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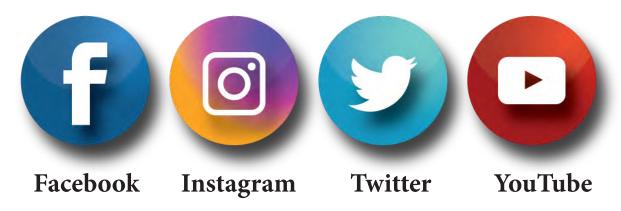
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At the beginning of this year the United States Post Office increased stamps to 50 cents each. It now costs Harvest and our missionaries much more to send you updates through the mail. This is money donated by you that needs to be used on the field helping those in need.

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We look forward to connecting with you!





Hello Harvesting at Home family. What an incredible and busy holiday season we had here. Moving ahead into the new year our family can't help but look back in awe over all that God has done. During Thanksgiving and Christmas our hearts were not only focused on our homeless community's needs, but also for the needs of all those who were recovering from homelessness and various addictions. With the support we received from all of you, we were able to give jackets, sweaters, hygiene packs and even meaningful little gifts. Seeing and hearing the stories of heartbreak and redemption is what made these endeavors worth every minute of effort. We thank you wholeheartedly for coming out and putting items together and for financially giving into our community. I want to close with this, we are wanting to convey that our heart's desire is to seek out and help individuals who are helping themselves. As cliche as this sounds it is our goal that we "not be a hand out but a hand up". Thank you for your continued prayers as we move ahead into 2018.



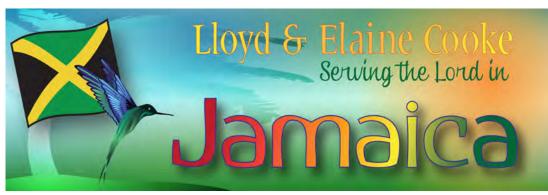








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#### OUR RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S.

Elaine and I are back home after 10 days in February spent in Florida and North Carolina. The purpose of our visit was two-fold:

- To attend a Mission fundraising banquet in Ocala, Florida on February 22nd.
- We also took the opportunity afterwards to go on up to Raleigh, NC, to visit with our daughter Gail, son-in-law and grand-children.

Our Ocala visit afforded the opportunity to share about our various areas of ministry in Jamaica. We also got to see, and stay with, a couple who were a part of our church in Miami, during our 21 years there between 1978 - 1999, before our return to Jamaica. We found a number of past friends from Jamaica, who now reside in the mid Florida area. One such couple drove all the way from Atlanta, GA (a 6 hr drive) to be at the banquet. We thank God for the opportunity we had to help God's people to focus on Jamaica and its spiritual needs.

After the Banquet, our trip to Raleigh did not go smoothly. We missed our flight from Orlando, due to the distance, and time to travel, from Ocala to the airport. We were forced to take the Amtrak to Raleigh, traveling overnight (a 13 hr trip by rail) arriving Sunday morning: in time to go to church with our daughter's family. The couple of days with our daughter - and with other family and friends in the area - was a refreshing period. But the temperature was not to our liking, as it was 42 degrees on our second day there. Our grandson and his father were both suffering from colds. Nevertheless, the conditions were better than what followed our departure, as they have since faced three "Nor'easters" with snow, wind and storms from their area up to Maine.



Lloyd & Elaine with Nadine Bland

Since our return on March 1st we have resumed our various areas of ministry. Though the time away was precious times of renewing acquaintances and family relationships, it is great to be back home and occupying our God-ordained roles. We ask you to praise the Lord with us for:

- A new set of nine students in this, the third year of the Children's Ministry Course, learning how to win children to Christ by every means possible.
- Lloyd overcoming an outbreak of rashes, a few days ago. Elaine thinks it was my eating some 'old' fruit salad I had made many days before. We had to go to the pharmacy for some medication to assist.
- Lenten meditations, on Wednesdays, among the local churches are going well. Pray with us that the remaining weeks to Easter would see many more believers coming out for times of refreshing.
- A downturn in incidents of murder and other crimes in the western areas of Jamaica since the imposition of emergency police measures.

Do join us in prayer for the following prayer requests:

- A possible Medical Missions Team to Jamaica later in the year. This is the burden of a Jamaican doctor resident in Florida, who attended the Banquet in Ocala that we attended. Much planning still need to be done to bring this about.
- Pray for those the Lord will call to give of their time, finances and devotion to go on this trip.
- For a dysfunctional family next-door who constantly seek our help in various ways, that we would be always patient with them, and winsome in our witness.
- For Lloyd's invitation to preach at a traditional Good Friday service at an Episcopalian Church in the eastern region of Jamaica. He is asked to speak on three of the seven words of Jesus from the cross.
- For financial needs to be met, and to see an increase in our support level. Pray for the Lord to add some new monthly supporters for us.
- For our government as they continue wage-negotiations with unionised workers. There is a spirit of acrimony as the government says they are unable to meet increased demands of the workers.

We rejoice in your faithfulness in standing with us by your prayers, as we do our bit for the kingdom of Christ in this area of the 'Harvest'. May the Lord reward you abundantly.



Like many people in the world today our missionaries in India, Betty and Daniel, have trouble with internet security. Betty recently informed us that she has lost a large database due to hacking. This comes on top of increased pressure from the government on Christian ministries. And just in case their faith isn't being stretched enough, their home church building in Bangalore has started sinking into the ground on one side. Their response has been to adopt 3 new rural areas in Nepal and step up their church planting activities.

They are currently involved in two new churches in south India. Betty will be retiring in April from her position as a professor and will be full time in the ministry. She is looking forward to having more time to conduct educational classes and medical camps. She will also have more availability to travel with Pastor as he travels to the outlying areas where they have already started churches and continue to encourage those believers. As time for VBS approaches they request specific prayer for the repairs needed for their church building. It is a large building and without it they will not have a large enough facility for the huge VBS activities that start soon.

Betty writes me short emails as she is able and I try to consolidate the information to update you. Her two closing sentences from her last email say it all, "We have more resistance but we still carry on the work. Please pray for us."





Church building sinking



Pastor giving a begger a bath





Fasting Prayer for our Nation



## Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



#### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

We are overjoyed to support Deputy Headmaster Patrick Kyomohendo of Hope Primary School in Ft. Portal for Advanced Education. In the very near future the current Headmaster will retire and we want Patrick ready to take over the leadership of the school. He has been Deputy Headmaster since his graduation from Teacher's College in 2004. He was our first college graduate from the Good Samaritan Project in 2004 after being in the program from 1999-2004. His wife Florence is a P1, first grade, teacher with 75 students with the aid of two helpers. A few years ago the Department of Education tried to replace the current Headmaster, Chris, with a Muslim. They were told that the school was founded and built and supported by the New Life Presbyterian Church and a Muslim Headmaster was not acceptable. They were convinced but we want to be ready if they try again.



Their children consist of the following:

- *Joseph* The son of Patrick's brother who died from an asthmatic condition a few years ago. He has completed his Senior 4 exams and is awaiting to see the results.
- *Richard* Has now gone to Primary 6.
- **Andrew** Has gone to Primary 5.
- Goergeius Has gone to Primary 1.
- *Patrick Jr.* Has joined middle nursery class.

Patrick has completed his first semester of year one of the program on December 12, 2017. His second semester was completed in January 2018. He is able to attend school in Ft. Portal town and goes during semester breaks at Hope school and during Christmas break. He will continue with his third semester in May of this year which will finish his first full year of Masters work. He will then have one more year of study to complete his required study for the Masters program.

Please pray for Patrick and Florence and family. They would cherish you sending their names to God's throne of grace.





#### **BLESSED RESURRECTION to all**

Dedicated to the orphans of Zimbabwe, with love: "Let the children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16, NIV)

We recently became aware of a 10 year old girl here whose hands were horrendously burned. Apparently the girl's mother had recently passed away and her father had taken another wife. He went away for a month, leaving the child in her step-mum's care. The child was apparently hungry and had taken and eaten some cooked rice and potatoes, without the permission of her step-mum. The step-mum set a pot of oil on the fire and dipped the little girl's hands (palms down) into the boiling oil. As if this was not enough, the step-mum locked the little girl up for two weeks during which time, the child received no medical attention.

We have seen a photograph of this child's hands and it is as horrible as it is shocking. The fingers on the left hand are completely gone and those on the right are badly burned. The palms are cooked.

My heart was so overwhelmed that I simply wept. I couldn't even begin to imagine the physical and emotional pain and distress this little girl has endured and still continues to experience. Only God knows what the future holds for her.

When I first shared this with a Doctor friend in the US, she immediately spoke of re-constructive surgery. While I have no doubt that there are capable medical personnel here in Zimbabwe or next door in South Africa, the current fiscal strain on this nation's health sector will not allow it.

Still burdened by this little girl's plight, I contacted a foster parent here who told me: "It's a very sad case. This is one of the many painful stories I come across a lot as a foster parent. Yes, and much worse."

"Hosanna to the Son of David" the little children shouted 2,000 years ago (Matt 21:14-17). So as we celebrate our Resurrection Life in Christ Jesus, and the hope of His soon return, please let us remember the 2 million, or more, orphans here in Zimbabwe and those who are working towards providing them with safe and loving homes. Pray, that God would use their pain to draw them unto Himself and also, that God in His mercy would draw their abusers to Himself.

Dhan and I do not have a ministry to orphans but a number of the churches that we work with do. If you would like more information on how you can be a part of a ministry to orphans here in Zimbabwe, please let us know.

Our email address is dhandolly@hotmail.com and WhatsApp number: +263 73 626 1000





The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. - Psalm 34:10

Psalm 34 is rich in many ways, but one way that stands out to me right now is David's exhortation for God's people to be steadfast in faith. God provides everything we need when we faithfully and obediently seek Him above every other thing that catches our eye or clamors for our attention. Easier said than done, no doubt, but necessary in our pursuit of Christ.

Each year when I take a mission team to visit the children in Kenya, we are encouraged by their steadfast faith in God to provide for their needs. Their faith in God for His provision is beautifully complemented by their deep gratitude to Him. We learn so much from these kids.

God has provided for the students' school fees, medical needs, food, clothes, shelter, etc. 2018 got off to a good start, and the fund for the purchase of a new van has exceeded \$10,000. We need to double that before we can make a purchase, so keep that in your prayers, please.

Social media, email, Messenger, and WhatsApp make contact I have with some of the older kids and the caregivers easier and more frequent. Recently I received a message from a young lady who grew up at the home and is now graduated from college. She said, "I know sometimes you are not happy with us, and there are times you must feel like giving up." I assured her that though there are times I am disappointed in hearing a child has taken a wrong path, I love each of these kids as much as I love the ones who are doing well in school and behaving themselves. "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. I was able to confidently tell my grown Kenyan daughter that it is only because God loved me first that I am able to love others. Please pray for the children, teenagers, and even young adults of the home to know God's love and to seek Him first.

The kids of the home will be out of school for the month of April, so we covet prayers for all! May their break be refreshing and constructive. May those who are inclined to get into mischief have a change of heart and mind. Pray for two of the boys who will undergo medical treatment during their school break, and please pray for the caregivers to have meaningful conversations and opportunities for giving godly guidance to the high school students returning from boarding school.

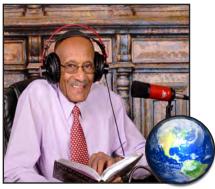
On behalf of the children and the caregivers, we all want to thank you for your prayers and steadfast love and support!











First and foremost, we thank God for the many manifestations of His great grace and kindness toward us. Of course, we loudly proclaim that His abounding love towards us is the driving force behind all He does for us and in us. To God Be the glory!

Someone may begin to interpret our report of God's goodness as: "Boy, they just sailed through year-to-date 2018. They were spared the challenges I faced." Do let us relieve your mind of any such notion. What we experienced was our Good Shepherd in every circumstance, every threat, every hospital visit (both Bev & Audley) and every near impossible need.

During this first part of 2018 Psalm 23 came alive to us – every movement of David's masterpiece found expression in and through our varied experiences. May it bless you too.

He meets my needs - "The Lord is My Shepherd, I have all I need."

He gives me rest - "He lets me rest in green pastures"

He calms my anxiety - "He leads me beside peaceful streams"

He rejuvenates my energy - "He renews my strength"

His Spirit guides my decision making - "He guides me along right paths"

ALL THIS AND MORE FOR THE HONOR OF HIS NAME.

Can I hear an "AMEN", resounding through smart-phone, computer or even snail mail?

My dear prayer partners, my dear financial supporter, if you hold on to nothing else, hold on to this,

#### FOR THE HONOR OF HIS NAME.

#### SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING:

- Beverley's Partial Home Health Care Provision
- Hospital Bed for Bev
- Loving Friends Who Volunteered Help
- All the Financial Needs of Radio Met
- The On-Line Listening at harvestinternational.org, is increasing with very encouraging contacts

#### SPECIFIC CHALLENGES AND PRAYER POINTS WE FACED/FACE:

- Day Star Radio 89.5 FM, which was our central outlet, has gone out of business.
- We are negotiating with SHEPHERD Radio 720 AM as a replacement, covering some of the demographic we had with 89.5 FM.
- SHEPHERD also airs on 103.7 FM, which fills in some of the locations south of Ocala and has a very strong signal in The Villages.
- Additional Caribbean coverage and South & Central American prospects closer.

Last letter, we introduced Tim, our soloist. This time we take pleasure in introducing "THE BIBLE SPEAKS" personality of the quarter: Joe Calvin Frantz, our Web Master. Joe is also the author of the wonderful salvation booklet, HOW TO LIVE FOREVER, offered free at www.Harvest International.com. Pray for Joe and claim your copy of HOW TO LIVE FOREVER.

Pray for those behind the scenes, as we pray for you, faithful partner.





**Ioe Frantz** 





The work in India takes on many different flavors and directions yet they all lead to spreading the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.. We cannot hope to influence lives for God when we leave the people with no hope and no comfort in this

life. For that reason, Sharath has many ministries that deal with their lives now in order to win them to eternal life. Today I want to share three of the ministries that I have personally been active in.

One of his personal ministries is a sewing school for young women. On graduation day we gave away 14 machines in order to facilitate these young ladies being able to provide their own livelihood. The school is a six month program and includes instruction in Christian concepts and living as well as sewing and tailoring. The Hindus and Muslims that attend the class almost always accept Christ as their Savior before graduation.





Another ministry allows two young women who were abandoned as children and raised in Sharath's orphanage to pursue the dream of a nursing career. These two young ladies will be in a position to not only minister to others physically in their work but to share the Christian faith and doctrines that they have been taught their entire lives by Sharath and the caregivers at the orphanage.

Finally, the men's ministry. Men are very hard to reach in India and it is very hard to be a Christian man in India because of the cost. A man has to be willing to risk death, be rejected by family and friends and lose his job (if he has one) in order to follow Christ. These men meet each Tuesday morning at 5:30 in order to strengthen and encourage one another for their Christian walk. I am honored to be able to participate in this weekly meeting when I am in India.





Please partner with me in this work. I need your prayer support as well as your financial help in order to continue to reach out on all these fronts. Ministry in India is not confined to a church or building but takes place in homes and the street and the schools. It happens in orphanages for unwanted children, schools that teach a trade and on garbage dumps with those that no one loves or acknowledges. It offers hope.



## Austin & Kaelee Truelove with Sabashtian, Katianna, Majolie & Mirette

#### Serving the Lord in Haiti



He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." - Isaiah 53:5

February has proven difficult. We don't feel it necessary to explain all the trying circumstances, but trust that you understand conflict. We are thankful not to have been involved and are thankful we have been here as peacemakers. We feel daily spiritual battle for this little town and its people.

#### Please pray for:

A peaceful and smooth transition of administration for Faith Medical Clinic . Austin is accepting the administrative position and tasks of his mother (Carol Ann's) in order to allow her to focus on being a nurse. This has been the plan for quite a while; it's just coming sooner than we had wanted or planned and with difficult circumstances.

Reconciliation of all staff at Faith Medical. There has been some serious drama that has been dealt with, but will take wisdom and perseverance to reach the end. Please pray for those who are followers of Christ to extend the grace they have received from Christ to their coworkers.

The Spirit to rest upon Santrain, Marough, Pecry and the surrounding villages . We continue to have many deaths and many premature babies. It's really been discouraging and puzzling. Satan has got a foot hold in many areas, but by prayer and obedience we will drive him out.

Wisdom for Kaelee in making daily social decisions and language skills improvement . I find myself almost daily faced with decisions regarding the people who come into my yard. I ask myself things like, "Should I give this person what they are asking for or are they just begging? Is this culturally appropriate to-give, say or do?

Safety and expediency to finish our home. One thing after another has put off finishing. Even though we know this is all in God's timing, we do pray to have a place where our family can call home. Our own home will surely provide some sanity and routine that our family badly needs.

Daily, God reminds us of His Will in all of this, and of his mission to spread the Gospel. Life gets messy, but God stays the same: our constant refuge. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, your notes and gifts. In both victory and seeming defeat we are reminded of you standing behind us. May the love and grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, and rest upon you and your family.





We finally completed the rebuilding of the water-slides here at Camp Mahanaim and they have already been very well used. It is very exciting to see the Haitian kids enjoying the slides so much and one of the favorites is the new tube slide. If you would like to watch some videos of the waterslides in action you can at our YouTube Channel: <a href="https://youtu.be/5Hm8f4V57SU">https://youtu.be/5Hm8f4V57SU</a>.









On the first Sunday in March, Lord willing, we plan to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Renault Sunday school program. Ten years ago we started out with one small tent and a group of about 50 children. Many of the children that now attend, have come faithfully for ten years.







With the help of visiting teams we have done several weddings these past few weeks. The couples have been especially thankful for the opportunity to get married. I believe it was this couple that had 17 children and had been together for many years. Katie has done an amazing job of dressing the brides. She has a great ability to pick out just the right dress for each bride. Several of her friends from the Angels volleyball team help in ministry also, which makes it fun for all.

One of the pastors insisted that Deb and I speak in the church as the couples were being married. I was wearing jean shorts and a white t-shirt, so the pastor loaned me his suit jacket and I hid behind the pulpit so people couldn't see my jean shorts. Deb looked great as always.

Thanks to the help and partnership of teams, we had a great camp last week with about 150 Haitian young people. It was a week full of fun activities for us all. They jam about 75 kids in each bus for the two hour trip to get home.







Thank you so much for your support and prayers! We are thankful that the Woodmizer sawmill has arrived and we look forward to putting it to work.

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The bucket is one of the most useful items we send. Buckets can be used to sit on, store items, get water, wash clothes, and a variety of other uses. Inside the bucket we send food, hygiene products and other items as they become available. These supplies have been very helpful to the people that receive them after having lost everything.

The cost for sponsoring a bucket is \$50.00 and it covers the cost of all the items plus shipping. Please consider helping us help victims of hurricanes by sponsoring a bucket. You'll be glad you did.

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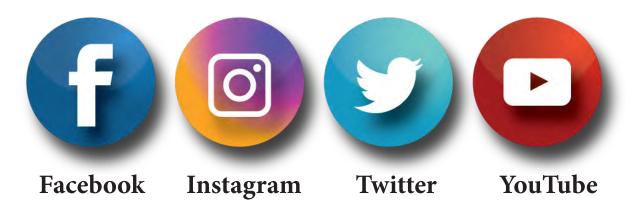
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Well, we are praying for snow for the last week of July at Hospice camp this summer, you're probably asking if I'm ok. No, I'm not, but we are doing something different for camp this summer for the children.

# Christmas wonly

We will be decorating camp with lights and garland and candy canes. We are going to be taking a look at the Why of Christmas. We are going to get into all the storyies and happenings that took place over two thousand years ago, so that they will know why we have a Hope and a Joy and a Savior, all because of Christmas.

So pray for some snow and that the Lord will speak to the hearts and lives of these children that are dealing with sickness and death. We have a wonderful team coming from Weinart, TX that will to help lead out in all the activities.

Also continue to pray for me as I continue to deal with Lyme's Disease and its effects.



## David & Yvonne Carreiro Jaylen, Dawson & Destiney

Serving the Lord in Marion County FL



We hope that this update finds you well and that your summer is off to a good start.

We at Harvesting at Home have been buzzing around like little honey bees harvesting honey. Our amazing group of supporters and volunteers have been a part of some exciting projects. Over the last several months, we have partnered with another local ministry, working with our homeless.

Our group has put together hot breakfast meals, clothing and some basic necessities for those living on the streets. What a humbling experience it has been. Hearing stories of both heartbreak and redemption has made this more real than we could have imagined.

We are so grateful for the support that has helped afford us these life-changing moments. My prayer is that each time we step out to touch someone, that our eyes and hearts would open with true love and compassion.















**HAPPY:** We praise the Lord for whom He is, and for what He has showered us with of His many mercies!

Today we watched president Trump's visit to Singapore to meet with the leader of North Korea; and we dare to believe that God will open up the country, as it was before Communism captured it, a leading Asian Christian country. We remember it was then considered to be "the Jerusalem of Asia". May it become that once again, in answer to our prayers!

We also "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" that it may become a blessing to every nation that blesses it. May its insidious opposer and constant "Accuser", SATAN, be thrown down and his efforts to keep that nation in a state of war, led by its invidious relatives in the surrounding nations, be brought to nought. Let us continue to PRAY that evil will be dethroned, and righteousness rise to prominence soon in the Middle East.

Our hearts are always filled with gratitude to God for His manifold blessings! Especially do we thank Him for you all: our friends, supporters and prayerful partners who encourage us as we do God's work and will here in Jamaica!

**HURRICANE SEASON** is here: but our Island, Jamaica, has been spared a full hit for the past 11 years. We trust that we will be spared again this year, by the mercies of God. And we wish this also for you and yours, wherever you reside.

**HALT?** With the summer having brought a halt to academic studies; and with Lloyd having finished lecturing, writing exams, and marking those exams and term papers, you would think us to be now on rest or vacation. Far from it!

- Graduation Exercises are happening all around us. Lloyd was at one last Saturday evening; and he has another coming up on 1st. July at the College where he lectures.
- Research and Writing for Lloyd will not end, as he will intensify his information gathering and people interviews of those connected with the history of the Christian Brethren churches that he is helping to write. Pray for him and the success of this project. He often gets so involved and excited that he doesn't get enough rest. Pray the Lord spares him for the completion and publishing of this, his third book on Jamaican Christian activity. He has a far way yet to go.

**HELP.** Elaine is still very active with her various Children and Youth ministries. But, while she often travels by taxies and other public transportation, she misses very few opportunities (and creates many) to witness to drivers and fellow travellers of salvation in Christ. Last Sunday, on her way to morning service, a taxi driver called out to her to pray for him at church. She stopped, and asked if he wanted her to do so right now. He was surprised by her response, but said YES. She did as promised, publicly. PRAY that the Spirit of God will continue to trouble his conscience, and lead him to true surrender to Christ.

- Pray that Elaine's schools and institutional visits which continue until closure for the summer; Vacation Bible Schools will begin in her local churches as soon as schools are let out. Schools will close in early July.
- Lloyd will be involved with the local Ministers Association in their Keswick Convention meetings coming up during the last full week of July. These are usually times of great spiritual fellowship and blessings among the churches. Pray that God will be heard and seen to be working in His people's hearts during this week of various meetings and related activities.

**HEALTH:** Our health continues to be 'good'. There is hardly a weekend that either of us doesn't have a funeral to attend. And we are very aware of our advancing years and greying locks. But our health continues to be good, thank God.

- Lloyd is struggling with keeping his cholesterol low; and his enlarged Prostate within normal ranges. So far he is winning.
- He also takes much fruit and vegetables in his diet, along with additional vitamins and over-the-counter supplements. Elaine thinks that this contributes to his difficulties with insomnia, as he is so hyper that most nights his body does not relax enough to have a good night's sleep. This is his biggest medical difficulty. But sleepless nights are also his most prayer-filled nights, while he walks the floor hoping to fall asleep. Most of you are likely to get prayed for during those times.
- Elaine's heart palpitations, somewhat elevated blood pressure, and low-heart rate problems are occasional discomforts. Both of us had reason within the last year to do a costly cardiac drug stress-tests. Thankfully, both of these stress-tests were positive for us. We praise the Lord for these results. Give God thanks with and for us!

**HOME:** In early July we will welcome a short visit from our grandchildren, Annika (15), and Tyler (13), Regretfully, we will have to share them with a nephew and his family, in another town.

- Son-in-law: We may also have a visit from our first daughter's husband, also in July, as he checks out a possible business opportunity near to us;
- Elaine may have a visit from a sister, also in July, around the same time of all the above. We look forward to these times for renewing various family relationships.

**HOPE:** We pray that our trust in the Lord will keep us in FAITH, LOVE and HOPE, whatever our present situations and circumstances may be. Since we know that God is in control, may nothing personal, national or international cause us to be shaken from our HOPE (certain assurance). May "Our God Who Reigns" demonstrate His rulership over all nations, and in your hearts and homes, every day!

May the blessings of the Lord be your constant and eternal portion!













## Dr. Donald DeVito

# Haitian Center for Inclusive Education



We are happy to report a successful first year of the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education. Over sixty children with and without special needs have received a quality education in an inclusive and innovative setting. Instruction has included academics, life skills, basic and adapted vocational skills all with certified Haitian teachers who have also received additional training in special education from our team. You can see all of our developments, video and pictures on our Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hcie17/">https://www.facebook.com/hcie17/</a>



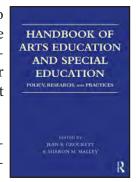
In the words of Gertrude Bien Aime, founder of the Notre Maison Orphanage for children with disabilities and co-founder of the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education:

"In 2017 we opened the Center for Inclusive Education with mostly the kids of the Notre Maison Orphanage and children in the community that participate at the school. The parents are very happy with our program and especially happy to see that we include children with disabilities in our school. This is something new to them and they are also very satisfied with the education we offer to the children. We are beginning with the registration for the 2nd year and we are already crowded. I think 1st we offer a good education; 2nd we offer a decent price that parents can afford. The intention of opening the Center was to offer a good education and also to provide the poor children, with and without disabilities, to get a good education."

#### **HCIE Team Members:**

Included in the HCIE board that oversees the school are colleagues who have traveled to both Notre Maison Orphanage and the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education. Here is information on some of our school board members.

**Dr. Donald DeVito:** You can see my information on the Harvest International website. I am happy to announce that the path that led from my first visit to Haiti to meet Gertrude Bien Aime at the Notre Maison Orphanage (where one of my Florida students was adopted from) included meeting the dedicated professionals below and numerous developments that led to the founding of the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education and being involved with Harvest International. In fact, that story was just published with our HCIE school board as co-authors in the chapter of a book:



DeVito, D., Bien Aime, G. Ehrlie, H.(2017). An International Perspective on Arts Education and Special Education: Views from the Field. Handbook of Arts Education and Special Education. J.B. Crockett, & S.M. Malley (Eds.) New York: Routledge.



I will try to include this chapter in a future newsletter or if you are interested email me at <u>Harvestinclusion@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Gertrude Bien Aime: "I have been coordinating the Notre Maison Orphanage for years and before that I was a nun at Mother Theresa congregation. For the last 25 years I have kept this orphanage going and the children with disabilities fed and cared for through faith and outside visitors who come to stay at our orphanage. I left the convent in 1993 with American (Ruth Zimmermann). We opened the Notre Maison orphanage for the children with disabilities We take in the children from the abandonment room of the general hospital or on the street. In

2001 Ruth got sick, since then I am running the house with helpers. I do not know from one month to the next what we will have available. I do all that I can to take care of 52 children, and I get so much joy in serving them. People who stay at the facility who are doing projects in Haiti stay at the orphanage which is how we support ourselves, buy food for everyone and provide care for the children, and I get so much joy in serving them."

The children are now going to school five days a week at the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education! A goal that Gertrude has had that is now a reality thanks to the support we are receiving through Harvest International.



Jamie Schumacher has over 25 years of experience in education and has taught 6th grade through 12 grade. Most of her years in the classroom were spent co-teaching with special-education teachers, and from them she learned many techniques to use to meet the needs of all learners. She earned her master's degree in counseling in 1998 and worked for many years as middle-school counselor. The skills she learned as a counselor made her a stronger teacher when she returned to the classroom setting! She currently lives in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and serves as School Administrator at the Haiti Center for Inclusive Education.

Hannah Ehrli, ED.D. is a National Board Certified teacher of over eighteen years in Exceptional Education. She has served Exceptional Learners as a teacher, consultant and advocate. She is currently teaching and founded a unique Preschool program for students with Autism, while also teaching High School students as teacher aides. She received her Doctorate degree in Education at the University of Central Florida (2015) and was awarded the highest educational University honor, the Order of the Pegasus. She has worked extensively in Eastern Europe (Serbia) and Haiti, as well as an international speaker on Best Practices for Education of Special Needs children and the rights of Women and Girls.



Currently she serves on the Board of the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education in Port Au Prince, Haiti, as well a Board Member for the Division of International Special Education Services (DISES) as the Early Childhood Educational Representative. She also serves as a

foundational member of the Family Council for the Division of Early Childhood (DEC). She previously served as the Co-Chair for the Florida State Advisory Council for Exceptional Children and continues as a subcommittee chair on Preschool Education for the State of Florida. She also serves as an Ambassador for Clinton's Global Initiative University and is an adjunct professor at the University of Central Florida.

In 2012 she received the National Teacher of the Year for the Council for Exceptional Children and was awarded a Millennium Maker from the United Nations Office of Academic Impact and Global Interactions Inc. in 2015. Thank you for assiting us in our groundbreaking first year!

We ask that you continue to support the Harvest International initiatives in this newsletter. The collaborative progress with the Haitian professionals being developed in Port-au-Prince has been inspiring.

God bless to everyone who has supported and participatd in our endeavors and on to year 2!











## Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



This newsletter will give you an update on our last three quarterly newsletter items. So here we go!!

#### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



Patrick Kyomohendo has now completed his first full year of Masters advanced education. He finished his studies in Ft. Portal town at the end of May 2018. He has one more year to complete the Masters Program. Praise the Lord, for upon completion he will be more assured of the Headmaster position of Hope School when Headmaster Chris retires.

#### GRAND WEDDING OF DR. TADEO KATURAMU

Dr. Tadeo and Carol are now wedded and he has been looking for a job up to now unsuccessfully. Our friends the Myhres who are American doctors and have lived in Uganda and Kenya for many years came up with another option. They found an opportunity for him to apply to a Family Medicine Residency Program for East Africa based in Kenya, out of Kabarak University. It is a Christian program that trains young general doctors after their internship to become leaders at Hospitals. It takes 4 years minimum. The program asks



students to get sponsors for \$600/month. But Praise the Lord he qualified for a scholarship program and the cost will be only \$200/month which will be manageable. Praise the Lord, God is good all the time!





## THE WATER PROJECT IN LUWERO DISTRICT IS COMPLETE

After having to dig 132 feet deep by hand the well is now complete and flowing.





#### TEN YEARS IN ZIMBABWE

On June 25, 2008, assured that it was the Lord moving us to our new assignment, we flew out of Miami bound for Zimbabwe in southern Africa. Our mandate was clear - we were to help believers grow in their relationship with the Lord so they too could participate in the great mission of discipling the nations.

At that time, the Country was caught in record inflation with all the attendant problems. The local currency which, thirty years prior, was trading at two dollars to the British pound, was fast becoming worthless. The following year, it was officially abandoned when several billion Zim dollars were required to buy one US dollar. Trillion dollar notes were already in circulation. Severe shortages of food and other necessities were also the order of the day and, in fact, most shops were closed. In those days, you moved around with huge boxes containing whatever money you had. Everyone was, at least, a trillionaire and your status improved with each passing moment. Power cuts were also rampant, sometimes lasting for three or so days.

A few months before our arrival, national elections had reportedly failed to produce an outright winner and we landed here the day before the run-off election. Sadly, this was marked by much violence but, eventually, a negotiated national unity government received the blessings of the UN. The economy improved considerably and goods and services became readily available since; except for a dire shortage of cash during the past couple years. Fast forward to today, long lines of customers outside banks are again a familiar sight. But the people of this country are very resilient and we all learn to cope with these and other challenges. Another election is due here on July 30 and, following the change of President last November - the first in 37 years - most people are very upbeat about it.

Since our arrival in 2008, our base has been in Harare, the capital. For the first several months, we connected with pastors/church leaders in the City who introduced us to some indigenous pastors. We saw that Christianity and church meetings were very popular; and we were also quite surprised to discover how easy it was to start a 'church'. But, sadly, the Gospel was hardly ever preached and Discipleship was largely an unknown concept. For the next nine years, we worked with individuals, small groups, churches and Pastors Fraternals, sometimes travelling 300 plus miles away. Many times, a group would seem very excited by our meetings, but along the way we would sense a growing casualness as participants looked for preaching material rather than personal growth. Desperate, we cried out to the Lord to send us those whose hearts He had been preparing and in whom He had been planting a desire for Himself and His purposes. By this time, we had ended all our groups except Goromonzi (which we have since terminated) and Gweru.

Almost immediately, He sent us to more individuals. Now, we meet weekly with individuals, pairs and larger groups in Harare and in Gweru. Our venues include our and their homes, and conveniently located church facilities. We also meet via skype and phone (What's App). Of course, these appointments are more time-consuming and intense but, also, more fulfilling. Additionally, in September, (soon after the elections) we hope to begin with the Pastors Fraternal in Mvuri, a local assembly in Glendale and another in Mazoe, all in the same general area. Yet another group from, Domboshawa, is asking for our help and we have scheduled them for later this month. So, the vision is catching. We are blessed to be here at this time so we can be available to the Lord.

But, by far, the highlight of our time here is what the Lord has been doing in our lives. Paul, in Gal. 1:16, describes it as the Lord revealing His Son in him. We realize that we cannot be of any help to others unless we are receiving from the Lord Himself as He conforms us to the image of His Son. Today, He is dearer to us than ever before, and our hearts are full of praise to Him. Oh, how His grace abounds toward us! So we look forward to the days, weeks, months, years ahead – whatever the Lord wills – for He who called us is faithful.

It is now winter and this year's is quite cold. Homes are not heated so we use electric heaters which prove worthless when it is very cold or the power is off! We were at freezing a few nights ago. But our heavenly Father gives grace for this too and enables us to endure; and we see His purposes in this as well. Some have asked if we plan to spend the rest of our lives here. We answer that we are here as long as the Lord wants us to. We are truly thankful to Him for this privilege and are ever so grateful to you for your faithful and loving partnership by your prayers and financial support.



Chegutu Group



Ministering at Vineyard Church, Chinoyi



In Harare we do one on one discipleship



Teaching at Renewal Church, Harare



Class at a home in Gushure Village, Rusape



Rusape Town



Seminar at Eternal Paths, Harare



Working with Tonga Pastors in Zambezi Valley





My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off. - Proverbs 24:13-14

Boys and girls grow up to be men and women, and each year more and more of the children of the Haven reach such maturity. It has always been our prayer that they grow in the fear of the Lord which the bible says is the beginning of wisdom. As the kids grow up, we find some are academically inclined, so they pursue high school and university. Likewise, some of the kids are not suited academically, so they pursue vocational/technical training. To date, the home has produced a medical doctor, an engineer, a law student, a hairdresser, a nutritionist, a secretary, a mechanic, a political science major, etc. We covet your prayers for the kids and their caregivers to guide them to make wise educational choices.

An expression our Kenyan friends often say is, "We thank God for bringing us this far." The children are growing up with gratitude to God modeled for them by their parents, uncles, and aunties at the home. As another mission team prepares to visit the home in July, we look forward to talking to the kids about their dreams and aspirations, to pray with them, and to encourage them in the Lord.

A couple of folks with nursing experience are joining us on this year's mission trip, so they will address some common medical issues, nutrition, and hygiene with the kids and caregivers. Others on the team will engage the kids in soccer, arts, crafts, and bible studies. Some of the ladies on the team are preparing to lead the mamas and aunties in a women's conference. They have done this in Brazil and Mexico, and they are always well received. We anticipate the ladies of the home to be highly encouraged.

The Good Neighbor Project is something always done on these trips whereby we form teams of adults, teens, and children to visit homes in the village surrounding the children's home; deliver gifts of food staples, hard candy, and soap; pray with the families; and share the love of Jesus with them. The reception we receive as uninvited guests stands in sharp contrast to such a reception we would likely receive here in the States. Pray even now for the folks we will visit!





Swing Set & Generator

Recently the gift of a small group of ladies from our church was used to construct a swing set for the home, and a used generator was acquired for a back-up power supply. Also, a couple of boys received much needed medical treatment for painful conditions. They are recovering well. We thank the Lord for all of these provisions.

On behalf of the children and the caregivers, we all want to thank you for your prayers and steadfast love and support!



Auntie Florence with kids she helped raise



Safari Fun

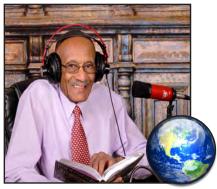


Some of the older kids with our beloved Mary Bahati



Throwback from 2007





Here we are, July, 2018. The first half of this year came with gusts of challenges and waves of recovery. We lost our beloved Beverley and heaven gained a beautiful life.



The pressure of the period during Bev's earthly decline and heavenly call was intensified by my own challenged health, hospitalization and Rehab experiences. But it provided opportunity to witness how our immediate family, (our children, siblings, nieces and nephews, and yes, the extended family of Christian brothers and sisters) came together like the members of a well trained orchestra, each with instruments tuned for the performance of their lives. I cannot find language that adequately expresses my gratitude, and on behalf of the whole family, their gratitude to you as well.

A very special thank you is more than due to Danny Thomas and our Harvest International family whose variety and quality help are indefinable.

Of my Church family, Maranatha Baptist Church, what can I say? It is the kind of church the late Dr. John Stott of All Souls Church in London, England wrote in his famous poem of a dream church.

I have a dream of a caring church, whose congregation is drawn from many races, nations, ages and social backgrounds and exhibits the unity and diversity of the family of God, whose fellowship is warm and welcoming and whose members love one another with a pure heart fervently. Viva Maranatha!

Yes, there were gusts of challenge but the waves of recovery came. Just like the tulip that emerges with is splendor after dormancy through the long winter's darkness, so we at The Bible Speaks have emerged with refreshing news. As of the beginning of July our programs are being aired on two outlets of Shepherd Radio. In the Ocala area at AM 720 and in The Villages area on FM 103.5. glory to God.



Our sincere thanks to our team members, Ed Cromer and Joe Calvin Frantz for keeping the ship afloat while I recuperated.

TO ALL OF YOU, MY LOVE AND GRATITUDE.





I wanted to thank everyone who contributed towards sending me to India for three weeks to attend Sharath's (my Host) oldest son's wedding.

It took two years to find a suitable bride for Joshua. Joshua is a doctor and he wanted to marry a doctor who was willing to go into the mission field with him. Joshua got to approve the girl but so did his family and the bride's family.

The wedding looks elaborate and it was, weddings in India are very important and 3,000 people showed up for this wedding. A lunch was served to all the people and it was a real celebration.

Being a Christian wedding and celebrating the covenants given to one another was a display of God's way. All the people who came enjoyed a delicious lunch at no cost to them. Sharath had no money for the wedding, he just believed God would provide for his son, and God did in miraculous ways. First Sharath prayed that the rains that were heavy every day would stop for the wedding, and the whole town was talking about how it stopped for the wedding. Secondly the Lord provided for monies for everything to be paid for, no debt. Every detail was covered with no debts. That was a miracle of God.

Sharath is a man of God and although he has responsibility to 70 churches, providing for the pastors, an orphanage of 30 kids, widows, a tailoring school, a bible training school and pastorate of a church himself of 700 people, he walks with the joy of the Lord and a love for people.

It is such a joy to work beside a man of God who is walking and expecting God to move in all areas of his life.

During the month of May I drove up to Erie Pennsylvania to meet Sharath and his wife Shanthi to attend a graduation of his 2nd son from college with a masters degree in engineering. Dean, Sharaths son, had four Hindu roommates. One of his roommates told me how Dean never went to the movies, all he did was study.

Then Sharath and Shanthi and I traveled 4,000 miles during the month of May visiting pastors and people who supported what he has been doing for 20 years. This was the first trip to the USA for Shanthi, a real eye opener. Everyone we meet were solid Christians or pastors, some of which I had meet in India.

















Last year at this time we were in Haiti with Caleb, Jason & Maurice enjoying a special time together with them. We are so thankful for Nelson & Dieulène and the loving family they are all becoming - a new Paradigm for Handicapped Abandoned Children in Haiti. We so appreciate your prayers as well as your financial support! SCH has made some changes over the past year and a half, all to help improve the living conditions and opportunities for the boys. Our goal continues to be to help the boys reach their full potential, as GOD directs.



Caleb has always been our most needy, and our desire, from the moment we got him, has been to give him the best & most loving care possible. He's always been so happy to see us and especially responds so positively to his Papa (Tom). He was quite sick the fall of 2016 and by mid-spring 2017 we began to wonder how much more his frail body could take. On June 7, 2017 he was eating for Ginger and visibly delighted to have us by his side loving on him (smiling and keeping his eyes on us). Then in the twinkling of an eye he was in the arms of Jesus. We imagine him laughing & playing with his precious Savior. Hallelujah!! He has reached his full potential!

Jason & Maurice continue to grow and learn new things - it may seem a slow progress to us, but our ways are not HIS ways. Soon after Caleb's Graduation the LORD opened the door to move the SCH to Hinche where the boys' basic living conditions are improved & they will have more opportunities to learn! At this time we are in the process of selling the SCH property in Carabal, which will help provide window screens, cement floor, & paint, for the primitive "new" SCH home.





We would also like to bring some volunteers down to help improve the conditions of the home. One special Blessing is that there is a water pump near by and part-time municipal electricity.

Please pray with us for the continued support of the children's daily needs (food, diapers, clothes) and the needed improvements on the home. And pray this "model" Christ-centered family structured set-up will be duplicated throughout Haiti, for the GLORY of the LORD!!

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the [a]base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." ~ 1 Corinthians 1:27-31





Thank you for your support and prayers for us and for the Renault Sunday school. We had over 2,000 children attend this past Sunday (56 boxes of Manna Packs with 36 packs in a box) and we feel that the Sunday school is bursting.

We would appreciate your continued prayers for the Renault Sunday school as even the addition is overflowing and we are having to turn children away on some Sundays.







We had a team from Alabama here and it was fun to do a wedding for 20 Haitian couples today.



Deb does a great job of coordinating these weddings.



This dear lady and her husband were the oldest couple married today, and they had many, many grandchildren. She was so thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to finally be married.



to line up nicely.



The local kids that live near us at Camp We are making progress on projects Our faithful young workers; Roro and Mahanaim love it whenever we do around the camp. We are just about Nadair are doing a great job of building weddings, as they usually get a leftover ready to put the roof on the new saw- a gazebo on the Island near the watersandwich everytime we return from do- mill area. ing a wedding. We have trained them



slides.

Thanks again for your prayers and support. We have some openings for teams in July and early August, if you would like to bring a team and help us do camps for the Renault Sunday school kids this summer.

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### **HARVEST + CROSSROADS ALLIANCE**

Sending Buckets of Love to North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

In our "Second Quarter" Newsletter, the front page focused on the number of groups that volunteered to help fill 5-gallon buckets with supplies that are helpful to people who are victims of hurricanes. I was prepared to send these buckets to some country in the Caribbean but willing to send the buckets where needed.

As it turns out, I have been able to ship 100 "Buckets of Love" to families that are victims of Hurricane Florence. As I write this short letter, I am preparing to send another 100 buckets this week.

The cost to fill and send a bucket is \$50.00. I could use your help in sponsoring a bucket or part of a bucket. Every little bit helps. If you would like to be a part of this project, please go www.harvestinternational.org and click on donate.

Thank you in advance for your help.







### 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

### Become a "Buckets of Love" Sponsor



Hurricane season has started and Harvest International is once again filling our "Buckets of Love" for hurricane relief. Since October of 2016 Harvest has responded to disasters by sending over 1,000 buckets to several countries that were devastated due to hurricanes. We were able to be a part of the relief efforts to Antigua, Dominica, Haiti, Houston TX, Puerto Rico, and South Florida.

The bucket is one of the most useful items we send. Buckets can be used to sit on, store items, get water, wash clothes, and a variety of other uses. Inside the bucket we send food, hygiene products and other items as they become available. These supplies have been very helpful to the people that receive them after having lost everything.

The cost for sponsoring a bucket is \$50.00 and it covers the cost of all the items plus shipping. Please consider helping us help victims of hurricanes by sponsoring a bucket. You'll be glad you did.

### **Each Bucket Contains**

A Bucket with Lid, Towel, Toilet Paper and a Flashlight with Batteries. We also incude...

**Hygiene Packets** 



Washcloth, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tissue, Wet Wipes, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Lotion, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer, Shave Cream, Razor, Hairbrush, Comb & a Plastic Bag

**Food Kits** 



Water, Rice Pack, Milk, Fruit, Cookies, Cereal, Soup, Canned Meat, Pudding, Granola Bar, Crackers, Hot Sauce, Utensils, Wet Wipes and a Mint



# **Buckets of Love**

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Mark your calendars! Wednesday, December 12, 2018 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for food and fellowship. We can't wait to see you there.





This forklift was the first major purchase I made in 1989 when I (Danny) became the Director of Harvest International. It has been a trustworthy piece of equipment that has loaded and unloaded more trucks and containers than I can count. Over the last five years it has needed major repairs and I am grateful to Mark Brown who has repaired the forklift at no cost to Harvest. However, just like everything, it has seen its better days.

A forklift is an integral part of what we do here at Harvest. Without a properly running forklift we are not able to lift and load/unload the much needed supplies and equipment that is sent overseas to help those in need. Help us purchase a new forklift by giving a gift today through our GoFundMe page.







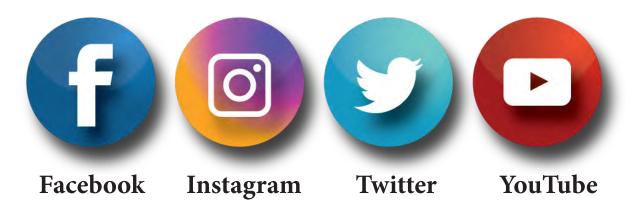
# Help Us Grow In Social Media

Over the past few years Harvest has experimented in communicating through social media. We started out with posting updates on Facebook and Twitter, and last year we expanded into Instagram and YouTube. Slowly we started acquiring followers and now many of our supporters get regular digital updates on our ministry. We want more. Our goal is to get connected with as many supporters as we can. We want YOU to know more about Harvest and the ministry works we do.

At the beginning of this year the United States Post Office increased stamps to 50 cents each. It now costs Harvest and our missionaries much more to send you updates through the mail. This is money donated by you that needs to be used on the field helping those in need.

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We look forward to connecting with you!





#### Christmas in July was awesome!

We Celebrated the Birth of Jesus Christ. We looked at the Why of Christmas, from Prophesy, the visit from Gabriel, the journey, wise men, and His birth. We sang Christmas Carols all week long, the kids loved it.

We had a wonderful team from Weinart Texas, they came last year and had such a great time, that they came back with more people. Their Pastor is awesome! He did a great job at getting the team ready, they had it all planned out. We had worship time and lessons and crafts and games and a movie.

The Romanian team was great as they translated for the groups, led music, took care of us, and kept the children in line, awesome job as usual. We had a great response at the end of the week on Friday evening as we had a time of talking about what they learned during the week, we had several who accepted the Lord.

We had a very sad ending to camp this year, as we returned on Saturday to Oradea. We had four sisters come to camp this year who were taking care of their little brother at home who had a very severe brain injury from a accident. They walked up to the corner from Hospice to catch a bus home and while they were standing there a car came around the corner and lost control and ran up on the curb and hit all four sisters. They had some serious injuries, one of the girls lost her leg below the knee, fractured pelvic and severe brain injuries. God was there and in control, all the girls are on the mend, the out pouring of love and support by the community has been amazing. I will share more about the girls and their needs later.

I want to thank everyone for their Prayers for the camp and the girls. Nihil Sine Deo (Nothing without God)





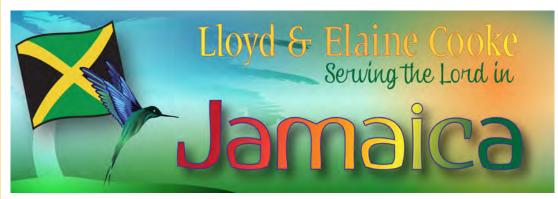
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Whew! What a packed and HOT summer we had. Still desperately awaiting the cool mornings of fall to visit us.... However, we do live in FL so we are not holding our breath haha. Our summer season has finished on a high note as we were able to continue working with Church in the Garden, feeding the homeless for Saturday breakfast. We have been blessed with an amazing group of women, who we have affectionately named "The Breakfast club". These ladies are super heroes... they respond on a moment's notice and are willing to go out of their way to help out. They are a beautiful example in our community of what a compassionate and giving heart looks like. I wanted to take this opportunity to openly thank them. I also wanted to thank our supporters for your continued love, prayers and donations... because of your faithfulness we have been able to bless the homeless with socks, belts and hygiene care packets. As we close the summer season off, I ask that you stay tuned in, our fall and Christmas season is our busiest time of year and we are working on events to share with you.







As we write we are watching the weather reports of hurricane Florence headed for the Carolinas, and our hearts are concerned for our daughter Gail (Tracy), and her family in Raleigh. Our prayers are with all in its path. Jamaica is also under storm watch as we look at the path of possible hurricane Isaac. It's date for possible hit here is Sunday 16th. We pray this will be all over, happily, by the time you read this.

It is also just after the anniversary of 9/11, which we remember all too clearly. We are aware also that the hatred against America that caused 9/11 has not abated, but has picked up more power, (like hurricanes do over water) and is even a greater threat today. But, our God watches over his children who put their trust in Him. It seems that we are certainly in the biblical "last days", and hatred is aimed against Christians and those whoever do not go along with the growing "One-World" movement will face greater threats in the future. Prayer is our only resource. We shall prevail. We are called upon to "Occupy Until I Come"! So let us be busy in the King's work.

A new semester has begun at Regent College of the Caribbean, so Lloyd is busy with his new students as he teaches the History of the Church this semester. Do keep this class in your prayers, as he seeks to instill in them lessons for life, and will help them to be faithful in promoting the salvation of souls, when they enter into the Lord's service after graduation. Lloyd has also gotten involved with the local Committee of the Jamaica Child Evangelism Fellowship as it seeks to revive activities within our Parish (County) to train church members how to lead children to Christ both within and outside the churches.

Elaine continues with her many children and Youth focused ministries, within her church and outside. She is busy conducting devotions in schools. She is grateful to God that we still have that freedom in our Jamaican schools. Along with others they conducted a 'Prayer Walk' in and through a government Tertiary Institution which she has been assisting. This was the request of the staff and teachers. Do pray with her for this institution of "Life-long learning' and for the students coming in this school year.. She is also beginning to make appointments to visit in Primary and High Schools to present her sexual abstinence "Wait & Win" program.

An item of personal information here: Lloyd was informed over the past week-end that he will be conferred with the "Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa" at the graduation ceremony on October 19th., by the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology. This will be in consideration of his life's work on the mission field and his historical writings, presented in his two books on Jamaican Missionary activities. You are among the first to know. Do pray the the Lord would be glorified, and many from the Caribbean area would be moved to devote their lives also, to serve the lord in evangelism and cross-cultural missionary work.







### Dr. Donald DeVito

# Haitian Center for Inclusive Education



More students are attending HCFIE, we're up to about 65 kids now. I saw firsthand this week why we need to have an inclusive school. For many of our students this year, it is the first time they've been around people with disabilities. A couple of times, when one of our special-needs students walked by, the boys backed away as if frightened. Another day during recess, some of the boys didn't want to let one of our girls with Down's Syndrome play on the playground equipment with them. I insisted that she could, but they didn't look happy about it. Then, when she got down, they wiped off the seat she had been sitting on. It just about broke my heart to see 7-8 year olds acting this way because they had learned this attitude from somewhere. We have our work cut out for us, but at least the Center is a place where kids (and their parents) can learn to think differently about people with handicaps.





One little guy, Alvarez, has many emotional needs. He causes more trouble than anyone I know, and he has the reputation at home and at school for being the one causing trouble. I'm not sure I've ever heard him get any positive praise. So, last Friday after chapel I asked Alvarez whether he would "help" me memorize the Bible verse so that I could recite in this week at chapel. Every day we sat together up on the roof of the orphanage and worked on the verse. Friday in chapel, he "helped" me recite it, and he got positive praise! The smile on his face was priceless.

Another student who struggles, Kethia, sat next to me during Chapel. I had my hymnal and Bible with me, and as I was singing, I noticed her moving closer and closer to me—she wanted to read, too. Then, while the group was praying, Kethia took my Bible and started reading from it. She helped me find the memory verse for this week in the Bible, and when I asked her whether we should recite it together next week, she smiled and said yes!

- Jamie Schumacher (stay connect by following Jamie's blog - <a href="http://whippet88.blogspot.com/">http://whippet88.blogspot.com/</a>)



## Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



### Paying It Forward

Deputy Headmaster of Hope School, Patrick Amooti, has shared this simple story.

One of Good Samaritan Sponsored pupil, Amanyire Rachael, is now a trained nurse and is working in Eastern Uganda. She chose two orphaned children and brought them to Hope School, where she is now helping them attain education. I have learned that at least every child that went through the project is now helping others.



Pastor Sam and Zoe's youngest child, James, has just married.





After the wedding, Zoe fell in her back yard and broke her leg. She has be bed ridden for six weeks. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.









"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Jesus - Luke 9:23).

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved." (Jesus - Matthew 9:16).

In our more recent updates, we mentioned that we are currently meeting with two church groups in our Discipleship ministry – one two Sundays monthly; and the other one weekend monthly. Additionally, we also meet once weekly with a number of individuals as well as small groups. Each group is different and so it is often quite a challenge to prepare for their particular needs. We have learned that what works for one does not necessarily work for the others. Our continuing challenge is to keep ourselves focused on Christ, who is both the Subject and Object of our discussions – "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith…" (Heb. 12:2). And we are learning that it is only as we remain submitted to Him, He is able to minister in and through us.

One church group is in the small town of Mvurwi which is rural and where most of the folks are very limited in English. They are a very welcoming group and we have spent the last several weeks getting to know them and how we can best serve them. Some walk several kilometers to Church while others come in by bus from neighboring farms when the \$4 bus fare is available.

We have discovered that most have had very little exposure to even the rudiments of following Christ. Many do not own a Bible so, whatever their faith, it is grounded, not on the Scriptures but on what they were told or the clichés they have otherwise 'overheard'. Really, it is like sewing a piece of new cloth onto an old garment; or like pouring new wine into old wineskins. As we share both the new wine and the new wineskins, we find that the tendency is for them to hold on to both the old and the new! We know that only the Lord can sort this out. So, we must trust Him to reveal Himself to them. At a recent meeting with the Pastor, we agreed to focus on helping the leadership who would afterwards work with the others in the Church.

We praise our Father for you and for your labor of love towards us. You continue to be an absolutely indispensable part of this ministry. The Lord has used you greatly in providing for our material and ministry needs without which we would not have been able to remain on the field these past ten years; nor could we even look forward to renewing our residence permit when it becomes due early next year! Many of you have also spent much time praying for us and for those whom the Lord has sent us. Additionally, you have sent us occasional notes or emails, just to keep in touch. We deeply appreciate all your efforts. But, may we ask one more thing? Please step up on the prayers!

The need for Discipleship here, even at the most basic level, is critical and urgent. The destiny of many rests upon our joining together in prayer for this specific need. We are assured that as you do, our heavenly Father will hear our prayers and grant them according to His riches in glory. Surely, we will begin to see vital changes. Thank you so very much!





### Ready, Set, Go!

Kenya Team 2018, a group of thirteen made up of young, not-quite-so-young, and those in between; men and women; first-time and repeat visitors to the Haven set out for a two week encounter with God on July 18th. After 24 hours of travel, we arrived in Nairobi and spent the night before heading up to Eldoret.



### The Good Neighbor Project

Upon our arrival at the home, we were greeted with handshakes and hugs for every-body...literally, every child and caregiver greeted each team member individually. It's a process. Afterwards, we got settled into our comfortably outfitted bedrooms in the boys' dormitory. Then we prepared 30 gift bags of sugar, salt, shortening, corn-meal, flour, tea leaves, soap, and a few personal items to deliver to surrounding homes.



After breakfast the following morning, we divvied ourselves into teams of visitors, caregivers, teenagers, and children to make our deliveries and home visits. Most neighbors were home on this Saturday morning, and the warm welcome showered upon us remains unsurpassed. "Karibu!" (welcome!) was the sweet refrain from house to house. Crowding our large teams into tiny homes was in no way uncom-fortable...we were ushered in with sincere gratitude for our visit. The cultural dif-ference between the reception of uninvited visitors in Kenya and the U.S. is stark. We offered prayers for homes and families. One poor lady had just lost her sister that very morning, and in the midst of her tremendous grief, she welcomed us. It was our honor to pray for her and her family in the midst of such a trying time.

### Worship and Sunday School

One of our young team members, Paul, was asked to preach at the Spiritual Life Centre on Sunday morning. He delivered a powerful message from John chapter 6...Jesus came not to give us bread but to be our bread.

The children's Sunday School classes reflected upon and celebrated our positions as Children of God. The teenagers studied biblical leadership as modeled by Nehemiah. All in all, it was a wonderful day of praise, worship, and teaching.





# Audley McLean

Reaching our World by Radio





# "I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come down..." Nor will we come down or slow down now.

Please join us as we gather for this year's celebration of what God has done through The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry.

Nehemiah rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem with the blessing of God and the cooperation of His people. That wall became a monument to the power and grace of God.

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Hello everyone,

Through some rerouting I made it to India. Praise The Lord!

On the 6th I arrived in India and on the 12th David and Chris arrived from Trinidad. Sharath started me in the Bible School right away. On Tuesday's at 5:00 AM I have men's prayer meeting.

Sharath took David, Chris and I to a local church service about 30 minutes away. David spoke and we all were used in the prayer time afterwards.

Sunday David spoke again at our church service and we all prayed for all the people that responded, there was a large response.

David and Chris spoke at the youth prayer meeting as I rested in.













Serving the Lord in Haiti



First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers. ~ Romans 8-9

We are very thankful to you for your continued support for the children in Haiti.

Ginger and I have not been able to get a team together yet to help do some much needed work on the house that the boys are living in. It is a blessing to have things for their care like water and some electric, but the poor condition of the house does effect their health such as their susceptibility to colds, fevers and flues.

Access to supplies, medical help and church are much improved. Over all we are very grateful for the provisions God has provided in this move.

We are very interested in taking a small team to do some basic work on the house; screens, paint, floor that is dirt. These basic changes would improve the boys condition a lot. Nelson and Dieulene have remained faithful to care for the children with little outside help.

If you are interested in forming a small team to go to Haiti to help me work on Shiloh Children's Home, please contact Harvest at 352-622-1818.

Again we wish to thank you for your heartfelt support on behalf of these boys. May God bless you.

Jason



#### Maurice





## Austin & Kaelee Truelove with Sabashtian, Katianna, Majolie & Mirette

#### Serving the Lord in Haiti



"...work out your own salvation withfear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." ~ Philippians 2:12b-13

Greetings in the name of God our Father and our Savior Jesus Christ! We are so thankful to have you on board with us as we strive to be Christ's hands and feet in the Santrain/Percrey area of the Far North West of Haiti. In fact we could not do it without the loving prayers and support of the Saints.

August was a month of prayers answered for us personally and for Faith Medical Clinic. This entire year, the clinic has been struggling with insufficient electricity. As there is no electric grid out here, all the electricity needed must be provided by generator or solar. The solar panels on the clinic were about 20 years old, so they put in a lot of good service. That being said, they needed badly to be replaced due to inefficiency. Austin has been charging the batteries from another building and lugging them over to the clinic every couple of weeks. On our giving report at the end of July, we were surprised with an outstanding gift that allowed us to purchase new panels. Austin and a local electrician installed them and did the rewiring required.

The prices of goats are best at the end of August, so the deacons of the church purchased and distributed the animals then. Six nanny goats were given to six different families. The first kid of each animal will be given back to the church to ensure the continuation of the program.

Our best friends here in Haiti, Terry and Carolyn, left for their time in the states. It was hard to see them go, as we meet with them several times a week. Before leaving, they offered for us to purchase their ATV. What a blessing it has been. All of us fit, so we can take it to church or across town. It's Austin's daily transportation.

Austin took a day trip mid-August to visit with missionary friends about two hours away. He returned greatly encouraged and uplifted by their fellowship. As the busy work often leaves us with little energy, it's good to be reminded that God's will is more than work. It's the attitude and spirit in which we do it that marks our work His.





Please pray for: our heart to be transformed daily to conform to His will; for our children to see Christ in us and desire Him in them; for endurance in sickness; for bodily health and recovery; for God's continued provision for us to extend his grace through aid to those in our community; for clarity of mind to make good decisions with the money we receive.











Here in Southern Haiti we are experiencing the heat wave of the year with clear blue skies and there is no wind, which is unusual for us. We are thankful that no hurricanes or big storms have passed our way so far this year.

Deb and Katie took the Angels volleyball team to the beach over the summer break. A couple of the girls have departed and gone to play volleyball in Port-au-Prince, but we are thankful for a faithful group of Angels who continue on.

We recently hosted this wedding in the Camp Mahanaim yard and it was very beautiful. There are many requests, but few wedding parties who agree to the No alcohol rule in the yard.





Last weekend we held our big "Back to School" volleyball tournament which was a lot of fun and a huge success. It's a unique tournament because girls and guys play together at a very competitive level.

The Renault Sunday school has gone well over the summer. We are really thankful for the help of the monitors who are young men who have grown up attending the Sunday school and now are great helpers. There are seven of them and their names are (from left to right) Berlin, Junior, Joseph, Andy, Stanley, Watson and Emile. We would appreciate your prayers for these young guys as they truly are trying to live for God and learn more from the Bible.









When our good friend Marv Owen passed away, a scholarship was set up to help children and young people in Haiti pay for school, and this year we had the privilege to administer over \$4,000 in scholarship funds which greatly helped many people with school and college fees.

The girl standing beside Katie is Cassan. We can't be sure of Cassan's age, but we know that she is very close in age to Katie. Cassan has been in the Sunday school for about 10 years and we believe that she is now 13 or 14 years old. Sometimes when a young child is severely malnourished, they do not grow.

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As this year comes to a close I want to take this opportunity to share with you what the Lord has used us (and you) to accomplish in 2018. Over the last 11 ½ months we have shipped a total of 6 containers of food to Haiti totaling 1.5 million meals, 3 containers with Hurricane relief supplies to Dominica, Antigua, and Puerto Rico. We also sent over 2,000 "Buckets of love" to Haiti, Puerto Rico and Mexico Beach Florida. WOW what a year. Thank you Jesus.

As you consider your "end of year" giving, I would like to ask you to consider a financial gift to Harvest International. It has been a challenging year. In light of the improved economy, any help would be a blessing to meeting the financial need that I have here in the office. Visit www.HarvestInternational.org and click on Donate.

In closing we want to take this opportunity to wish you, your family and loved ones a very Merry Christmas.



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Hurricane season is over for the year but Harvest International is continuing our "Buckets of Love" for hurricane relief project. Since October of 2016 Harvest has responded to disasters by sending over 1,000 buckets to several countries that were devastated due to hurricanes. We were able to be a part of the relief efforts to Antigua, Dominica, Haiti, Houston TX, Puerto Rico, and South Florida.

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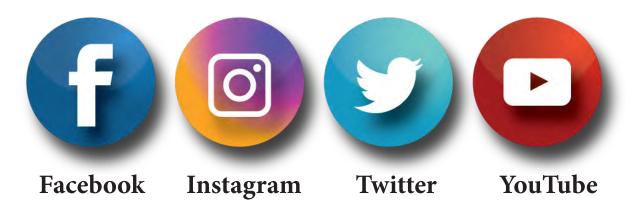
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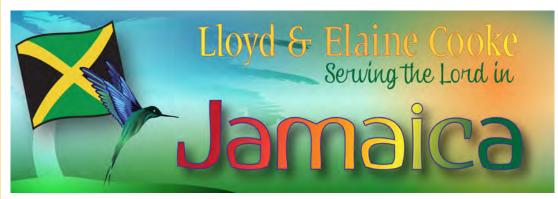
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# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!







As we face Christmas I thought it might be interesting to share how, as Jamaicans, we celebrate Christmas somewhat differently than in North America or Europe. Especially as we are in the semi-tropics, and so have no winter and snow to look forward to.

As children (kids) we eagerly looked forward to Christmas. So we had no TV nor even radio, though our parents were avid newspaper readers. The way we knew Christmas was near was when the weather would get a little colder. This for us was the Christmas Breeze: It would arrive late November or early December, and we would shiver a little. We would watch certain plants begin to change color, or their leaves would turn either white, red or yellow for the season. The ubiquitous sugar cane would begin to flower, that is the mature cane. To us this was a sure sign that Christmas was near.

**Church**: in church Christmas was the time for special practices to enact Christmas plays and Cantatas. Lloyd remembers his first such play, as a shepherd. His only words were 'me too!'.

- Caroling was especially fun. Older children and young adults would go on early morning walks singing carols in the village at the front doors of older residents and shut-ins of the churches. We would be cold, yet had few sweaters for warmth, but the joy of the responses warmed our hearts and made it all worthwhile.
- Christmas Mornings meant early church services. Lloyd's father, as an Episcopalian (Anglican) minister who supervised six churches, would begin his travels and services to three or four different locations at midnight. Another service would begin at 3:00 a.m., one at 5:00 a.m., and the other at 7:00 a.m. He would arrive home exhausted just in time to share breakfast with us at about 9:00 a.m. The night before Mama would be engaged in baking of the heavy, black fruit cakes that are an indispensable part of our Christmas. The children's part was to help in the rubbing of the butter and brown sugar until Mama could feel no grains anymore. We loathed this part of the job. What we also criticized her for was how many tins of cake we would have to take to neighbors or needy persons in the community.
- Christmas Sunday was the time for singing many carols, and for the special choir numbers or cantatas, together with the minister's Christmas message. Christmas Sunday was usually the Sunday following Christmas day or, in some churches, the Sunday nearest to Christmas day. The children would wear their new clothes and all their fineries.

#### **Home Preparations** would be many in anticipation of the day.

- Rat-cut coffee was how we children would earn money for toys, as our parents/grand-parents would not be able to afford to give us much pocket money. But as there were many coffee plants in the gardens around the house; and rats would attack the berries and chew away the skin covering them, the adults would leave these on the ground for us to gather, put out to dry, and sell for us to the factory. Our portion of money received would augment the foods and few frills our parents could provide.
- For the girls it may be a new doll, for the boys we would buy Chinese crackers, or larger 'bombs'. Even our father would delight in exploding his 'fire-crackers' on Christmas morning.
- Christmas trees were not yet a common part of our Christmas, but if we could find in the forests a willow tree, or some fir-looking branch, we would cut and take this home to be decorated. Balloons and bright lights (after we had gotten electricity in our villages in the mid '50s), along with ribbons and some cotton for snow would festoon the branch we had brought home.
- Food and Drink was the most important part of Christmas for us kids. Our Aunty Myra would be sure to bring us each a bottle of 'aerated water', it was never called 'soft drinks' yet. We would travel to the home of our grandparents on 'Boxing Day' since our father would be busy in the churches on Christmas day. All our cousins would be there, and we would show and share our toys. The meal would be sure to include rice and peas, (specially 'gungo peas') and Daddy would bring along the specially ordered 'duck bread'. It wouldn't be Christmas dinner without that. Then there would be the 'Sorrel drink' made from the boiled fleshy leaves of the rose-like bush that bore in time for Christmas. Some homes would flavour it with ginger boiled in, and some would add 'spirits' to that consumed by the adults. The children's own would be 'virgin'. And yes, roasted breadfruit would be a part of the meal.
- Junkunoo (John Canoe) dancers were a regular part of Christmas, in the 'olden days'. This was an African dance, left over from our cultural heritage, that was brought to the Caribbean. The actors would dress in frightful costumes. We would be scared of them in their African costumes, yet strangely attracted. These cultural dancers would appear on Boxing Day, the special rest day for servants the day after Christmas. Yes, those memories are precious!

Have a blessed Christmas time with your children and families and friends!







### Dr. Donald DeVito

# Haitian Center for Inclusive Education



The Haitian Center for Inclusive Education is thrilled to announce we have received a grant from the International Society for Music Education to develop inclusive community development through the arts in Port au Prince, Haiti. ISME is the premiere organization for music education with thousands of members in over 100 countries.

The name of the grant is:

ISME-NAMM Foundation Community Music Development Grant (Community Music)

The details:

Recipient: Donald DeVito and Gertrude Bien Aime

Title: "Vini Ansanm" Come Together: Haitian Inclusive Community Music Development

Project location: Haiti

Over the next two years the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education team will be developing community events that include opportunities for social engagement, music performance and education for the local community. Community music events will include local the children of the Notre Maison Orphanage with disabilities who attend the school each day. The funds will also help to pay for a full time music teacher at the school. The culminating goal is to generate a stronger sense of community for children with disabilities in the Port au Prince region.

More information can be found at www.isme.org. Specific grant details and photos will be coming in the next newsletter.

God bless, Dr. Donald DeVito

















## Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project



# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Pastor Sam & Zoe Kasule with Barb & Dick Johnson



Patrick and Florence



Tadeo and Carol





#### A Year of 'Great Things'

One year ago, it seemed to us that the Lord was reducing our monthly inland travelling and getting us more involved in weekly discipleship meetings with individuals and families here in Harare. While the latter have surely materialized, He has also added on a new group – Mvurwi, two hours away. Although we have been meeting with individuals and small groups almost since our arrival here, it has never been on this present scale. For this, we truly praise God.

Discipleship is, generally, not very appealing because it requires a lifelong commitment and discipline. So unlike many in the Early Church who took seriously the Great Commission, today there seems to be a growing desire for "quick fixes". But, we thank God for those Pastors and Leaders here who are now looking beyond the large numbers, extremely great singing and dancing and popular preaching, and see the need for building the Lord's Church through discipleship. Praise God for the courage of these men who are going against the flow. It is an uphill task, as they work with their flock whose faith often includes aspects of their ancestral beliefs.

The highlight of this year's ministry was the mini Retreat which was held December 3rd to 6th under the theme, "Instead, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (Eph. 4:15). Praise God, everything went according to plan – accommodation, participants' arrival, every session, every meal. Now that it is over, we are even more certain that the Lord led us in this - selection of invitees, every detail of the program and every topic that occupied our time together. The interaction and responses were amazing, the conviction and brokenness telling. We believe that we have not yet seen all that the Lord intended from it.

This is the first time we have attempted anything like this. So, for the future, should we consider a similar annual event when we bring together key persons with whom we have worked over the years? In so doing, they would not only be encouraged and strengthened but we would also compensate for being unable to regularly communicate with some of them because of the remoteness of the areas where they now live and minister. But until the Lord gives the green light, we cannot plan to move in this direction.

So, in this snapshot of our 2018, we trust you have a sense of what the Lord has been doing in us and through us, for, "it is God who works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

But over and above all is how privileged we are to belong to the Lord and to know Him as our Father. His grace continues to abound towards us in every aspect of our lives. This Country is again going through a very difficult time, politically and economically. There are very few who are not being seriously challenged by the inflated prices of goods and services (could be as many as five times the normal) and the resulting scarcity of necessaries like food, fuel and even medicines. But we believe the Lord has His purposes in all of this and He is working out His sovereign plan for His eternal glory. What opportunities for the Gospel!

Thank you so much for the vital part you play both in our lives and in the lives of those with whom we work. Each time we meet with a group or individual, or are able to hand a participant a Bible, we are reminded that we are part of a team which includes you. Indeed, we are so very blessed by your continued partnership, friendship and faithfulness in prayer and giving. Special thanks to all those who prayed us through the preparation for and the Retreat itself.

As we celebrate Christmas, we thank God for placing His Son in us that we might become His children. In this unique relationship we can all, with grateful hearts, rejoice in what He is doing in us and through us, as a team, to achieve His purposes in this Nation.

Throughout 2019, may each of us be filled with a fresh revelation of this "Christ in you the hope of glory" who lives in our hearts.











The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round. Ken ya Give? The second annual silent auction was held on November 30th to raise funds for a minibus for the kids of the Haven and Fresh Start Homes. Tina and Donna, friends of the ministry and recent Kenya mission trip participants, worked so hard to organize the event. Though the weather was lousy that evening, the turnout was tremendous. There was so much good food and laughter that a great time was had by all. The event was a huge success, and it looks like we are going to reach our fundraising goal of \$30,000 by the end of the 2018. We praise Jehovah Jireh for His provision!





The Tassel's Worth the Hassle. Allan May Oluoch, one of the first boys to join the Haven in 2005 is now graduating from Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Public Administration. Allan has persevered through life's difficulties and disappointments. He was abandoned by his father, and his mother died of typhoid when he was about six years old. Allan suffered with a debilitating skin condition, and after the death of his mother, he shifted from one abusive family member to another, until he decided to hit the streets in search of a better life.

In God's providence, he came to a feeding program being held at the Spiritual Life Centre one day in 2005. He still had a sparkle in his eyes, unlike most of the street boys who were addicted to glue and given up on life. So,

he was invited to become a member of the Haven children's home. Allan adapted to life in the home quickly. He did not speak much English, but he was a voracious learner. He quickly excelled academically and athletically. He accepted Christ and began writing Christian songs. It would not be too long before he began performing in music videos. All the while, he readily gives thanks and praise to the Lord because he recognizes that "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17.

Please pray for Allan as he navigates life as an adult. He desires to pursue a Master's Degree, yet no one but the Lord knows how this can be accomplished. Pray for divine guidance and provision.

Home for Christmas. This warm sentiment is not always what one hopes it to be. The Kenyan government encourages children's homes to send their kids back to the towns and villages of their origin to visit extended family members and clans during the Christmas break from school. There is always the concern that some children do not have a safe place to make such visits. Many of the Haven and Fresh Start children and teenagers have 'gone home' for this annual visit. Please pray for their safety and well being. When they return to the Haven and Fresh Start homes after Christ-mas, they will begin preparing for the new school year in January. Pray, too, for provision of school fees, school supplies, new uniforms, shoes, etc. as they begin a new school year.

*Art by Isaac Mwema*. Last quarter some of Isaac's artwork was featured, and since then he was asked to provide four drawings to be turned into Christmas Cards. Here are the drawings he rendered for the project.



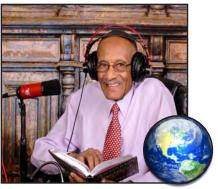






Appeal for Support. The generous support of so many people has provided for the children's ongoing care. For this, we are very grateful. The holidays are here, and the New Year will be ushered in before we know it. Please consider supporting the children of the Haven as we anticipate thousands of dollars in school fees with the new year. Every gift, small or large, helps send a child to school, provide medical care when needed, and sustain the operation of the children's home. Your gifts are tax deductible and your prayers are highly coveted.





Greetings and thanks to you for your prayers and support over the year that is passing. And what a year it was!

The Sons of Korah wrote music for the Jewish Worship services and in Psalm 84 we have some beautiful and reassuring words. Verse seven says: "They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." We too can claim that blessed assurance of going from strength to strength.

But before we claim the victory of "from strength to strength" let's listen to verse six. "passing through the valley of Baca make it a well..." Think of it this way: From strength to strength is the same as saying: "From mountain top to mountain top." But we do not make that leap by flying there.

We must go through the valley of Baca. Baca means tears. Before the mountain top, there is Baca. But oh, the fragrance of the verdant mountain top!



For me, 2018 has had its baca. Early in the year I was hospitalized. By April, I thought it was my home call. That same month, the Lord took My beloved Beverley home and again I was hospitalized and in rehab for a whole month. There were tears in the valley, but I can report to you that, by His grace, I can see the mountain top.

And in spite of Baca, the ministry has flourished. We have added three new stations. More people are joining us on the web. We had a very successful Stewardship banquet in October. Thanks to each of you.









We are workers together with God.

I love you and our Heavenly Father who loves you more, knows the part you play.





The Pastor in these pictures name is Ragu. He works and lives in the Barber Community, where they train people to cut hair. His Church is the building with the SHINY blue roof. His roof was put on a day ago. The Lord had provided a new roof for his church and a new portable sound system, which he can use in his Church with a cordless microphone. He can take it with him to preach outside his Church as well. The new metal blue roof cost \$600.00 US and the portable sound system cost less than \$100.00 with a cordless microphone US.

Ragu may not look like a blessed man, but he is, his beautiful wife, and 2 kids, along with his 2 brothers and families are blessed.

The straw hut is his brother's house, and he lives in the brick house that he's pictured in front of. The picture of the house under construction is Ragu's new house, provided by the Lord, and his 2 brothers have similar houses under construction, PRAISE THE LORD.

Now Ragu and his brothers have spent all their money to get construction to the place it is at, but the Lord may be speaking to you to help them out. No amount of money is too small or too large. God bless you if He chooses you to help.















### Serving the Lord in Haiti



On December 6th Tom flew into Pignon, Haiti with MFI. He paid an unannounced visit to Nelson and Dieulene in order to bring some Christmas gifts and supplies and check on the boys, Jason and Maurice. He stayed with Neil VanDime and his wife Roberta. Neil has a ministry that is endeavoring to provide good water and sanitary outhouses throughout Haiti. His wife, a doctor, is endeavoring to open a small medical clinic in the area.

Tom found the family settled into a home in Hinche, as planned, and was pleased with the conditions. The home has a spigot in the yard with a good water supply. The outhouse was in proper working order. And, most amazingly, there is electricity 24 hours, 7 days per week. Lack of good water was one of the primary factors in moving the boys from the old home and although they have to carry water from the spigot, by Haiti standards it is very convenient to have the tap in the yard. The power in Hinche is supplied by the local hydroelectric plant and is more reliable and affordable than in Port-au-Prince. This allows them to use the washing machine to keep the boys clothes and bedding cleaner than ever before.

Both boys had grown since Tom last saw them, both in stature and in weight. Jason, at approximately 13, is taller and thinner. Maurice, at 10 -11, is stockier and more responsive. Jason is able to walk with someone holding his hand and responds to hugs and physical stimuli and input. He is not able to respond to visual or verbal signals. Maurice is very responsive to verbal signals and interacts very well with any and all visitors. He immediately started playing with the new toys and mastering the new skills they teach. He can walk but only while wearing shoes to keep his feet positioned correctly. Nelson and Dieulene have a two year old daughter that was wary of Tom but, like all American children, very proficient with using a smart phone.

Nelson is in his second year of training to become a pastor. Teo Babun, of Outreach Aid to the Americas, donated a laptop computer from a supply that he had received for his ministry. Tom delivered that to Nelson on this trip to aid him in his studies. He hopes to complete his training in just over two years and be able to minister as a pastor as well as helping with the children of Shiloh Children's Home.

Thank you for your support of the work at Shiloh and for providing a home and hope for children that had been discarded by people who do not know that God makes no mistakes.



Nelson and Diuelene with their baby girl



**Iason** 



Maurice



## Austin & Kaelee Truelove with Sabashtian, Katianna, Majolie & Mirette

#### Serving the Lord in Haiti



#### "Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

We greet you in our precious Savior's name, and take the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In the midst of Haiti's tumultuous times these past few weeks, we are thankful to be able to report that His work continues to be accomplished. We are incredibly grateful for this past year and look forward to this coming year.

Our year of transition- As many of you know, 2018 has been a year of transitions within transitions. From moving a family of six to the field, to building our home, to accepting the administrator position of Faith Medical Clinic, to expecting our fifth child, to escorting our doctor on his first visit to the USA, we have certainly been in a whirlwind of activity.



Dr. Soncoeur and Austin going to Haiti



Tile on our floor is nearly done



Our new Truck is here!



The hospitalization center with improvements

#### We are excited to report:

Our trip to the States with our Doctor was a great success. The final phase, the flooring, of our home is nearly complete. Austin's brother, Odelson, says the tile should be finished this week. The tile came in our new truck which went through the Haitian customs while Austin was in Haiti in November.

Many of the needed upgrades and improvements for the clinic are completed. We have repainted most of the buildings, upgraded parts of the electrical system, and installed a gate to hospitalization center.

Our 2019 Projections- We look forward to continue our improvements such as: a new roof for two of the hospitalization center buildings, a new roof for the clinic, a complete rewiring of the clinic. Also, due to the increasing number of Typhoid cases, we would like to raise enough funds to provide 1,000 water filtration system to the people in our area.

As large as these goals may be, we are certain that if God wills it and with you help, these tasks and many more may be accomplished in 2019.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. May the love and grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.











The kids at Sunday school this morning singing Glory to God in the highest. Today's bible story was about David and Goliath, and I thought for a moment about 3 people doing a Sunday school for 1500 children each week and just

as God fought for David, He also has given us what we need to continue this ministry. Each Sunday as we arrive, Deb greets the children and exchanges money for coins that they have found. Katie organizes the kids as they get seated and Rod sets up the equipment. At 15 years old, Katie does a great job of leading the singing.

We are so thankful that the Lord is really working in the lives of Stanley and Joseph who have been in the Sunday school for 10 years and are now taking leadership roles. They both read the bible and give a short talk and







prayer every week. We would appreciate your prayers for Stanley and Joseph as God seems to be really working in their lives and they both live in difficult situations.







Deb always finds time to care for even the smallest needs. Rod does the bible story, Katie helps give out the Manna packs and Deb does a short medical clinic every Sunday as we finish up. As the children leave, there is always a group of

adults that come in with medical needs. Deb is giving antibiotics to a young man who might lose his middle finger. It is very swollen and these people have no other place to come for medical care. We are very thankful for the Missouri medical team who leave enough meds with us each year so that we can help serve the people.



Several times we have had to use our Dewalt cordless shop vacuum to remove rocks or bugs that get trapped inside ears. This little guy today wasn't too excited about the procedure once he heard the sound of the vacuum. I use a small tube to reduce the suction of the vacuum.

We had a very special visit with our long time friend Max whom we hadn't seen for many months. Max has aids and we worked together with him 15 years ago, helping people who have aids and also building an orphanage for

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children who have aids. Max recently had a stroke, but thank the Lord, he is recovering well.



Merry Christmas!

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