

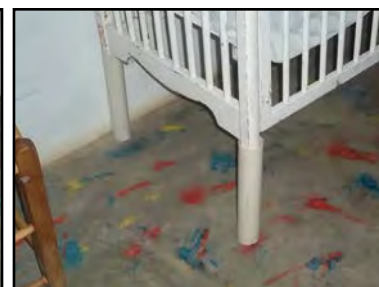
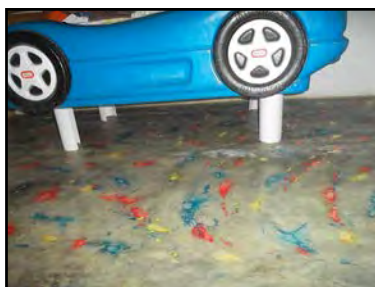


Tom & Ginger Schmidt
with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

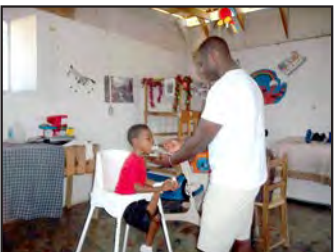
Serving the Lord
in Haiti



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



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



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

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





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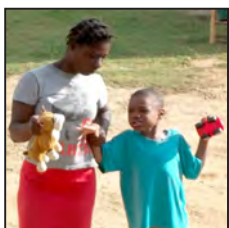
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Caleb

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

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



Jason

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



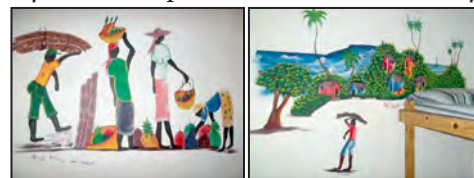
Maurice

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

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



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



Prayer Requests

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



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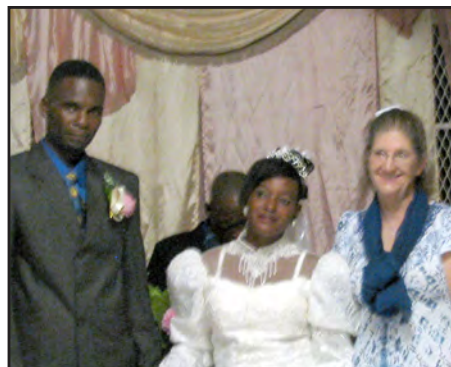
SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME

The Schmidt Family in Haiti

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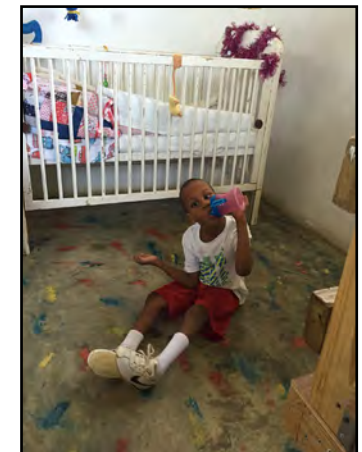
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In Christ's love and service, Tom & Ginger, JoHannah, Jeremy & Joshua

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

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

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

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



Jason



Maurice



Caleb