectually, and physically.



Tadeo Katuramu

Tadeo is in his fifth year of study at Kampala International University pursuing the program as Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. He is doing quite well and expect him to graduate at the end of this year. In his last email to us he expressed this sentiment in part: "I am writing to say thank you for loving me and giving me a life to live: a life I would never have dreamt of, not even setting a glimpse on it...I thank God who brought you in my life, to be there for me always...Thank you for the encouragement, words of hope, when life seems to blur, you give me a direction and hope, a focus that keeps me going, may the name of the Almighty God be blessed." What a blessing for us to know and love Tadeo.

Michael Kamanyire

Michael is at Makayire University in Kampala. He is in his final year of study in a Business Administration degree. He had also spent one year of study at African Bible University in Kampala. He is doing well in his studies and we expect him to prosper as a educated Christian man in whatever avenue of life God sends him into.



Gorret Kebihyaka

Gorret has just finished her final year of high school and has done so well that she has qualified to do two years of pre-university study and has been admitted to Kyebambe girls school. As Pastor wrote about her: "She is going to do biology, chemistry, mathematics and computer and she intends to do medicine in the university." Could she be another doctor on the horizon, we certainly hope so?



Flavia Favour

Now Flavia is a graduate from Rosa Mystica Vocational School in 2005. As Pastor says: "Another success story! Flavia, once a small girl on the project, traveled and stayed in London serving Christ by helping the seniors in a home has introduced her husband to be to her mom, relatives and friends. Zoe was given a gift of a long dress and I was also given a gift of a Kanzu, long tunic. I was excited to see many graduated project children actively participating in the ceremony. It is so good to remember these children when they were small and how they have grown up together, graduated and are serving the Lord. Once they were orphans but orphans no more."



Thank you again for your faithful support of God's great ministry in Uganda. You all have been the arms and legs of Jesus with your love to these, God's children in Uganda.



A Traditional Shona Wedding



The Bride

One of the highlights of the past few months, was an invitation by a Shona family to attend their daughter's "Kuroora" or traditional/customary marriage. This is a ceremony where the bride price is agreed upon. Once agreement has been reached by the two families, and the bride price commonly called "lobola" has been paid to the bride's parents, the couple is considered married, and the husband can take away his bride.

Young Christian couples do the traditional marriage followed by a Church ceremony. Many brides like the pomp and ceremony of a Church wedding (or "white wedding" as it is called here). This is particularly so among the growing middle-class. And so, once the traditional wedding ceremony is over, they begin to prepare for their "white wedding", after which the bride leaves home with the groom.

The "Kuroora" is a big family occasion, attended by the bride's grandparents, parents, uncles, aunties, siblings etc. One of the bride's aunt's negotiates on behalf of the bride's family." The groom's family does not attend. The prospective bridegroom

is represented by some male family members acting as negotiators or emissaries who negotiate the bride price on his behalf. The bride has no direct role in this. She comes to the ceremony at the request of the elders/uncles who ask her whether she knows the person who seeks her hand in marriage (apparently avoiding a Leah/Rachel situation) after which she sits among the women until the proceedings are over.

Since "there is no rush in Africa", this ceremony lasted three hours at the end of which a sumptuous meal was served. The whole affair was very formal, respectful and orderly, yet there was humor and at the appropriate times, uulating - a traditional sound made with the tongue, sometimes with the assistance of a hand, in the case of less adept 'performers'. The bridegroom was brought into the room towards the end of the proceedings.

Many people look down on traditional marriages and, in particular, struggle over the issue of a bride price. But some young ladies with whom I discussed this say they are worth a lot more than a prospective husband can pay for them; that they see the bride price as a token - one which expresses thankfulness to her parents for having raised their daughter who is now to become his bride.

As we sat through the ceremony, I could see a lot of the Old Testament* being lived out before my very eyes. The groom's emissaries reminded me of Abraham's servant Eliezer who was sent to look for a bride for Isaac, loaded with gifts. The emissaries also came loaded with gifts which were given to the bride's mother and others at the end of the ceremony, and like Eliezer, the emissaries did not eat or drink until the agreement was sealed.

Two thousand years ago, a hefty "bride price" was paid at Golgotha by a man from Nazareth named Jesus. Nothing but his very life would suffice, he was told by his Father. So Jesus struggled a great deal in a garden called Gethsemane and finally yielded to his Father's will saying, "Nevertheless not my will but yours be done." The rest is "His Story" which can be read throughout the pages of the Scriptures.

May all of us who go by His name, His bride the Church, ponder afresh this Easter season. May He also bless us with a growing understanding and wonder at our death with Him and our resurrection in Him, as we look with great anticipation of His return to claim us! That's why He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."



Life in the Haven has become more interesting in recent months due to an influx of boys from Kambiri who are temporarily residing in the Jua Kali home. A sister orphanage located in a village near Kakamega town, came into such a state of disrepair that it became necessary to relocate the boys until repairs can be made. So, the children and caregivers of The Haven and Fresh Start homes are practicing hospitality as these boys temporarily reside in the Haven. The children, who have so little themselves, generously open their home to meet the needs of the boys of Kambiri.

Hospitality is a cherished value of the people of Kenya, where visitors are considered a blessing from God. Over the past seven years Pam and I have had the privilege of leading nine mission teams to visit the GFE Home in Jua Kali. We are always amazed by the degree of welcome and hospitality we receive. On each visit I experience afresh the authentic Christian hospitality offered by our Kenyan friends, and I enjoy seeing my fellow travelers experience the same.

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the Haven. Pam and I are planning a trip in July with more than twenty people, our largest mission team to date. We look forward to celebrating the anniversary together. Please pray for the residents of the GFE Home as they continue to host the boys of Kambiri and as they anticipate our visit in July.

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” Romans 12:9-13



Celebration



Lunch Time



Smiles



Daddy Joseph & Boys



Tug - o - War



Audley McLean

Reaching our World by Radio



To God be the glory! We may never know how many listeners have never been to church, but they hear the life changing message of the Gospel through the broadcasts and are gloriously saved. God sees your share in this work. He will richly reward you.

I recently received two testimonies from a couple of our listeners. Rene reports, ***“On Sunday mornings, I leave home from church an extra fifteen minutes early just so I can hear the message of The Bible Speaks.”***



Jeri Chayet of Ocala, FL

Jeri writes, ***“I want to thank you for the radio program, the Bible Speaks with Audley McLean. I am a Jewish woman age 97 and brought up in a strict Jewish home. Somehow I could not understand all the rules and explanations. I searched for answers but none were given. I felt hollow and insecure.***

By the grace of God I was led to a Christian ministry. For the first time I heard and received the Words of Jesus. WHAT A REVELATION!!!!

And now I have the added blessing of your Bible teaching available “live” on my computer from your gifted teacher, whose message comes through with such clarity and understanding. I am absorbing his teaching on the Book of Romans. I am eagerly waiting the 8th chaptermy favorite.”

Beverley and I say a big “thank you” for your prayers, interest and support for the radio ministry of The Bible Speaks. Since the beginning of 2015 we have aired countless hours of The Good News in Central Florida on Daystar Radio (89.5 FM) and around the world at www.harvestinternational.org.

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The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry
on Daystar Radio 89.5 FM**

**Monday - Friday at 6:55 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

and on the web at www.HarvestInternational.org



On September 3, 2014 I left Ocala, Florida and flew to Rajhumundry, India. Pastor Sharath is the Indian pastor that I planned to visit and minister with during my stay.

Sharath immediately put me to work by introducing me to his home church. I came to know these people well because the church in India meets primarily in homes in addition to traditional services. People will gather to celebrate in the Lord because of a happy event or to console one another in the loss of a loved one. People also would invite Hindus for a friendly home meeting in the knowledge that they were more likely to come to that than a church service. The baptism of a new believer was held in the local river but then moved to a home to celebrate the new life in the Lord. We were also invited to home meetings by people outside the home church who had an interest in the message we had to share and wanted to reach out to us.

Weddings in India are a far more formal and community wide event than those in the US. Preparations last for days in order to feed the huge crowd that can be expected to gather. Everyone dresses in their finest clothes and the bride is arrayed in the most stunning dress the family can afford. The event has been preceded by visits between the families and everyone in the community is expected and expects to attend the event.

The church in India has some different customs from what we are accustomed to. Men and women are separated in church. Men and boys are seated on one side and women are seated on the other. Christmas is not celebrated as a national holiday in India and is not even the most important Christian holiday. A small celebration may be held in the church with a few decorations but gift giving and all the excess that characterizes American Christmas is not present.

While I was there three different missionary groups visited the area. The first group of eight visitors hosted a women's conference followed by a men's meeting. The second visitor was Reverend Ron who came and blessed the commencement of construction for a new church. The cornerstones were laid and I received the honor on being part of that ceremony. We also held several pastor's conference in order to help train the pastors and leaders of the Indian church.

Reverend Ron, Sharath and myself joined together in a trip to the Leper colony. The government of India provides some assistance to the lepers in order to encourage them to live in specified areas. We shared the gospel with these people and then served them a meal. Sharing a meal in India has more significance than here. It demonstrates a love and companionship that many don't receive either because of caste or illness. It is a tangible demonstration that we are brothers in Christ and will not be separated by these things in heaven. This was one of the events that touched my heart and rendered me speechless before the Lord.

Thank you, each and every one, for helping me to make this journey and follow the prompting of the Lord which told me that I had to return to His India in September 2015.





Tom & Ginger Schmidt

with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

Serving the Lord
in Haiti



Schmidt Family 1987

**30th Anniversary of
The Schmidt Family Ministry in Haiti!**

March 1985 - March 2015 and still going!

Shiloh Children's Home is reaching out to the community!

In March we had our first Bible Conference in Carabal, at the closest church, about a mile down the path from SCH. There were 2 Haitian Pastors and a Seminary student preaching Saturday & Sunday. The Jesus film was shown Saturday night outside in the church yard. There was a capacity crowd of approximately 350+ very enthusiastic participants! Many had never before heard the story of Jesus (as told in the book of Luke). Those who knew the biblical account recited passages along with the film! It was an exciting time for all to see and hear the truth of Scripture brought to the community in living color! No one wanted to leave when it was over so the Pastor gladly stayed to answer questions.



On Sunday Creole Bibles were given to 40 families who did not own a Bible; which was a great blessing and encouragement to those Christians. A meal was also provided Sunday afternoon. It was a blessed time for all who attended the conference and a great outreach to a larger than expected crowd coming out to see the Jesus Film!

We praise the Lord for all who helped, through donations and prayer, making our first Evangelistic Outreach to the community so successful!

We are looking forward to the Geological Survey, which will tell us if there is water in the area. This will be scheduled for April or May, Lord willing! Many thanks to the generous donations that have totally covered this expense! Please pray they will find water near SCH! This will be a huge blessing not only to SCH, but to the community as well!



Jason



Caleb



Maurice

Jason, Caleb and Maurice are growing and learning some new skills, which is exciting for us to see! Jason is doing a lot more walking around and Maurice is learning to point to objects and people as the staff quizzes him on what's what and who's who! Caleb is holding his own. We would like to do more for him in the way of Physical Therapy. Please pray we can get information that will help us find exercises more suited to his needs.

We are praying about the possibility of a group coming in June to give our staff a week off. This is a great opportunity to bless and encourage those who work so hard to love and help these precious boys reach their full potential! Please let us know if this is something you would like to consider. It is not an easy life in rural Haiti, but such a blessing to be able to share the love of Jesus with SCH children, staff and community.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support of this outreach to those who cannot help themselves.



The months of January, February and March were very different for the Westbrook Family! Steve went to Florida late January for medical care, and ended up with Open Heart Surgery for a quintuple by-pass. We give all glory to God and thanks to Him for blessing us with health, family and an incredible church family – praying, helping, encouraging and giving. The church body on St. Croix loved and cared for our children while brothers and sisters in Christ in the states helped with all our needs while Steve and I were in Florida (and Steve in NC). Steve is back on St. Croix with Cheri and the younger children (Isabelle, Simon, Solomon, Oliver, Chloe & Theo), recovering and getting back into the ministry soon in the Caribbean.



Worship service at our home/sending church in Florida (The Church @ Orange Heights). I had the opportunity to share about the Ministry on St Croix.



Proud parents of Cannon. Our daughter Genvi and AJ our Son in Love.



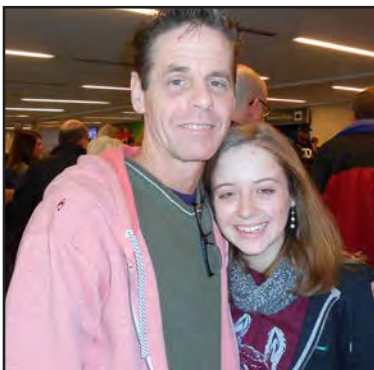
Cheri, Cannon and Steve (post surgery)



Gary Fuss invited me to Ephesians 4 prayer group at Camp Good News. It was a joy to pray and fellowship with these men again. Thank you Gary and the guys.



Pastor Frederik of the "Freeway Church," Steve and Isaiah. Thank you Pastor Frederik for allowing me the opportunity to share with the congregation while in North Carolina



I flew up to NC to surprise my daughter, Donovan. She was on Spring Break.



Reception for Frankie who is terminally ill with cancer. All he wanted to do before he left this planet was to see a Braves' baseball game. I shared a track with him. (I thought he would be a child!)



Our family on St Croix. Thank you Jesus!



Rod & Debbie Wray
with Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Thank you so much for all of your beautiful responses after our last email. We have been greatly encouraged and reminded of the prayer support that we have. We are also very thankful to the Lord for a miraculous answer to prayer regarding a difficult situation that we were in.

About three years ago we were hosting a team of young people from Grand Rapids, Michigan and two or three of the young men noticed our Honda 4 wheeler which had been crushed in an accident and they decided to spend three days rebuilding it. At the time I remember wondering to myself as to whether or not this would be a good use of time for these talented young men, but they completed the task and did a great job and the little Honda continues to do a huge amount of work around Camp Mahanaim.



The 4 wheeler tows the wedding wagon during a recent wedding for 25 couples that we held in the Camp Mahanaim yard.

Deb using the 4 wheeler as she prunes palm branches.

Towing the cement mixer.



Deb stands beside the first bride to use our daughter Christie's wedding dress.

We've done quite a few weddings already this year, with more planned.

We invited the missionaries for a day of fun to celebrate Katie's 12th birthday.

Local kids enjoying the waterslides.



The Harvest Family

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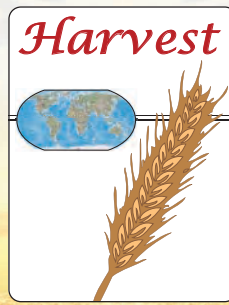
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Mission Trip to Romania

Destiney & Cassie



We are excited to announce that Cassie, our Child Sponsorship Coordinator, is going on a mission trip to Romania with her niece Destiney. They will be staying at a Hospice Youth Camp that our missionary, Randy Bullock, hosts each year for terminally ill children. For one week these children get to spend their days playing games, having fun and learning about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please join us in praying for their travels and the time they get to spend with these precious children, sharing the Gospel and showing God's love.

They will be leaving on July 15th and returning July 26th.
To keep updated on their adventure follow their blog and like their Facebook page.

Follow our BLOG & Like us on FACEBOOK

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Spring WAREHOUSE SALE

Great success with our Warehouse Sale.

We made over **\$2,000!**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Our next Warehouse Sale
will be in **November 2015.**

Start saving up to donate some items.

Items to donated must be in good/working condition.

**Our best sellers are
Appliances, Furniture, Electronics,
DVDs, Purses, Holiday Decor, Tools**

Charlie's Champions

GONAIVES FEEDING PROGRAM

Since the creation of Charlie's Champion Ministry in 2003, it has been a very big struggle to feed the children everyday, even once or twice a day. After many days, months and years of prayers, God finally answered our prayers requests by granting us since November 2009, 50 boxes of a nutritional food each month.

From November 2009 to June 2015, this meal is a very big blessing for the kids. We realize that: all the children who are eating this nutritive meals are stronger than before, they are anemia free (very important for us). They are well developed physically, intellectually and socially. It prevents the kids from starvation more than ever.

The 50 boxes that we receive each month to take care of the kids in Charlie's Champion represents such a blessing so if we do not receive it anymore, we will be very close to starvation or famine. We only need charcoal/water/oil to cook these complete meals. We receive 50 boxes from Harvest International VIA Camate St Michel. We pay a transportation fee of \$300 HT to get them.

We feed 110 students in Modelle and 40 kids in Charlie's Champion. In total: 150 kids. This food allows us to feed the kids in Modelle three times a week. We feed the kids in the orphanage three times a day. Finally, we consider this important source of nutrition like a blessing. The only term that we can describe this food is a MIRACLE FOOD.

Blessings, Pastor Charlie

Support the Gonaives Children Feeding program by clicking DONATE at www.HarvestInternational.org.

Choose Charlie's Champions and notate "Gonaives Children Feeding".





Children's Day

The first of June in Europe means Children's Day!! And because our ministry over here is mainly towards children and youth, 1st of June is always a busy day for us! Not just a busy day but beginning of the month as we try to honor all the invitations in different locations for doing different celebrations for children.

This year I had the honor and the privilege to be in two different villages in the same day and see the joy in the children's eyes that we got to interact with. In the morning we had a special program for the gypsies in Dumbrava, it was the first time we did this, so they were very excited to participate in all the games we brought for them and also to receive balloons at the end. Let's not forget the ice cream because we cannot have a celebration for children without ice cream.

In the afternoon we did a big celebration for the children in Ceica. I was very blessed and happy to work and make all this possible with the help of the entire church. Parents, youth and even the older people got involved and made this day extra special for the children. We had many children from the village that had never been to church before that attend the program, and they all loved it. The children got to do their own smores...I know it doesn't sound special, but it was, because it was their first one. They also made their own pizza and at the end when they ate it they said it was the best pizza they ever had. We also had a professor...Dr. Oetker, who showed the children different scientific projects. Let's not forget about the games with children and parents, they all had so much fun!! Praise God for giving us the ability and the energy to make all this possible, so all the children can see that they are loved by us but mostly by God!! I would like to say a big thank you to all the ones that prayed for us, that continue to pray, that supported us, that bought handmade things that I made, because this is where all your support goes back!! We love you and we treasure each and every one of you! Let us not forget NOTHING WITHOUT GOD!





Harvesting at Home is a Christian Family Community Outreach Ministry

Our vision for Harvesting at Home is to reach out to Christian families and help them minister alongside their children. Our goal is to inspire and equip our rising youth to become missionaries in their local communities by putting ideas and small tools into their hands.

Missionary Packets

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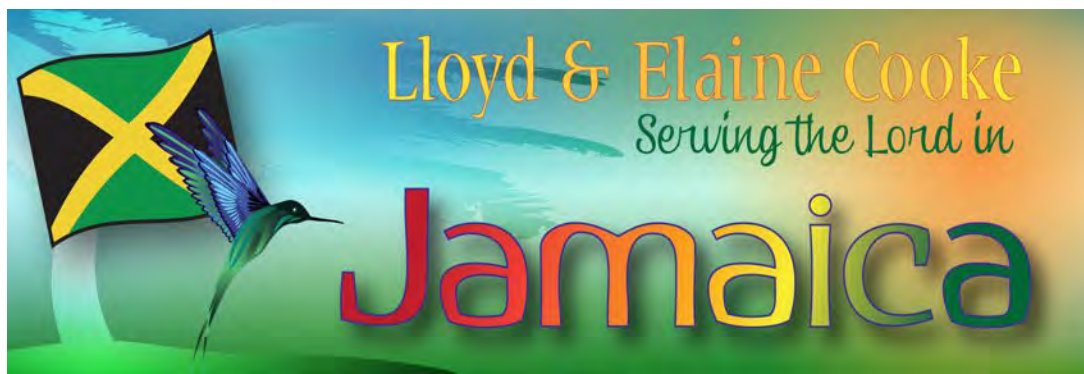
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Once a month we will be hosting a community project. “Like” the Harvesting at Home Facebook page to follow our journey. We will keep you updated with opportunities for you and your family to be more personal and hands-on in showing the love of Christ.



The past two months have been busy but satisfying ones. Much time was spent researching and writing the outstanding story of a Jamaican planter family, seven generations of whom have served the Lord as cross-cultural missionaries, and in many other areas of Christian service. Lloyd's research has taken him to old plantations and graveyards where the family members had lived. Important family information has been unearthed. Jamaica owes the Panton and Clark families a world of gratitude. Lloyd is busy writing this his second book on Jamaican missions.

Some close friends, and or relatives of friends, have passed into the Father's presence in recent times. Some funerals we would have loved to be able to attend, but cannot do so, because of distance or lack of funds to do so. These passings, and other events, cause us to consider what legacy we are leaving to those who would follow us. This makes Elaine and Lloyd particularly careful to share with others, especially the young people they teach, things they have learned over many years of serving the Lord. Right now Lloyd is swamped marking end of term exams and term papers from the two Bible Colleges where he lectures. Despite the work, there is much pleasure in watching these young people grow in their faith and witness. Do pray for them. One College had its graduation just last Sunday, and another will have theirs in a month's time.

Much time in recent months have been spent by Lloyd, who serves as Acting Secretary as well as Public Relations Officer, of the local Minister's Fraternal in discussions and Secretarial work. This involved meetings, as part of the Executive Committees, to bring together two different Ministers Associations in the town. An agreement has been reached, and a meeting will soon be held, to formalise the new Association. We request your prayers that all ministers in the town will come to work together to better serve the Lord in the area. Lloyd looks forward to being able to demit his positions on the Fraternal which he has occupied for the past over nine years.

Recent weeks have been hectic for Elaine in preparing for and hosting family members, and for Lloyd in transporting them to various locations, in connection with the Cooke Family reunion that took place the third and fourth weeks of May. One of Lloyd's brothers and his wife from Canada, stayed with us for over a week; our older daughter, and her fiancé from Ireland, also came in for this family gathering and had to be transported to the main tourist attractions around. But it was an incredibly enjoyable and satisfying time. Watching the seven Cooke siblings interact with their children and grandchildren; and seeing how cousins and in-laws interacted and played together, brought thoughts of gratitude for the legacy left us by our parents now in glory. The Saturday night was especially joyful as we took family group pictures on the beach, then were led in the singing of Jamaican folk-songs and the telling of cultural and historical stories for the benefit of the children and their spouses and the grandchildren. It will be a time long remembered.

Lloyd had the joy of leading Sunday morning devotions by the pool, as he shared the story of Abraham, the friend of God and the man whom God greatly respected, because he could be trusted to "command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice..." (Genesis 18:19.) The singing by the kids of "Father Abraham" was never more appropriate. We were encouraged to see that the spiritual values and legacy left to us, the 7 siblings, by our parents were respected, continued and passed on to our children and their children after them. We feel a particular spiritual burden and responsibility for all the members of this family. Pray with us to that end!

Do remember Lloyd, who goes to an International denominational Missions conference in Pomezia, near Rome, Italy, later this month. He is due to also lead a workshop during the conference. Afterwards he will visit with past students and Caribbean missionary colleagues in London and Birmingham, returning to Jamaica on July 2nd. Please uphold him, and Elaine who stays behind, in your prayers. Thanks again for your prayers and personal support as we minister here!



Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



We would like to share with you another of God's success stories. Her name is *Joselyne Kirungi.*

THE BEGINNING

Pastor Sam relates when he first met her: " She was very tiny malnourished girl at the back of her grandma Tereza. The late Tereza had a zeal, love and determination for her children to excel as she trusted God and worked hard in the Mpanga market selling bedclothes and planting her garden with little Joselyne on her back. Her grandmother faithfully attended and supported her church as we witnessed on a Sunday when she gave as her offering a large goat. Her desire was to leave a legacy to her children and granddaughter and she was successful in that legacy."



BLESSINGS



After completing her Bachelors Degree from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda in 2010 she was blessed to receive a scholarship for further studies at the University of Trento in Italy. She specialized in a Master of Science in International management and she graduated at the end of March 2015. Right after graduation she did several interviews for a management consulting job with Global Health Corps (a New York based international NGO). She is thankful to God that she was offered a one year's position in their Kampala offices.

THANKS BE TO GOD

She is currently preparing to travel to the United States to attend training in New York city from June through July 2015. After the training in NYC she will return to Uganda so as to officially start her job. Praise the Lord for Joselyne as she exemplifies the goal of the Good Samaritan Project students which is to raise up young Christian men and woman to be contributing citizens of their country for the Glory of Jesus. Thank you again for being partners in the Good Samaritan Project in Jesus ministry in Uganda.



Great contrasts characterize the Republic of Zimbabwe in southern Africa. These are immediately obvious to the visitor, especially in its flora and fauna. The latter includes multiple species of apes, deer, reptiles, birds, fresh-water fish; as well as lions, hippos, leopards, elephants, rhinoceros, giraffes, zebra, and so the list goes on. In fact, much of the tourism industry is centered around its wildlife.

But equally attractive, in fact stunning, is the vast variety of flowering shrubs and trees. It seems that there is always some kind of plant in bloom for there is always something coloring the landscape – whether along the highways, in the cities, shopping or residential areas. Many streets are actually lined with particular types of trees, which will in due course shed their petals to carpet the roadway beneath – a sight to behold!

Although there are officially two seasons – the rainy and the dry – there is, in fact, a winter from May through August when night-time temperatures can fall as low as freezing. So, there are summer flowers and winter blooms, colors befitting the wet months and the dry months too. We have the purple jaracanda, the red, pink or white varieties of the poinsettia, the white of the snow-on-the-mountain, the reddish purple/pink/white of the bauhinia, the yellow of the cassia, plus numerous wildflowers, etc, etc. And as if to bid farewell to the winter, the young leaves of the msasa will appear in all their glory – reds, pinks, rusts, yellows - all merging into one another in a wild and breath-taking, panoramic display. No, there's never a dull moment for the flora here. One country, yet such rich variety!

This reminds us of what God's Word says concerning the Church in 1 Corinthians 12 – “The body is a unit though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greek, slave or free Now the body is not made up of one part but of many..... But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, just as he wanted them to be. If they were one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”

Diversity in the midst of unity. Perhaps nowhere else is diversity so richly demonstrated as in the Church. There are big believers and there are small ones, tall ones and short ones too; some are black others are white, still others are a variety of colors in between. God has given to some great wealth; others, He is teaching contentment with little. Some are known internationally, and there are others who are hardly known save in the relatively small areas where they serve. To some, God has entrusted great responsibility; to others, He has not done so. In the matter of gifts and abilities, He has greatly endowed multitudes. But many are there who are not, or whose gifts and abilities keep them strictly backstage, away from public view – like some parts of the body.

We see this variety among the people we work with in this Country. We appreciate the diversity which they exhibit. However, one thing we do pray for is that each would have a growing desire for the Lord, to make Him their undisputed Lord and to follow in His steps. In this, we find unity in diversity.

We also see and appreciate your diversity in the body of Christ. As you pray for the work of missions, and for those of us with whom you are particularly familiar, one may wonder what your cumulative prayers sound like to the Father's ears! Yes, we are assured the Lord hears and answers your prayers, made in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your own individual way, according to your own vocabulary and style of speaking (and praying), with your own God-given vision, burden and passion.

And the same applies to all of you who respond so graciously to the Lord's promptings to give towards His work of reaching the lost and discipling believers – whether by way of personal support, contributing towards the purchase of a needed motor vehicle, meeting some urgent financial or medical need, or the building of an orphanage; showing love and appreciation for furloughed missionaries, writing an encouraging note or email, or using some other means of communication. Some of you contribute anonymously, but the Lord knows who you are and we, the missionaries on the field, are no less deeply grateful.



You may never know how deep a need was met, how encouraging was your communication, or how meaningful and effective was your spontaneous but unsolicited prayer on our behalf for a need that you didn't even know about, but the Lord did. We believe we can speak on behalf of all of us on the field in saying how much we appreciate that there is this intentional and rich diversity in the body of Christ and, particularly, among all of you who make such a vital contribution to the Master's work of Missions – each doing his/her part, as the Lord prompts us, for the advancement of His kingdom and the glory of His Name. Jesus says to each of us, “Follow me”. Following Him is a high calling and privilege. May our Father continue to bless you who color the landscape of His kingdom with your diversity in so many ways, and as you labor for Him in singleness of heart and with a unity of purpose, “with one mind for the faith of the gospel.” (Philippians 1:27)



Alan & Pam May

Serving the Lord in Kenya



Pam and I, and 16 others, are looking forward to seeing the children and caregivers of the Haven and Fresh Start homes in July. Our team is comprised of teachers, tutors, college students, a high school student, a veterinarian, an engineer, a physical therapist, a counselor, a plant supervisor, a fashion retailer, a customs broker, and a clinic coordinator. We all have identities closely aligned with our jobs and professions here in the U.S., but in Kenya what we do is not so important as who we are. Our Kenyan friends have a way of reminding us of the more important things in life...and our careers are not high on the list. Of course, we will exercise our gifts and talents as we minister to the children and others, yet we will experience stark reminders of the importance of loving and being loved.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 ESV

The children, caregivers, and all of the mission team members covet your prayers as we come together – reuniting old friends and making new friends. Pray that we will not only enjoy the fellowship with each other, but that we will also partner together to minister to the children in the slum, the children and teachers in the primary school, the children in the church, and the neighbors in the village. Ministering together is always one of the rewarding experiences of our mission trips.

It used to be that we had to travel to Kenya in order to get photos of the kids; the moms and dads; and the aunts and uncles. These days, however, one can pull photos off of Facebook. All of these photos were downloaded from FB pages of friends in Kenya and friends in the U.S., and yes, Kenyans are every bit as social media savvy as we are!





Audley McLean

Reaching our World by Radio



We thank God for your thoughtful calls and notes over the recent weeks and months. Your prayers are being answered on a daily basis as the word of the Lord continues to reach out into areas where neither you nor I can be. Glory to His Name! Your financial support is further evidence of our true partnership in propagating the Gospel of Christ. We continue to aim at pleasing Him who has called us to be workers together with Him. "God's co-workers." What an awesome privilege! But even more important: What an awesome responsibility!

What is this that in which God has called upon us to partner with Him? We know it is not in the act of creation. That was well taken care of long, long ago. It is not in atoning for the sins of the world, not even for our own sins. Thank God, Jesus took care of that on the cross of Calvary. If not that, then what?

Jesus said that we are to be witnesses for Him and propagators of his Good News. Here on The Bible Speaks and at Harvest International, we take this privilege and responsibility very seriously. We are committed to the reality that we are not alone in carrying out this God given responsibility. For that reason, we are always happy to come alongside of others who are reaching into areas that we might not be able to.

One such opportunity is in the ministry of Guyana Mission Outreach Program and Wesleyan Bible Camp. This ministry in Guyana reaches out to youth and adults through Bible Camps, Bible Conferences and practical ministries of life skills and basic economic development. The mission is currently undertaking the challenge of providing electricity to the camp site where men and women and boys and girls are ministered to. Some of you have been praying about a practical mission to which you can lend support. This may be just such an opportunity.

President of the program, Albert Bruce, explains the project and the need below.

Al Bruce writes:

The main phases of the Electrification Project are as follows:

1. Connection to the National Grid by Guyana Power and Light that will bring power from the Linden Highway to our power station with established poles. GPL will complete this phase.
2. Construction of an underground grid to take power to every building on the current campsite with future considerations also planned and connections for them.
3. Connections of power lines from the grid to all currently existing buildings.
4. Wiring of existing buildings as required. There is a five year development plan available to any who requests it. The current aspect of the electrification program is estimated to be \$40,000.00. (US)



Al Bruce

Your financial support towards this \$40,000.00 project may be sent to:

Guyana Mission
P.O.Box 771504
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United States

May the Lord continue to bless you as you stand with us in business with The King.



Indian culture stems from Hinduism, the largest cult represented by 80% of 1.2 billion people. The second cult in India, at around 10%, is Islam. Christianity is said to be 2%.

There is a Hindu temple every 50 feet or so, at least it seems like that.

Ministering to Hindus is the biggest job we have in India. How we reach out to them is through home meetings. We have home meetings for various reasons, Praise the Lord meeting, the Lord has blessed our house in some way meeting, we need Him to bless our house in some way meeting, someone dies meeting, the list goes on and on.

When a Hindu accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior and is baptized it's a big thing. He or she can accept Christ as one of their 300,000 gods, but to be baptized is the public way to accept Him. When a Hindu accepts Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior and is baptized he or she may become the outcast of the family and/or community.

We have several different ways of meeting people. One is by other missionaries coming in and their agendas. They usually have different types of church meetings that we can reach the lost. They'll have large home meetings to reach people, or they will have meetings in our home church to reach out to people.

Sharath's brothers will have meetings that we can use to reach people. Our home Church with large meetings every Sunday reaches visitors. There is an orphanage on site with around 20 boys and girls. There is a school with around 30 students training for ministry. There's usually something to do every day somewhere to keep us busy and we love it.

I will be returning to India in September for a six month stay. If you would like to support the ministry work I do, visit www.HarvestInternational.org to make a donation.

Rev. Ray B. Nelson



Getting Baptized



Mary grew up in one of Sharath's orphanages and is now a registered nurse.



Teaching the Word of God



Tom & Ginger Schmidt

with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

Serving the Lord
in Haiti



We are Praising the LORD, our long awaited water survey test was done in May! What an exciting time! They spent 2 1/2 days checking for water everywhere within a 4-5 mile radius from Shiloh Children's Home. They checked wells and springs to determine where the water comes from and how reliable a source it is. Many of the nearer wells (w/in a mile or 2) have run dry this year which has caused a great deal of extra hardship for the local people as well as our own staff. The three surveyors even checked rock formations for any potential of water. Most of their time, however, was spent putting these electrodes in the ground and in the air above the ground (under tents @ 1/2 - 1km away). They had sensors that would record timed electrical impulses sent simultaneously to the ground & air which graphed out a picture that must be interpreted by computer to determine whether water is to be found in that area at all. It was quite an interesting process that brought many onlookers young and old, all offering their 'expert' advice! Now we wait for the results, which will take another few weeks. We continue to pray for the possibility of a well in this area; that would bless so many.

Rainy season started the beginning of MAY which is a blessing as it fills the cisterns; but also adds the complication of slippery roads and therefore harder travels in the remote areas. But the SCH children are doing well and our new porch is such a blessing! They can be outside rain or shine and enjoy it so much! Jason loves to walk out there all by himself and Maurice can now travel on his own 2 knees! His legs are not strong enough for him to walk as yet, but he is able to 'walk' on his knees which gives him much pleasure! Caleb also loves to be on the porch when he can be brought out.

I recently found an especially fun activity for Jason and Maurice. The LORD gave me the idea to take both boys for a ride in the SCH truck. Maurice was enthralled and watched all my movements. It wasn't long before he was reaching over to help me steer and shift; giggling all the time! Jason had a grin from ear to ear and was very happy. Both boys thought the horn honking was the funniest thing they'd ever heard! Such a small thing to bring so much delight to two little boys. This will definitely become a coveted prize at SCH. And we'll see if Caleb will be able to enjoy this as well, next time.

Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts which sustain us as we continue to serve the LORD at Shiloh Children's Home in Carabal, Haiti.

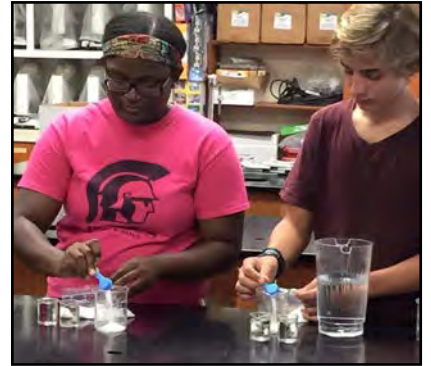




After returning to the Virgin Islands this spring, Steve (and family) started ministry again. This week the summer starts with an exciting VBS – where the kids are taken to Mt. Everest and learn that GOD is POWERFUL and MIGHTY! Steve and Cheri led the Bible Expeditions, Simon helped Hannah lead Sing and Play, Solomon assisted in Imagination Station (Science) and Oliver joined the leadership team for Glacier Games. Chloe & Theo enjoyed being VBS crew – and Chloe said, “This is the best VBS ever!”



Simon and Hannah leading Songs at VBS



Imagination Station



Glacier Games



Bible Expeditions



Campers

Children learn that God has the power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive and to love us forever! Mr. Steve changed the scene for every night. This is a set for the story of God healing Naaman.



Prayer Request

As for the ministry on St. Croix – pray as summer programs begin full swing June 15th – George’s Christian School Camp, Treasures Christian Thrift Store, Williams Delight, Boys and Girls Club – for summer on the Westside, and our continued ministries to Freewill Baptist worship and children’s ministry, Ginger Thomas, Queen Louise, Caribbean Arts, and more.



Rod & Debbie Wray
with Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Our Volleyball Girls

It has been a very exciting day for us as the director of immigration for Cayes came out to the camp this afternoon and personally delivered the remaining passports for our girls volleyball team. Thank you so much for your prayers as this is a miraculous event. For days ago, on Wednesday, it seemed hopeless as I looked at the long line of people outside the immigration office, however, Deb called and encouraged me to hang in there. Shortly after her call, around 11:00 am, I was able to speak with the director and all of a sudden he got on board and it seemed that he was determined to make it happen. He even sent his personal secretary into Port au Prince to ensure that the 6 remaining passports were printed and then brought back to Cayes.

Update: Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in getting visas for the girls from the U.S. Embassy this past week. The excitement was high after receiving the passports a week ago, and so we applied for visas Monday, hoping to make it to the big AAU tournament which starts this Monday.

Our girl's team never actually received an appointment. It just turned out that the month of June is the very busiest month for obtaining a U.S. entry Visa in Haiti. It wasn't that the team was denied visas, but rather that they couldn't squeeze us into their already booked and busy schedule. The girls were very disappointed as we all are, but we will try again some other time.

Rather than leaving early and boarding a plane for the U.S., the girls returned for practice. We had a good time together. After practice, we headed to town and had some fun together at the market.



Taking the girls out in our new truck

We had the joy of hosting another pastor and some of his congregation along with several new converts to be baptized here at Camp Mahanaim. The Laquille river was a beautiful spot for these folks to be baptized.



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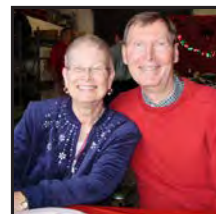
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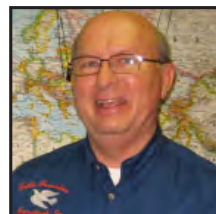
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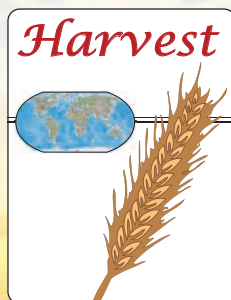


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Charlie's Champions Needs Your Help

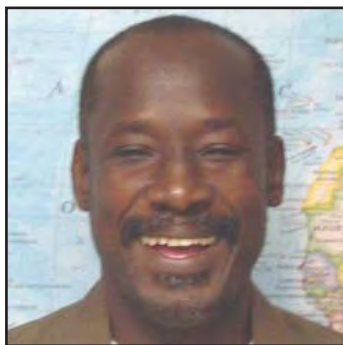
Charlie's Champions is an orphanage in Gonaives, Haiti and was started in 2004 after Hurricane Jeanne destroyed most of the city. Many children were left on the streets with no family or home to go to. Pastor Charlenour Dieudonne took it upon himself to open an orphanage where these children could have a home, food, clothing and an education.

Having enough money to meet the needs of these children has always been a challenge. With the money that Charlie receives from supporters he buys food, clothes, medicine and whatever else the children may need. This isn't even accounting for education expenses which aren't cheap.

In recent years the support has gone from being just enough to more recently falling woefully short of their need. Last month they received \$200 for the monthly support. Imagine caring for 35 children and your family on \$200. Charlie is currently not able to put the children in school as a result of the loss of support. Charlie started a peanut butter business a few years ago that was maintained by the orphans to help with their expenses. He has also tried other ventures in recent years to offset the loss of support. These efforts have not worked as planned. They need their American brothers and sisters to join them in this work with support to sustain the ministry God has trusted to them.

Prayerfully consider giving monthly support to Charlie's Champions. If you feel led to give please send your donations to Harvest and notate for "Charlie's Champions". Your support for these precious children is appreciated more than you will ever know. God bless you.

These are just a few of the children being cared for at Charlie's Champions



Pastor Charlie



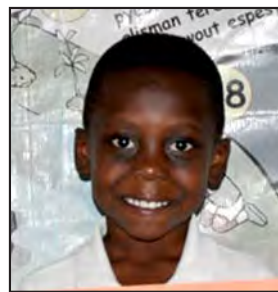
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Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

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



Stephen Self's Mission Trip to Haiti

At the end of March I went on a mission trip to Gonaives, Haiti. On this trip we had an eight person team of mostly veterans but also a couple of newbie's to Haiti missions. We had plans to do a small scale VBS with two different orphanages (Charlie's Champions & In His Hands). We also planned to do a Bible study with the teenagers at these locations as well as an afternoon study with some men and women from local churches. We planned to do house to house visitation in the afternoon and then have services in the evenings where Richard Sego our pastor from Trinity Baptist Church would preach and the team would share our individual testimonies. We had a very well developed plan. Leading up to the trip we had lots of communication between us and the missionaries on the ground in Haiti to ensure that our plan would flow seamlessly.

Travel to Haiti and then to Gonaives went very smooth. We rode in comfort in an air conditioned bus. Our 1st full day in Haiti was Saturday. We planned to have VBS with the kids and then do house to house visitation followed by church in the evening. We did the VBS and then stopped by a local pastors home to pray for his sick daughter. We all got off the bus and walked into a group of homes. We went to the pastor's home and then went inside. The room was probably 12' x 12' and it was about 98 degrees in there. We all stood around the perimeter as they brought the daughter in. She was lifeless as the father carried her in his arms. He laid her on a sheet on the floor. The Doctor on our team checked her vitals only to realize that she was already dead. This was a very intense moment as the father then had to carry the mother out of the room as she was dealing with this news. We prayed as a team with the father and Pastor Charlie. They cancelled the rest of the evening's activities. We had a team meeting that evening but everyone was struggling in dealing with the emotions from the day.

Day two was Sunday. Pastor Sego preached Sunday morning at Pastor Charlie's church. In the afternoon we did some house to house evangelism. We split into two teams and went out with translators. Each team saw someone come to accept Jesus. Everyone took part in sharing the gospel. It was great to get out and meet the people in the community and share our faith. Sunday night was at a much larger church with about 400 people. There was standing room only. Pastor Sego was set to preach again. During the worship service Pastor looks at me and lets me know he isn't feeling well. He soon transitioned to feeling very sick. We prayed for him outside of the church. He eventually went to a nearby home to lie down with a fan on him. We now believe that he was suffering from heat exhaustion. The show must go on. Three of us shared our testimonies as scheduled and we shared very transparently and from our hearts. Pastor Charlie then preached based on our testimonies on hidden sin. He had three come forward to repent of sin in their lives.

Day three we planned to start our day at In His Hands Orphanage doing a Bible study with the teenagers. We were under the impression that he only had teenagers. When we got there we realized that we were wrong. He had about 20 younger kids also. So we brainstormed. We happened to have some other teaching materials with us. We had not studied it yet but God provided grace for the moment. We realized after we were done there that the days were not long enough to do the house to house evangelism with everything else going on. We then did our 1st adult Bible study of the week. It went great! They are very hungry for God's word. They had a lot of questions about the Bible and the Christian life. In the evening Pastor Sego preached and we saw one more come to know the Lord! Day four was basically the same as day three. We just had Charlie's kids instead. We were supposed to have a completely different set of kids from our first day with them. As we were boarding the bus we realized that this was not true. We had 20 new kids and 20 kids from the previous day. This was a problem because 20 of the kids had already heard the lesson that we were prepared to teach. So we regrouped, we did a recapped of the previous lesson and taught a new lesson. The rest of the day flowed like the previous day. Adult Bible study after lunch, followed by Pastor Sego preaching and some testimony sharing. We had two more accept Christ in the service!

Day five was our last day of ministry. We had the In His Hands group. We did Bible study with the older group and Bible lesson w/ crafts with the younger group. We then did the Bible study in the afternoon. This day was supposed to be just ladies. We showed up and it was mostly ladies but there were about ten men as well. We decided to go with our previous plan and have one of our young women teach. She did a wonderful job. We had evening service with Pastor Sego preaching and the team sharing testimonies. There were three saved in the service!

Day six was spent traveling to Port au Prince and staying at World Harvest Mission. Day seven was spent traveling home. This was a great trip! There were more moments of regrouping and trusting God than I can remember being on one trip. This was also the most emotionally tasking trip I've been on. In the end we learned to trust God more, saw 8 people come to know Christ and launched a new purpose on our Haiti trips. We learned a lot about each other and what we are capable if we let God use us in HIS way.

Mission Trip to Romania

Destiney & Cassie



In July Cassie Shipley, our Child Sponsorship Coordinator, and her niece Destiney, had the exciting opportunity to go on a Mission Trip to Romania with our Missionary, Randy Bullock. They were gone for eleven days and had an experience of a life time. Read their testimonies below.

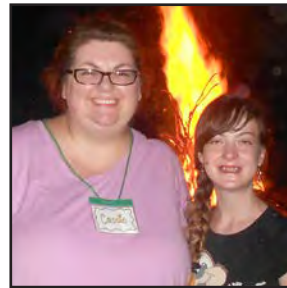
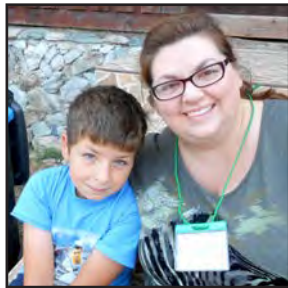


Cassie and Bianca

Unbelievable! That's the best way to describe the experience I had on the Romanian Hospice Mission Trip. I didn't really know what to expect but the trip managed to exceed my expectations anyway. The best part, of course, was the children. I will admit to having been a little nervous about ministering to people who did not speak my language. However, the language of love is universal and the children of Romania speak it well.

My favorite time was family group. This is the time you got to know the children and could have conversations with them through an interpreter. Some of the children actually spoke pretty good English and could understand well. Each one touched my heart in different ways. Two of the children who really stood out were Bianca and Andrei. Bianca had the cutest expressions and was really kind hearted. Andrei had a great sense of humor with charming dimples.

During camp I stood in front of the entire group and gave my personal testimony. Later that day I led family group and discussed what it means to accept Jesus into your heart. To my surprise the children had questions and after talking with them five gave their hearts to Christ. It was a joy to pray with them. I was honored to have this experience with them. Saying goodbye was difficult, but I have been fortunate to have many friends on Facebook. It's nice that we will be able to stay in touch and I can hopefully continue to be influential in their lives. ~ Cassie



Destiney and Narchisa

Let me start off by thanking you all for your love, prayers and financial support. I am happy to say I had a safe trip there and back! All with the exception of temporarily losing half of my luggage while at camp. I completely fell in love with all of the kids, and had the best experience I think I could've had. One of my favorite memories was teaching "This Little Light Of Mine" song and hand motions to the little ones I had in my family group. I also had the chance to bond with one of the little girls, Narchisa. She stole my heart right from the beginning! Everyday I was there I looked forward to seeing her beautiful smile and big hugs. All in all, each and every child was adorable and special in their own way. I wish I could've taken them all home with me! Being able to share the love of Christ with these kids made this one of the best summers of my life. Thank you again for making this experience possible! ~ Destiney



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Awesome summer, interesting summer! God is in control...lesson 1. No matter how the best laid plans are laid out...God has a very big sense of humor and is adept at getting our attention... Four days after I arrived in Romania with two summer interns, Ruth Anna Housand and Sara Johnson, my faithful Van died.... Well, in Romania you just don't run down to the local dealership and pick up another one. The search begins and meanwhile we have teams coming. God provided with a team and borrowed vehicles and walking and taxis and trams. The first team was from Southeastern University in Lakeland FL. They did two VBS's one in Dumbrava and the other in Ceica. The new van arrived from Germany two days before Hospice camp. It was a Godsend. It is a 2012 Ford Transit. The team from Richfork Baptist Church arrived for Hospice Camp and what an awesome week with very special children. Then, after we took the team from Richfork back to the airport, we stayed the night in Budapest. The next morning we were off for Odessa Ukraine to the House of Hope. We had a wonderful week there with Viktor and the boys. After a week in Odessa we flew back to Budapest and back to Romania. We were home for a day then packed up and off to camp with the children from Dumbrava, Danni and Lavi are the directors, to the center working with the gypsy children. It was a wonderful week with the children from Dumbrava. Got home and start getting ready for music camp in Bistrita. We had Patrick Figgat from Richfork NC and Kelly Miller and her daughter, Madelyn, from Daytona Beach Fl, come to help out with the music camp. We had three bell choirs come together for the first Handbell festival in Romania. Then we gave a concert in Bistrita in a church that was built in the 1500's. It was beautiful! An Awesome sound! After that, we had a workshop in Timisoara for three days working with the children's groups and teaching. It was a great summer, many children came to know the Lord in the camps and VBSs. Our Romanian team outdid themselves once again, as they sacrificed non-stop all summer long. Thank you team!! Thanks to everyone who prayed for us this summer, we had many answers to prayers. I would also like to ask for your prayers for the refugee problem in Hungary. It is a huge problem that is not going away, as the people are traveling through trying to get to Germany.



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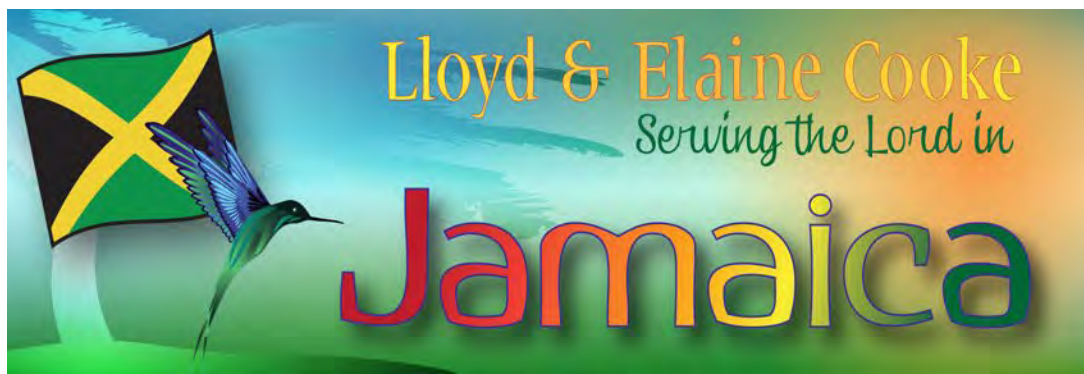
Harvesting at Home LAUNCH PARTY



On August 7, 2015 Harvesting at Home hosted a Launch Party to kick start their new ministry. The community was invited to attend with their children to do a craft project. "This Little Light Of Mine" was the theme and the little kids got to decorate a mason jar to put a tea light in and eat cupcakes.



Thank you to all who came out to our launch party! We had a great time with the kids and can't wait to see how God is going to use each of them. Sorry to those that weather held up. We will try to have a get together once in a while to touch base. Please check out our page to sign up or call if you need help. A special Thanks to Frankie, for opening up her kitchen for all the cupcake craziness the night before... a special thanks to Ethel and Cassie, for always making yourself available for set up, clean up and support. Thank you Danny for your support and making this all possible. ~ Yvonne



SHOWERS

Elaine and I are seated at our front door enjoying a heavy shower of rain. She is thrilled whenever rain falls: reminds her of her youth, when she would go and curl up in bed once rain began to fall.

The long drought has afflicted most areas of the island, and has devastated our agricultural areas and crops. Our vegetable producing parish has been especially hit hard. This has caused in some cases a doubling of prices in the market and supermarkets. Our already over-stretched dollar is about to burst, having devalued to a rate of J\$1.00 to US\$118.00. Meaning that the Jamaican dollar can only buy us 1.18 cents US. We thank God that some of this rain has also fallen in the catchment areas around Kingston, but not enough to end the drought. They have had to suffer lock-offs every other day: some had water only every two days. While we thank God for the drops, we wish that the showers may truly fall, and especially in the spiritual realm.

While our government is still resisting foreign political pressures to change our laws to allow legalization of homosexuality and same-sex marriage, many of our North-American and European influenced intelligentsia have rejected Bible-based morality, and see Christians and others who seek to maintain Biblical morality as old-fashioned, and behind-the-times. The recent visit of the President of the USA was partly to add his voice to the others, and to push our government to change our "old-fashioned attitudes." Pray we be strengthened to believe that spiritual showers will continue to fall upon our land, and that the spiritual drought afflicting many countries may not come our way.

Showers have also been falling in our Caribbean region recently, in the form of Hurricane Erica. Though, fortunately, Jamaica was not affected, nevertheless our Caribbean neighbours were. For us it was especially difficult to hear of the damage and loss of life in the Eastern Caribbean island of Dominica, especially since this was the Island that we spent three summer holidays and over two years as pioneer church-planting missionaries in the late 1960s to early 1970s. The most badly affected location, Petite Savanne, is only a few kilometres from (Berrecoa), Grand Bay where we lived and planted a church.

We are in touch with a Dominican brother, whom Lloyd met at the Conference he attended near Rome in June. He shares that though none of the Church-members were killed, many lost relatives. Some bodies are still under the rubble and landslides in the village. The village is cut off from the rest of the country, and is accessible only by sea or by helicopter. The government has taken the decision to evacuate the village until roads and other amenities can be restored. If Lloyd were twenty (20) years younger he would surely be on a plane leading a team heading to Dominica to help in relief work, as he had done many times in the past after hurricanes in Haiti, Montserrat and in the south of Miami after hurricane Andrew in 1992. Do stand with our fellow believers and others in Dominica, and assist practically where you can.

Lloyd is preparing to resume teaching responsibilities at Regent College of the Caribbean. He will be teaching a new Missions course. He has also been asked at short notice to teach another course (O.T. Survey) for three weeks until the lecturer returns from India, where his sick father has delayed his return. Do pray that Lloyd will handle this double responsibility successfully.

Much of this summer Lloyd spent finishing up a new missions book on a Jamaican planter family and their exploits for God, both in Jamaica and in many other countries beyond our shores. He has been doing the research and writing for over a year. The book is about five cousins who were missionaries, simultaneously, during the early to late 1900s in Africa, China, Ecuador and Peru. He completed the book last week and is now preparing it for publication. Pray that he will find the right publisher who will assume the costs and responsibilities of publication and marketing.

Elaine was busy through the summer with Vacation Bible Schools and other children ministries through her church. With schools reopening this week she is ready to contact schools again concerning her medical and spiritual sexual abstinence program. Pray that opportunities would be given her to share in the schools again this year.

We ask you to give thanks with us for all God's mercies, provisions, and blessings showered upon us. For the opportunity Lloyd had to visit Rome and London this summer for a conference in the former place; and for the blessings of the Keswick spiritual life conference here in Mandeville in July that so blessed God's people. Pray that we will have the vision and strength for each day, to allow us to go on serving the Lord and people in all the varied ways He allows us to do. May you all walk with Him as closely and faithfully as you can each day, and may you do His will as he shows you how, for His glory.



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Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



“The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” ~ Zephaniah 3:17

THE FINAL CHAPTER

Everything on this earth has a beginning and end. Twenty years ago there was a great beginning of the Good Samaritan Sponsorship project, supporting orphans with school fees so they can attend school. Now the end of this journey is upon us. As of the end of this year, GSSP will come to an end. Our Lord Jesus has seen fit to use it to educate over 280 students in so many levels of education, from primary school to University, graduate work, pastor preparation and doctor preparation. As of the end of this year there will still be only a few students under our support. Pastor Sam and Zoe have had to move on to live in Kampala, over 160 miles from Ft. Portal in order for him to take care of his ailing 94 year old mother. He has given up the pastor-ship of the new Life Presbyterian Church, but in God’s perfect timing his son in law has been called to pastor the church.

We want to thank all of you who have supported this wonderful ministry of mercy for all these years, in so many ways: prayer, financial, material goods, and trips with us to our adopted land. We have grown as a couple because of our association with this project and have success stories to speak of, but of course there are also disappointments from our standpoint, but from God’s, nothing is lost in His economy of things.

Your support would be appreciated until the end of the year. We have a reserve of funds which will carry all the students that are finishing to the termination of their education. We cannot thank you enough for what you all have done to support us. Words fall so very short but our hearts are full of joy for you and you’ve all accomplished through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A movement has been started in Ft. Portal with many of the graduates of the project to accumulate their money on a monthly basis to support orphans, in effect to pay back to God for others for what God has done for them. How beautiful is that, they have caught the vision for mercy. With that we say THANK YOU AND JESUS BLESS!





These past three months have been among our busiest this year. July marked the end of our three years of ministry at the Eastern highlands town of Rusape. We met at several venues and under different conditions during that time. We also held our last Bible study with the residents of the senior citizens village in Rusape where we rented an apartment these past three years (much cheaper than staying at a guesthouse). They said farewell with tea, followed by Bible study, after which they served soup and rolls. We'll return sometime, in the Lord's will, to encourage, challenge and fellowship with them.



In August one of our appointments was an invitation from one of the past attendees of our classes in Chegutu. This Pastor had started a ministry in Makonde District, a rural area of Mashonaland West, and asked us to speak at a Church Conference there. What we were told was a 1.5 hour, 45 km. drive from the town of Chinoyi, turned out to be 65 km. and took us almost 3.5 hours over the most horrendous roads. Those more acquainted with the area wisely use donkey carts – they travel faster than us too! But the beauty of the countryside and the thankfulness and hospitality of the residents made the trip worthwhile.



This hut serves during the week as a school for 65 of the community's pre-school age children and Church sanctuary on Sundays. Please pray for Pastor & Mrs Muchena as they serve in this community with very little resources.

In September God gave us much grace as we got back on the road, to Chegutu and on to Gweru, all the while trying to get as much news as we possibly could about Dolly's home island of Dominica that has suffered terrible infrastructural damage and the loss of over 30 lives from severe flooding and widespread landslides in the aftermath of the Erika and two other tropical weather systems. After about three days, our children were able to make contact with us and confirm that they were all well and are now part of the relief and restoration process. Please pray for Dominica and its people whose livelihood depended on Eco-tourism.



The children of the Haven and Fresh Start homes enjoyed a visit from a mission team of eighteen in July. This was our largest team to date, and many of us agree it was the best trip ever. Nearly half the team members have visited the home multiple times, so there were sweet reunions as well as new friendships formed. The ministry activities and divine appointments were too numerous to list, so here is a sampling without elaboration: Tire swings hung from trees; soccer cleats distributed to players; murals painted on walls; the sick received medical treatment; abundant craft projects enjoyed; neighbors visited; food distributed to the poor; gifts exchanged; Sunday school lessons taught; good meals shared; celebrations made; cooking lessons received; The Lion King viewed; ropes jumped; marbles shot; books read; students tutored; and lots of photos taken. God is so good to provide such opportunities to minister, to share the gospel, and to encourage one another.



The 2015 Team



This year we reached the 10th anniversary since Pam and I moved to Kenya to establish the Haven, so it was befitting to have an anniversary celebration while we were all together. The menu included kuku and chips (fried chicken and french fries), sodas, and cake. The celebration was complete with lots of dancing and singing; testimonies from two of our university students, Allan and Pauline, who came to the Haven in 2005; glow sticks for the little kids; and the launching of sky lanterns that landed in the nearby cornfield... oops. A few of our students in a nearby boarding school were granted permission to come home for the celebration. We invited Mary Bahati, the founder of Fresh Start and the overseer of the home, but we intentionally did not invite other special guests because we wanted to give our undivided attention to the children. The celebration was a big success!

Please keep the children and caregivers in your prayers. In November the eighth graders will take the national comprehensive exam to determine if they will be invited to attend high school. Financial needs continue to grow as more and more students enter boarding schools, trade schools, colleges, and universities. We thank the Lord for the recent provision of scholarships for four students, Allan (political science), Florence (education and library science), Mary Mercy (secretarial certificate), and Hassan (auto mechanics). The Lord has also provided new school shoes, sweaters, and uniforms. Outstanding needs to be met include electrical rewiring of the home, a mini-bus, and school fees for the new school year in January.



Allan speaking



Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support to care for the children of The Haven and Fresh Start homes. God is doing a mighty work among them!



Audley McLean

Reaching our World by Radio



For us who live in the Southern part of the world these are the days of the beginning of the fall (autumn) season. By the time many of you read this letter, the evenings will have already begun to get dark earlier and the hours of sunshine fewer. The approaching longer, darker nights are fit reminders of spiritual darkness pervading our world. The darkness is intensifying! The airways, the newspapers and all of cyber space shriek with the terrors of the darkness.

During Isaiah's ministry, there was a time when he wrote of the cry of the people as they enquired of the watchman on the city's wall: "Watchman, what is left of the night?" (Isaiah 21: 11). They were concerned for their safety. They were anxious for the dawn.

Attacks of the evil one are definitely intensifying in our world. Sometimes we can feel it in the dark circumstances of our lives. We too might ask the prophets among us: "Watchman, what is left of the night?" (Isaiah 21: 11)

We thank God for you and every dear listener, who spend time studying God's Word and praying with us as we shine the light. You lift our spirits and encourage us in this ministry of The Bible Speaks. You will never know how refreshing it is to get letters like this one from the Caribbean. *"Listened to your broadcast on the opening verses of Romans 5. Thanks for reminding us of some of the blessings that accompany salvation. May the Holy Spirit continue to use your gift and opportunity (for service) to bless His people and bring light and life to those still struggling in darkness."*

Thank you dear listener for your lovely letter. You listener...every listener...you are the reason we are on the air. And standing behind us are members of our Board of Directors. When you pray for us and thank God for this ministry, please think of them as well.

We are all in this together, and we are all excited about getting the job done, the job of sending forth the message of the Gospe, the Gospel light, into a world of darkness that we see, is getting darker by the hour.

Please keep listening and please keep writing, inviting others to listen, as we endeavor to keep proclaiming to enlighten the many in need of God's Gospel light.

Again, thanks for praying. Thanks for giving. Thanks for listening and thanks for writing to The Bible Speaks.

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India Bound

I hear the engines roaring, the time has finally arrived, and I'm excited, about what the Lord is going to do on this trip. The Lord has filled my heart to overflowing and I'm ready to pass it on.

Pastor Sharath has many of his 70 churches lined up to preach at and the home meetings are going to be great this year.

Sharath has a brother who lives in Dubai, heading up a work there and he said we could go there this year. That is where the tallest building in the world is, where Tom Cruise made a movie. Well I think Jesus can save more people in a day, than that building can hold.

The Lord has brought in some extra money to do some some special things, and He will bring in more money during my six month stay to bless the people in India.

Thank you for your support,
Rev. Ray B. Nelson





Tom & Ginger Schmidt

with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

**Serving the Lord
in Haiti**



Shiloh Children's Home children are happy and healthy, Praise the LORD!

Jason's had a fun summer practicing walking and even a little "running" with his kids-size soccer ball! He turned 10 in July!

Maurice is six and has been working hard pulling himself up and focusing to move his legs while hanging onto a person or walker. He's also having fun learning to speak some new words: mama, papa, all the workers names, ball, cup, numbers & letters, etc! He and Jason got to have a 'hilarious' time in SCH truck driving around the area, honking the horn, laughing hysterically! Maurice even copied Papa Tom shifting by pulling it out of gear many times! Maybe Caleb can go next time, with a helper/holder.

Caleb is nine and is making progress. He loves Papa Tom, smiling and turning towards him whenever he comes in their room. We would like to get him a regular riding schedule on the neighboring donkey as we've been told that can be excellent therapy for all the SCH children!



Jason walking



Maurice with Papa Tom



Caleb

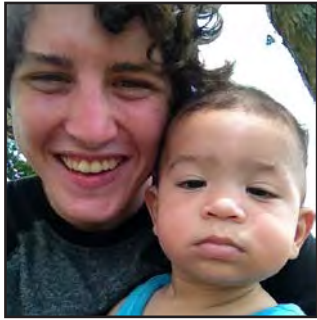
We had our geological survey done this spring and just recently got the results. The team came and checked many spots around SCH and the surrounding areas. They worked hard to try and find a source of water for us, but they found only a slim possibility of a poor water source at 900'. So we are now focusing efforts on collecting water in a large cistern. We could make a 10-15,000 gallon cement holding tank, above ground, it would solve much of the water needs and the surface would double as a mud-free area for washing & hanging laundry. Please pray with us concerning the funds for this and wisdom as to exactly how big to make it most effective for SCH needs. To GOD be the GLORY!!!

These two photos are just examples of what the cistern would look like.





For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Php 1:21



Simon with Cannon. This Summer gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. God saved him! Recently, he has been given the opportunity to teach at FWB Youth for 2 Wed. nights.

Hockey at Queen Louise Home for Children. We were allowed to attend each Friday during the Summer to teach Bible lessons & play Sports.

Treasure's Thrift is going strong. Proceeds from the store go to help youth, adults and families in need. As a family it has been a blessing to serve along side Gabrielle, Hannah and the entire Treasure's team.



Big Red Soccer Ball, Sack Races & Tug of War games. The children had a blast working as a team for victory.



Teaching at the Boys & Girls Club in Frederiksted.

Simon lead by the Power of the Holy Spirit proclaims God's truth.

Genvi teaching about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead to the children at Queen Louise Home for Children.

Steve teaching R U A Good Person Gospel message. Lots of participation from the children.



Rod & Debbie Wray with Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



We have had an excellent summer and finished with some very good camps in August. We realized that our turtles weren't living well because of the shortage of natural food in our turtle pond, so we decided to do a pond makeover and with the help of many hands in less than a month it went from the "turtle pond" to "the lake".



First we had to remove the grass and weeds from the pond. Then we caught the turtles and released them into the Caribbean. Next we put down gravel and then sand to build the beach. Finally the lake has become a great area for water activities and lots of fun.

Our girls volleyball team (the Angels) won the regional championship, so we took them to Port au Prince for the national championships. They were held at the new Olympic center in Port au Prince and we had a great time, and the Angels came in 6th overall, which was great considering their age.



We were so thankful that we could have three camps this summer with the kids from the Renault Sunday school program. The kids were great, and they are learning so much about God. This lesson was about how our lives change completely when God lives inside us, like the caterpillar into the butterfly. We are also thankful for the projector and Christian videos that help keep the kids keep focused at Sunday school.



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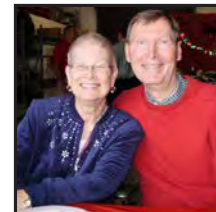
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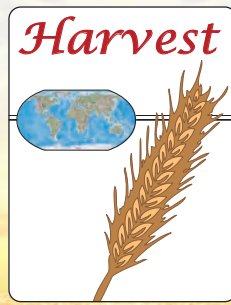
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2015 Annual Open House







Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone! 2015 has been a very interesting year. We had a wonderful summer! The teams from Southeastern University in Lakeland Florida did two VBS in two villages, Dumbrava and Ceica. Then we did Hospice Camp in Buteni with the team from Richfork Baptist Church from Thomasville NC. We assisted with a camp for the children from Dumbrava, with Danny and Lavi. They are doing a great job with the children there.

Then we were off to Odessa, Ukraine to the House of Hope. We got to see Viktor and some of the boys. We were able to go to a camp where they take the children from the state orphanages and spend some time with them, as they all love Viktor. Then we spent a day with Alyona and Slavik. They were doing a camp for the displaced children from the Donbas region of Eastern Ukraine.

We returned to Romania to have the Handbell Festival in Bistrita with Ms. Kelly Miller and her daughter Madeline, and Mr. Patrick Figgatt. We had the first Bell Festival in Romania with three Bell choirs from around the country.

I want to thank everyone who had a part in helping us get a new van this summer as the old one died. Thank you! It is a huge part of the ministry as we travel and transport children all over Romania.

I want to say a big “Thank you” to my two summer interns this year, Ruth Anna and Sara Johnson, for all their help and patience. It was a difficult summer with the van breaking down and plans having to be adjusted and walking and taking taxis. Great job...Thank you!! Also for the Romanian team that made everything flow and come together, with translation, discipline, and guidance.....Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of the ministry this year. Your prayers and gifts have had a big impact on the lives of so many children in Romania. This year we have seen so many conflicts around the world, with wars and battles, and it has left a lot of people displaced. This summer and fall we saw firsthand the refugee situation Hungary. As this situation grows we are looking for ways to help and reach out. I’m asking that you will pray with us as we search for ways to best help in this situation as each country tries to help these people. I’m reminded of Matthew 22:37, 39. *37 Jesus said “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” 39 And the second is like it; “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”.*

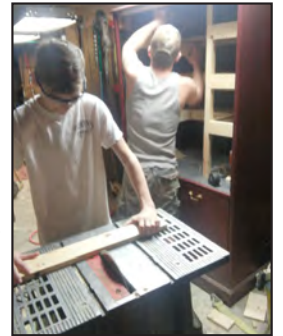
Then in Luke chapter 2:10 *Then the angel said to them “Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.” Luke 2:14 Glory to god in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.* We need some peace and goodwill in this world, but it begins with Love, the kind of Love that we find in Matthew 22. Let’s put Christ first in our hearts and lives this coming year.





First and foremost, we want to give God honor and glory for all He is doing through Harvesting at Home. He has blessed us with an incredible community of love and support. Without your prayers and financial gifts, H.A.H. would not exist.

Shortly after our launch this year, we began envisioning a food pantry that we could keep fully stocked to meet individual needs as they came. As we began dipping our feet a little deeper into the community, God began sending certain individuals into our path. Soon we had the avenues, contacts and even the cabinet that was needed. God is good!



The guys began designing the most efficient shelving and slide out system possible for our cabinet. As the week nights and weekends went, the cabinet was soon complete. At a whopping 300+ pounds! I happily say, thank the Lord for muscle and the invention of wheels... haha! We pray that this cabinet always have exactly what is needed when it is needed.

With Thanksgiving approaching quickly and Christmas a breath after... we knew we wanted to continue with our traditional plans of working with families who foster children. God had other plans this year, as that door was closed and new doors opened. We ended up in a street parking lot on Thanksgiving, helping feed the homeless. God continued leading the way from there and sent us 12 families to bless for Christmas. I admit, at this point I had feelings of doubt. Could this task really be completed in such a short amount of time? Lord I believe, help my unbelief.

Within 15-20 minutes of posting the list of needs for these families, over half of the items were being donated. A few more days passed and we had everything we needed. God is good! Some of our local support group gathered together and helped prepare boxes of groceries, gifts and toiletry items. Just as God does, a little icing on the cake (or a little bow on the package) last minute donations were made and two families will have electricity for the next month.

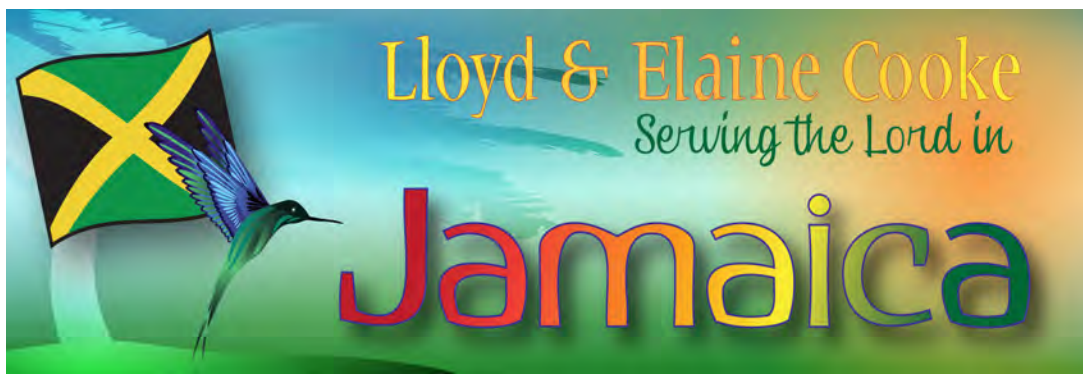


I bring this to a close, as I am sitting in my warm living room, on my cozy couch with all the signs of Christmas around me. I am reminded of why our family celebrates this season and what the birth of Christ means to me. I think of the individuals we have met these last couple months, the heart wrenching stories that we have heard and I pray that just one life will be changed, one story end a little different, one Christmas be a little more special.

We thank you again for helping bring the love of Jesus to our community and covet your continued prayers for the new year.



Blessings to you and a Merry Christmas, The Carreiro Family



The Poinsettia blooms in our garden are ravishing; the 'snow on the mountain' shrubs light up even the nights. Birds are playing in pools of water from recent rain, and are shaking their feathers in delight. There is a chill in the air that make us feel like we are in the U.S. These are signs that Christmas is in the air. But we do miss the Christmas carols. They seem to have disappeared, even from Christian radio and T.V., and seem to reveal the greater commercialism of the season.

The local Baptist church had its first Christmas family gathering event last Friday. It's Families in Crisis focus sought to show the family-friendliness of Christmas. It was a welcome and much appreciated innovative event. Elaine and I are looking forward to the 'Singphony' on Sunday at the United Church in Mandeville. It is a much treasured and looked-forward to musical treat, with much audience participation.

Our local Ministers Association will be having its annual Christmas Social and dinner on Monday, Dec. 14th at the Catholic Retreat Centre. Lloyd just recently stepped down from the Executive. We welcome all of these events that focus on the spiritual aspects of the season. It has been a good year for Elaine and me, and the Lord has blessed us with good health, and also enabled us to contribute in meaningful ways to the work of the Kingdom of the Lord here in Jamaica.

At the College where Lloyd teaches he has been deeply enjoyed his interactions with the students. Thank God that there are still many committed young people ready to step in to replace us who are near the end of our service in the Gospel. Lloyd has been able to see fulfilled a long desire to have the College reintroduce a Children's Ministries Course. This he will help to teach, beginning in January, with two of the others who helped him design the course. We pray that the Lord may bless this course greatly to the salvation of many children to Christ, both inside and outside of our churches. Pray with us that this may be so.

The highlight of the year for Lloyd was the International Missionary Conference, outside Rome, Italy; and the visit on the way home with colleagues and former students in London and Birmingham, England. His visit to Shakespeare's birthplace was a special highlight.

Elaine's various efforts with the children and youth, in the schools to which she got access, were very fruitful in the large numbers responding to both the abstinence message and gospel messages. But a concern is the lack of adequate follow-up. Pray for this. You have been part and parcel of each of these ministry outreaches, by your faithful partnership with us by your prayers and gifts. We thank God for you, and we wish you and your families the greatest experiences of Love and Joy in the Lord during this Christmas season.

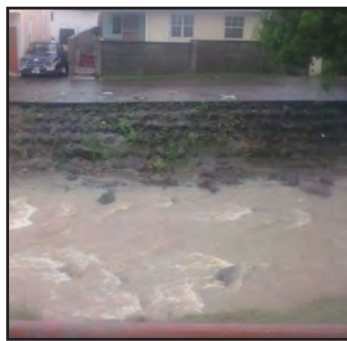






Just three days ago, we returned from our two-month trip to Grenada and Dominica which the Lord graciously made possible through the generous gift of airline tickets from a partnering Church and friends. This came when we least expected it, but at a time when we felt a compelling desire to visit loved ones, particularly in Dominica which had just been struck by a storm that dumped record rainfall. The result was mass destruction of roads, walls, bridges and buildings, and the loss of almost forty lives.

We praise God that He kept our family there safe but they too had anxious moments. Just a mere thirty yards away, they saw a bridge (their footpath from the main road) being washed away by the flood waters. Normally very quiet stream, it had become a fierce and angry torrent. Thankfully, our family did not have to use the escape route they had mapped out had the flood waters risen any higher. We are grateful to the Lord for the good times we shared together, including hearing their stories. Thanks for all of you who prayed for them and us during this time.



The damage to the island was unbelievable but now most roads are now accessible, although some villages are still cut off. Yet, the resilience and determination of the people are exemplary and life is returning to normal although there is still very much to be done. We pray that this experience will drive them to a pure faith in the Lord.

The re-dedication of the Church building in Grenada went very well. We were amazed at the high quality of organization and execution of the program. However, they understand that the real

work is now ahead of them – that of “teaching the Word and reaching the world”; and that this would be accomplished, not by natural ability or human enterprise, but by the Spirit of the Lord empowering and using them.

We are grieved at what we see in so many parts of the Church today. It seems that we work so hard at settling down into a life of ease and comfort that the rigors of the Gospel call are greatly diluted. Perhaps we have created a brand of Christianity with a jealously-guarded space around ourselves, and anything that threatens it is seen incompatible with the faith and therefore offensive. Worse yet, we call upon the very Lord for preservation from such encroachment, and this becomes a cause to which we dedicate ourselves. Christ, therefore, has at best a secondary place in His own Church – perhaps, for some, He is no more than a convenient figure-head.

One of the things that struck us on our recent trip was how warmly we were received wherever we went. Surely, the Lord must have prepared their hearts beforehand. Yes, God is good and we do not exaggerate when we say we feel very, very privileged to be His missionaries. And you, dearest friend, are being used by Him to bless us in so many ways, not least of which is your generosity in friendship and love.

All those who know the Lord understand, in some measure, the prophet’s words in Is. 9:6, “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.*” Yes, it’s unto us, His children, today and throughout the ages.

May this Christmas be your most meaningful yet, as the Lord reveals to you a deeper measure of the fullness of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May the government of our lives come under His government in ever-increasing measure. Let us truly call Him Lord. To Him be the glory forever and ever.





Alan & Pam May

Serving the Lord in
Kenya



The children of the Haven and Fresh Start homes are out of school for the month of December, and the government of Kenya urges orphanages to make provision for the children to visit their respective home places at this time. So, Christmas Day will be quiet at the children's home in Jua Kali because most, if not all, of the kids will be visiting their extended family members. We have often wondered about this practice. It is what the government wants, so we comply. In many cases, it is good for the children to maintain connections with their relatives, but we always wonder about the conditions some children are subjected to when they are sent home. Please join us in prayer for the children to travel safely and to be protected from any unsafe environment or unsafe people.

A friend of the ministry has taken the initiative to raise support for the children to have a kuku and chips (fried chicken and french fries) Christmas dinner when they return from their home visits and to provide a small Christmas bonus to the staff. We are grateful for such expressions of love!

I am currently reading LOVE WALKED AMONG US, Learning to Love Like Jesus by Paul E. Miller, and I am learning new things and relearning old lessons, namely that the children of the Haven and Fresh Start are the Lord's children, and it is my privilege to be a part of this ministry. While I often feel the heavy burden of wondering (worrying) how the children will be fed, clothed, and educated, such provision is completely under the jurisdiction of Jehovah Jireh. Each year as the children grow older, more and more of them enter into high school. We are anticipating thirty-six students to be in high school in the new year. That's a full 1/3 of the children of the home! I have no idea how the children are going to be fed in January, much less how \$36,000 will be supplied to pay school fees at \$1,000 per high school student, but I take comfort in knowing their provision will be from God's hand. Will you consider being an instrument in the hand of God to meet the needs of these children? Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated. You may earmark your gift for The Haven... Harvest International, P.O. Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478-6690





Each year, many of us ask the philosophical question; “Where has this year gone?” I am no exception. The statement that frequently follows the question is: “Each year Christmas seems to come more quickly.” I am no exception. I ask the question and I make the statement. But I have learned to measure the year, not by its seemingly increasing speed of appearance and disappearance. If you ask by what measure then do I account for the months and weeks and days? I will tell you by the accomplishments but, more importantly, by the quality of those accomplishments. As I think of accomplishments however, I will assure you that I have no skill or even the right to attempt those measurements. In fact, God Himself reserves the right to make the measurements.

What I want to share with you is the evidences of His gracious dealings with us during the fleeting days of 2014. We are amazed by His condescension to use us and His abounding grace which allowed us a place to work in His garden. Paul tells us “Ye are God’s husbandry (garden plot)”. What a privilege!

One of the first evidences of His kindness to us was that February night when Danny Thomas announced our names, at the annual banquet of Harvest International, as its newest missionaries. That is a minor miracle, because as we looked around the audience, it was safe to conclude that I was the most senior person in the room. Now that did not apply to my Darling wife. She was a better fit in the large group who gathered to hear of the great movements of God in His vast mission field. Beverley and I are continually grateful for the bonds of love that enfold us in the Harvest family. Each member of the entire Harvest family has ministered to us as we have attempted to carry out the Lord’s directive to us. We have felt the hand of God through them. Another expression of God’s kind encouragement has been the responses from listeners who have assured us of God’s blessing on them through the broadcasts. I can hardly express enough thanks to God for the men and women who came alongside me and to my rescue in the broadcast ministry. Particular gratitude to Ed Cromer and Joe Frantz. Ed for getting the broadcast together and Joe for making sure it was o line on the harvest web site. What a blessing. People all over the world now listen to The Bible Speaks and Words of Inspiration.

When at times it seemed like we would not be able to pay for air time, many of you came through and you became the hands of God to us. The board of The Bible Speaks held us up in prayer and financial support and we are immensely grateful for them. This fast, fast year has been also a full, full one. We have shared with you before, our heart’s desire to be part of the team that carries the saving message of Christ to nations in the great Continent of Africa. That desire was encouraged as we had the pleasure of meeting with Brother and sister Dahn and Dolly Lalsee, Harvest missionaries to Zimbabwe, as well as Brother Fabiola, Missionary to Nigeria.

Our desire to broadcast in Africa began to come even closer as I was invited by Trans World Radio (TWR) to be part of their Media Ministries conference, celebrating sixty years of carrying the Gospel to the world. For three days, I heard and saw a glimpse of what God is doing l over the world as TWR carries the good news in 230 languages and growing every year. I heard from 29 different missionaries who are dedicated to the task of touching lives in places where no missionary are unable to go. We were reminded that many, many people groups are not able to read, have no television access, but they can listen. I was moved, challenged and committed all over new.

I sat with brothers and sisters from the countries on which our eyes are focused. What a blessing! To God be the glory!

Well, the TWR connection did not end there. To our delight, Brother Roy Wykoff of TWR agreed to be our keynote speaker for our first annual Radio ministry banquet. That was a blessed event and we expect great things from our great God.

As we continue to go into all the world, we invite you to stand with us. To get into Africa, we really do need your prayers and financial support. Do stand with us. God bless each one of you.





The past few months have been filled with lots of traveling throughout India, spreading the good Word and praying with those in need. I feel very blessed to have the opportunities to be a witness here.



Thank you for your continued support.
I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



Tom & Ginger Schmidt

with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

Serving the Lord
in Haiti



Christmas is a special time for many in Haiti! Haitian Christians celebrate by rising very early for worship services to celebrate the greatest gift to mankind: our Savior, Jesus Christ! In some cities and rural villages throughout the country one devout believer will leave their little home at 3-4 AM and walk to the home of the next closest parishioner, singing Christmas Carols along the way. They continue on, serenading and adding members until they all reach the church. They then have a 2-3hr worship service (before the work day begins) praising GOD for his Mercy and Grace in their lives! This will go on for several days or more! until Christmas Day. It is very exciting and refreshing to be a part of such sincere 'Christ worship' that is heartfelt and not connected to any sort of holiday materialism.

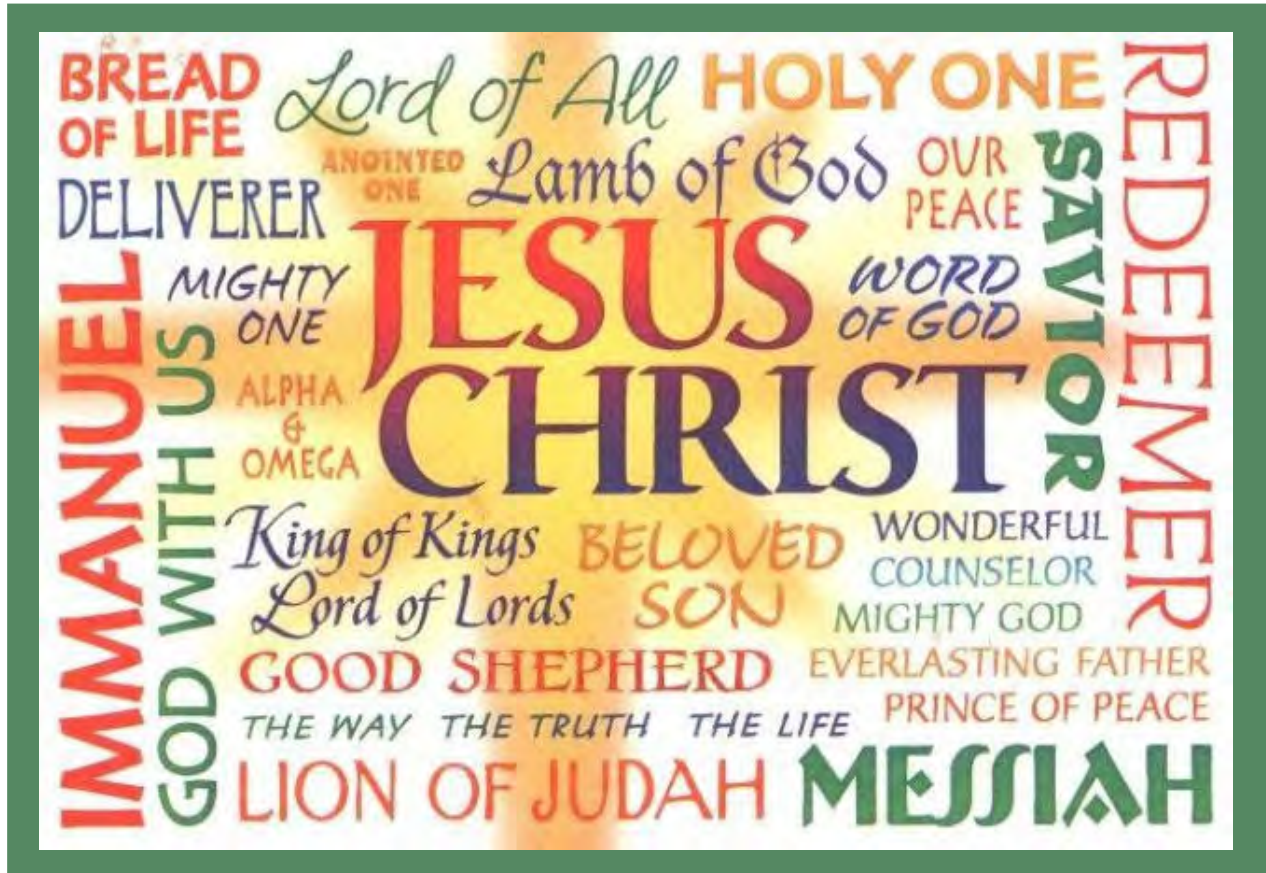
At Shiloh Children's Home the children feel loved and cherished every day! Still they do get a special meal on Christmas Day with extra treats, which they truly enjoy!

Our greatest need continues to be getting water for the Home. Tom will be going down with our son, Joshua, in January for three weeks. We will work on upkeep of the building as well as replacing gutters and adding another cistern. This is necessary since the geological survey showed that drilling a well in our zone would be a wasted effort.

Our goal, Lord willing, in 2016 will include constructing a large cistern to hold enough rain water to meet the needs of SCH during the dry season. If possible we even hope to have extra water, that we can filter, to sell (for a very modest price) to the community. That would not only bless the community, but would provide a little extra money for fresh fruits & vegetables for SCH; a constant need.

May the LORD bless YOU each day as you Live for HIM!





*Thank you for your prayers and support.
A Merry blessed Christmas*



*from the Westbrooks Family on St. Croix
Steve, Cheri, Isabelle, Simon, Salomon, Oliver, Chloe & Theo*



Rod & Debbie Wray
with Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



We wish you a very special Christmas as we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Carly and Eylar Zielke and their three children, Wyatt, Sawyer and Ellyanna live on a beautiful acreage near Kamloops. Eylar is a carpenter and he works at the local gold mine.

Christie and Dan Folkman live in Langley where Dan is a manager in an accounting firm and Christie continues to work as a R.N.

Tim is 24 and is attending the University of British Columbia in the Physiotherapy program.

Kara is 22 years old and has lived in Kelowna, British Columbia for the past few years. She is now moving to Calgary Alberta, and hopes to begin an apprenticeship.

Katie is 12 and is doing great. This year Katie changed to a new online school (Heritage Christian school) and she works hard each day to accomplish all her assignments.

We (Rod and Debbie) are doing well. We are thankful for the Lord's care and guidance in many ways throughout this past year. We traveled home to British Columbia a few times, including the most recent trip in November for Rod's mom's funeral. In October we enjoyed going to a missions conference in Missouri and visiting many friends. In Haiti, it has been an exciting year, especially regarding the Renault Sunday school program. Being able to have the children come for a week at camp plus seeing their love and respect for God, has been a blessing.



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from the
Wray family.

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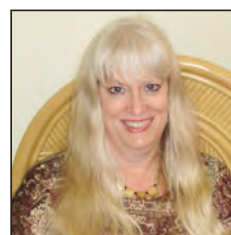


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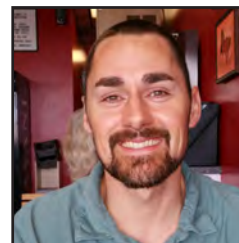
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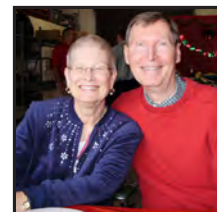
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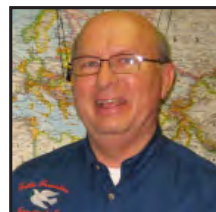
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