

# SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME

## The Schmidt Family in Haiti

### February 2012



"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."  
~ Colossians 3:23 ~

The Schmidt family is back in Haiti! We have a new home and are excited about all the Lord is doing! We have been very busy getting Shiloh Children's Home ready for our first team; arriving this weekend!

Our Shiloh Children: Jason, Caleb and Maurice are glad to be back with us and we're glad to have them! We now have three women working for us. They are doing a great job with the children!! Who are all happy, eating well (Praise the Lord!) and enjoying the attention and exercise they are getting!

2011 was quite a year for our family, a recap of the last 6 mos:

- **August 2011:** We arrived back in FL to visit Ben in WI and prepare for Matt and Frances' Wedding!!
- **Sept. 3, 2011:** Matthew married the love of his life, Frances Harding
- **mid Sept. - Oct, 2011:** We spent 7 wks sharing with friends (old and new!) and family from FL, GA, SC, NC, WV, NH, VT, NY, OH, IN, WI! Such a blessing!!
- **November 1 - 22, 2011:** Tom returned to Haiti for a team and to get ready for our whole family's return
- **November 11th:** our 13th grandchild arrived! Samuel Jackson Canova, 7lbs 12 OZ, born at 6:55AM to Becky & Joe, joining brothers Joseph & Caleb
- **November 11:** Ginger's Mom, Kathie Wathen Mead Carnegie, an eleventh hour conversion went to be with the Lord (11/11/11 at 11PM)
- **December 6:** Joshua had his greatly enlarged tonsils and adenoids out! He was a model patient, Praise the Lord!
- **Christmas Time with all our family:** 9 children, 5 spouses, 13 grandchildren!! We are blessed!
- **December 31st:** Our dear friend and fellow missionary, Sue Schweinsberg, went to be with the Lord. She will be sorely missed. She was such a blessing to us.
- **Jan. 2 - 9, 2012:** We all traveled to NY for Sue's funeral, then to Toronto, Ontario to see our son Benjamin and back to GA to visit dear friends
- **Jan. 13th:** Joshua's follow-up appt. Praise the Lord, his breathing is so improved and the sleep apnea seems to have been resolved as well!
- **Jan. 26th:** Finally we are able to return to Haiti!! Praise the Lord!
- **Feb. 2012:** finds us quite busy cleaning, painting, repairing electrical and plumbing issues in our "new to us" home! as well as cleaning up our yard which has banana, mango, coconut, citron, papaya, and corrossol trees!



The NEW  
Shiloh Children's Home



Jason, Caleb & Maurice



Matthew & Frances



Samuel  
Jackson  
Canova



Kathie (Mimi) & Sue

## In Memory of Katharine W. Mead Carnegie 11/10/1925 - 11/11/2011

Our merciful Heavenly Father answers our prayer that spans more than 39 years and includes 29 people! That's how long Tom and I, along with our 9 children, their 5 spouses, and our 13 grandchildren have been praying for the Salvation of my Mom, Kathie, (known to many as Mimi) and other family members!

Earlier in 2011, when Tom's Dad (Paul H. Schmidt) went to be with his Heavenly Father. I pleaded with the Lord not to allow all those prayers to be in vain. Over the next few months I noticed a softening of my Mom's heart and an emerging interest in spiritual things. Several times during those months Mom would ask me questions about faith in Christ, and we often agreed, but she never was quite ready to make that step of Faith and surrender all.

On 10/30/11 Mom was admitted to the hospital for the second time that month. On that day she told me she was dying and didn't think she would make it to her birthday only 11 days away. It prompted me to, yet again, open some serious talks with Mom about what she thought would happen to her when she died. We talked about heaven, the place everyone expects to go when they die, and I told her what Jesus tells us in John 14:6 *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* She agreed with me that that was the only way to heaven and that was what she wanted. I wanted to be sure my mom understood what it means to be a Christian and to have the assurance of going to heaven. So I began in Genesis and re-told Mom, about our Heavenly Father, who created day and night; the heavens; and the earth; the sun, moon and stars; the fish, fowl, all creeping animals and all beasts; man and woman. I told her again about how sin came into the world through man's desire to be a god unto himself and how God cursed man, yet made provision for his Salvation. I told her how God sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, not only to pay the penalty for our sin, but to forgive us our sins and adopt us into the family of God, giving us Redemption and the gift of Eternal Life! *"For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God"* Romans 3:23 *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Romans 6:23.

Within a few days Mom lost her voice, but in a whisper she agreed with all I told her; yet she seemed to be holding back from making a total commitment to believe. *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."* Romans 16:31 *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."* John 3:36 So, I asked our Pastor to come and talk with her. He agreed with my assessment. We both felt she was having trouble forsaking all she had believed throughout her life, yet we could see she wanted to believe and be assured of Christ's love and Salvation.

Mom had witnessed firsthand the Love of Christ demonstrated through members of our church who had been loving her since she moved to FL in 2006. She had seen the difference Christ makes in a person's life; the genuine love expressed freely with no ulterior motives. So I talked to Mom about what she had believed and if she still wanted to hang on to those beliefs and I prayed with her. "Lord, help my unbelief." The next day she told my sister that she wanted to go to heaven and was repenting of her old life (sin), she wanted to choose Jesus! Up until that point, Mom had been anxious about what would happen to her when she died and had been asking for medication to help her sleep at night. But this day was different! On 11/05/11 many people were praying for Mom, that she would surrender her life into Jesus' hands to be her Lord and Saviour! The Lord answered our prayers! As Mom repented of her sins, and surrendered all and put her total trust in Christ, He gave her a peace that passeth all understanding! She became so at peace that she slept for 14.5 hrs with no anxiety medication at all. She was so relaxed and at peace that she could not stop smiling! What a wonderful sight to behold. The next evening Mom asked me if she would need to "go under the water", to be Baptized. I told her that would not be necessary as Baptism is an outward sign of an inward change, it does not make us saved; and at this point she was far too sick to be able to do that! The next 4 days Mom's life hung in the balance, but she was able to see and have a quality visit with all her 4 children in the last week of her life; she got to spend time with all but 1 of her grandchildren and all their spouses, as well as all of her 13 great-grandchildren (most of them within the last week of her life, the rest within the last few months).

### ***Some of the things I am so grateful for:***

- Mom was never in pain and her mind was alert and coherent until the very end.
- Mom was so HAPPY and at Peace her last week of life. She named a little Teddy Bear I gave her, "Happy" and told her friends she was "resting in the arms of Jesus"!
- Mom did make it to her 86th Birthday (November 10th) and a dear friend made her a beautiful cake with "Psalm 86" written across the top. Friends and family came by throughout the day. We read Psalm 86 to her and she was so blessed!

*"O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy." vs. 1*

*"For Thou, Lord art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee." vs. 5*

*"Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear Thy name." vs. 11*

*"I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore." vs. 12*

*"Thou, Lord, hast helped me, and comforted me." vs. 17*

- We also sang some hymns for her; including her favorite song: "Be Still My Soul". It was a special, glorious day, and Mom was so Happy!!
- Early the next morning (November 11th), we got word Becky was in labor (with grandbaby #13), she delivered Samuel Jackson Canova at 6:55AM, weighing 7lbs 12oz. She and Joe brought him by for Mimi to see early that afternoon. Mimi, never opened her eyes, but was all smiles knowing little Samuel was in her arms; her dying wish. That night Mom took her last breath as my sister and I sat up with her, hugging her and telling her how much we loved her. I believe God, in His infinite mercy, wanted me to be sure of her 11th hour conversion, Matthew 20:1-16
- Mom went peacefully to be with the Lord, 11/11/11 at 11PM. Of all the moments in her 86+ years of life - over 45 million! (45, 233, 220 minutes to be exact!) Our Heavenly Father choose the exact moment that would give me the assurance that Mom is now with Him in Heaven. How awesome is that?!
- Tom was able to tell Mom he loved her, before he left for Haiti Nov. 1st (but he fully intended on seeing her again when he returned 3 wks later)

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

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Heavy rains cause flooding at Shiloh Children's Home (SCH) April thru Nov!!



Tom & JoHannah worked on one of our Nanny's roof to keep the rain from pouring in!



Receiving food for SCH and orphans in Pierre Payan.



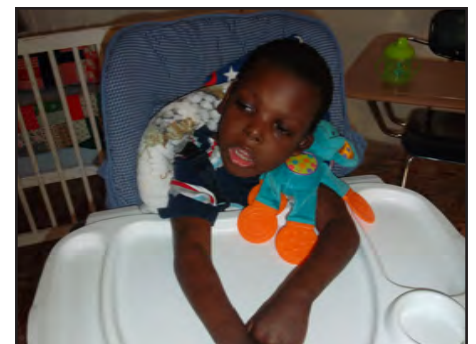
Thanks to the Ministry of SCH we were able to rebuild the front & back boundary walls for the Orphanage at Pierre Payan as well as rebuild the outhouse and fix the front gate to secure the property.



Orange Heights, FL team spent 2 wks working on our '85 Suburban & '90 pick-up truck, what a blessing!!



Orange Heights team making screens for all our windows and door frames for SCH rented house in PaP.



Caleb sitting in his high chair with a toy donated by Riverside Community Church, San Antonio, TX.



Part of our Ministry includes showing The Jesus Film in a remote village school in the Mountains.



JoHannah baking for Team meals.



Alix & Nadege, our National Shiloh Children's Home Managers, with their children: David & Carmela.



Our newest SCH member: Benji with staff, SCH children and Benji's friends, Curt & Patty.



A Quilters Group from VT lovingly made many beautiful quilts for SCH to keep the children warm on chilly 'winter' nights.



Physical Therapy pays off!! Maurice is learning to sit on his own; Caleb is trying to sit and (not pictured) Jason is beginning to take steps on his own! PTL!!!



Work has begun on a permanent home for SCH!! This is an answer to prayer, and we are praising the Lord!

## Prayer requests:

- Teams to come down to help build & work with the children.
- Funds for building project & car repairs.
- Support for the ministry.
- Ginger's health.

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December 2012



"Lo, children are the heritage of the Lord..." Psalm 127:3

## SCH 2012 In Review

1. Helping the orphan children and school children at Pierre Payen.
  - a. Thanks to many, the children all have beds to sleep on, with sheets, pillows, blankets, and screens on the windows!
  - b. The school children and the church members all have a seat to sit on, thanks to the benches made by a team from FLI
  - c. We have an apartment available for the Pastor and his family, or teams as needed
  - d. Repaired the boundary walls & gate, part has been down for almost 5yrs
  - e. We are still working with Pastor Antoine trying to get a water system that will work for the community.
2. We're seeing some exciting improvements in our Shiloh Children due to the physical therapy we're doing with them and the educational toys donated by Riverside Community Church! Jason is now walking!!
3. A TON of work has been done on our vehicles to keep them running, which has been invaluable!  
The Lord has provided for all our needs!
4. Through SCH we've been able to provide food for orphans in Pierre Payen and Gonaives as well as SCH.
5. The Jesus Movie & projector have been a tremendous blessing to the community. We've shown it several times in Port-au-Prince area as well as in Carabel! It is always well received and such a blessing to the people!
6. All the tools donated are a continuing blessing for the work in Haiti! (Helping to replace the ones that were stolen)

## Needs:

1. Finish 1st Phase of SCH in Carabel, Central Plateau
2. Complete roof, wiring & plumbing for Phase 1 of building project
3. Move SCH to the country in Jan. 2013
4. Get a Well: drilled or dug, for SCH in Carabel
5. Work on 2nd & 3rd Phase of SCH in Carabel
6. Teams to come help with the work: Construction, Bible preaching & teaching

## Goals for 2013:

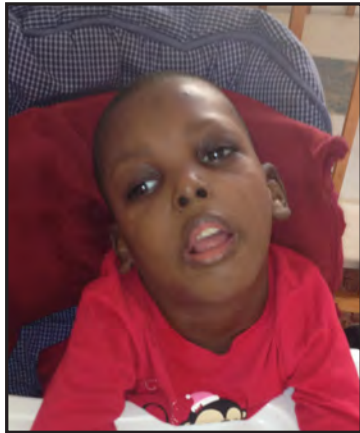
1. Start a Pre-School to benefit SCH and the community (& generate operating funds)
2. Plant a Church to meet spiritual needs of SCH as well as community
3. Plant a garden to supply much of the food for SCH (& sell excess to community)
4. Start a Tilapia Fish Farm to benefit SCH (& sell to community)
5. Bible Training for Men - to further spiritual well being of community

## Praises:

1. The faithfulness of those who support this ministry. We couldn't have done any of this without the monthly financial support as well as all the hours and project funds donated, and the encouraging letters and visits!
2. Finances coming just in time to meet each need!
3. The move to the country (Carabel) means no more renting or moving again, Lord willing, for the SCH children! It came about as the Lord closed one door and opened another:
  - a. The house in Bon Repos was flooding every time it rained, forcing the children to be put on the roof as the yard and house flooded with rain and sewer water - a breeding ground for disease and malaria mosquitoes.
  - b. Our workers are from the country and wanted to move back there, yet continue to work with the children. They gave part of their property for SCH
4. Teams in 2012 that blessed SCH tremendously!!!

**We are a faith based ministry, which may not always seem to be the most effective way to get the job done, but because our funds are limited it does involve more people and bless more Haitians as we move along the path God leads us on.**

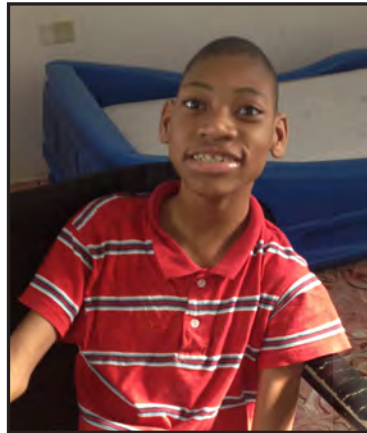
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Caleb



Maurice



Benjamin



Jason - Walking



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