

# SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME

The Schmidt Family in Haiti

January 2011



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~ Colossians 3:23 ~

As we write this Prayer Letter, we marvel at all the Lord has done in our lives this past year. Today marks the 1st Anniversary of the devastating Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake. It is estimated that more than 300,000 souls lost their lives in those 30+ seconds! At least another 300,000 were critically injured. There are still millions who are living in tents and tarp covered stick frame "shanties", trying to carry on...

The Lord led our family to move back to Haiti to open a Christ Centered Home for handicapped children and those youngsters who lost a limb in the earthquake. Our goal is to provide Christ's love in a family setting; Biblical instruction, a complete education in Creole, French, English and Spanish as well as skills for future employment. In June 2010, we found a place to rent and moved to our present location, 38 mi. north of Port-au-Prince.



June, July and August were very busy months, getting our '85 Suburban cleared from customs, the property ready for the work to be done, helping with reconstruction work for earthquake victims, and building the three temporary structures for Shiloh Children's Home. We had two teams come in during that time who were such an encouragement and blessing to us! In Sept. and Oct. we had our third and fourth teams, as well as two other groups of visitors. They were all such a blessing! They helped paint our new buildings, built 3 more buildings for another needy orphanage and have been very instrumental in getting much of the preliminaries

done for Shiloh Children's Home. Near the end of Oct. we got our first two children! Jason (5) and Caleb (4) were abandoned at Grace Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, in 2009 and lived there for over 1½ yrs. Neither can walk or talk, but Jason is progressing well and should be walking soon! Caleb has more issues; he is on medication for seizures and appears to have severe brain damage. He is a sweet, smiley little boy, and we have seen some improvements in him already. We finally were able to get an EEG for him this week. It was interesting seeing him hooked up to 23 electrodes all over his head, as they examined his brain waves, while he lay fast asleep. We should have the results later in the week, which, Lord willing, will give us a clearer picture of his problems and how best to help him (i.e. types of medications that will work best for him, exercises and stimulation that will help him reach his full potential; whatever that might be). We know that the Lord has made this little guy and we feel privileged to be able to love and care for him, as he is. Still, we want to include him in every activity possible to allow him as much opportunity as we can.



Maurice came to us in early Nov. He is 2 yrs. old and was abandoned on a pile of garbage, where the rats were eating on him! A Pastor's daughter found him and was taking care of him the best she could, until she got a job and was no longer able to. He also cannot walk, talk or coordinate his movements well. We have been working with him for two months now and he is greatly improved! He's gained some much needed weight, can almost roll over and is beginning to say some words! Praise the Lord!



In Nov. we had our 5th great team! They got so much accomplished, helping us get the roof on our new Multi-Purpose Building among other things! The ladies on that team did a dental clinic for the children in the neighborhood and helped to medically evaluate our three little boys. What a blessing they all were!!



In mid-Nov. Ginger and JoHannah were able to go to the states to help our daughter, Kimber-Leigh and family when they had their third baby: Ephraim Frank Maxson, born on 11/29/2010. Isaiah turned 3 while we were there and Renae 17 mos. We were so glad to be able to see all of our children and grandchildren, and be of some help to them. We now have 11 precious grandchildren on earth and 4 in heaven; as Tj and Susan recently lost one. The Lord has been so gracious to us; through blessings and trials, always faithful! We are so rich in Christ! II Cor. 12:9

Tom, Jeremy and Joshua stayed in Haiti taking care of the three little boys, and our newest resident, a little girl, who came shortly after Ginger and JoH left for the states. Betty turned 2 on 12/30. She is from another mission organization, awaiting adoption. She doesn't walk or talk yet, but seems to be developing normally, just a little delayed. She is quite jolly and a big encouragement to Maurice, who watches her every move and tries to copy all she does!



The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful helper for a few months! Alayna, a young lady from our church, felt led of the Lord, along with her parents, to come down and give of her time and talents to help us out! What a blessing she is, helping with all the daily tasks as well as spending time helping the children learn new skills!!



On the home front, the Schmidt family continues to grow! We have been blessed with 3 new grandsons in 2010 (Katie & Justin's, Becky & Joe's, and Kim & Ben's) and we have another granddaughter due in April 2011 (Katie and Justin's third). Matthew and, the love of his life, Frances are engaged to be married on Sept. 3, 2011, so we will be in the states for that Blessed event!!

We also plan to visit some churches while stateside. Anyone interested in having us come and share about our work here, please contact us so we can plan our time in Sept and Oct.

Please continue to pray for Haiti as they try to settle the election results and work towards rebuilding this broken nation. We would also appreciate prayer for the hired help we so desperately need as well as a permanent location for Shiloh Children's Home.

In Christ's love,

*Tom, Ginger, JoHannah, Jeremy and Joshua*

***"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."***

***~ Matthew 19:14 ~***

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~ Colossians 3:23 ~*

*"I will praise thee O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works." Psalm 9:1*

As many of you now know, we have begun working with a Haitian Pastor, highly recommended to us by some dear, trusted missionaries whom we've known for 15 plus years. Pastor Antoine Dieujuste and his family live in a very poor, water damaged home on the same property as the church and school. They also have an orphanage and home for some who have lost theirs in recent hurricanes and the 2010 earthquake. Much of the church's property and buildings have sustained damage.



*The church in Pierre Payen & some school children*



*Inside the church where some of the classes meet*



*The Pastor's children teach some of the classes*



*All the classrooms need major repairs*

These rooms behind the main church building sustained the most serious damage, yet still the children come to learn! We are trying to connect this school with some Haitian Architects who are donating their expertise to design safer schools.



*Outdoor kitchen and entrance*



*Patched ceiling with cement erosion*

The Pastor's home is also in great need of repair, from recent past hurricanes and the 2010 earthquake. Flooding, winds and tremors have taken their toll. The roof leaks like a sieve, literally; the walls have major structural cracks, mildew and cement deterioration. Because of all the waters that have come through in recent years, they now have major foundation erosion, as well. We truly believe this home will need to come down and another, more secure one, built in it's place, as

the Lord provides. *There are so many projects that we can help to facilitate for this church/school/orphanage.*

We have also learned from Pastor Antoine that there are several children who lost a limb in the earthquake, living in Pierre Payen. The Pastor wants to help these children to be able to attend school to learn about the Lord; and have a future. One young lady, Logista Philoxene, has been attending the church school. Recently we were able to help the church give her needed money for medical treatment and a prosthesis for her lost leg. She is doing much better now, feeling more confident since receiving her "new" leg. We are Praising the Lord, for His provision, through your sacrificial giving.



Another exciting thing that happened in February was that the Harvest container finally got out of customs! We have been able to give out needed food and supplies to many people thanks to all the donations sent to Haiti through Harvest International, not only in Pierre Payen, but in many other areas of the country as well!

*- Tents being given to families -*

*- Food and commerce buckets being given out to needy family groups, as well as solar lanterns and Bibles -*

*- A meal pack for each child in school -*



*"Our" 2 room apartment above the church office*



*SCH buildings being taken down*

In seeking to help these brothers and sisters in the Lord, they have taken on the task of helping us! We gave the Pastor money to make temporary repairs on his home, roof and church property but he felt it was more important to begin work on an apartment for our family! The goal is to have us living on the property so they can begin working with the handicapped children to relieve us and incorporate them into the orphanage. We are now in the process of taking down the Shiloh Children's Home buildings and moving them from our rented property, to the church property. This will give them safer, more comfortable accommodations

for the children they already have, as well as the handicapped children we've been caring for these past five months.

We also have a wonderful Multi-Purpose open-air "building" on our rented property which is being taken down and moved to the church property as well. It too will be re-assembled and used for the purpose intended. We are so grateful to the Lord for all that we have been blessed with to help the children of Shiloh Children's Home, which will now help so many more children. There are 75 orphans that the church family has been caring for, over 200 students in the school, as well as housing provided for some families who lost their homes in the recent hurricanes and earthquake. Once we are settled into our new home, our role will change from caregivers to the handicapped children, to facilitators and teachers. The school and teachers have been working hard to teach as broad a spectrum as possible; they have an afternoon English and French class as well as guitar lessons available to those able to attend. They would like to expand the regular curriculum to include English, French and Spanish for all ages, Science with labs for all grades, computer, piano, violin, auto mechanics, tilapia fish farming, aquaponics, basic electricity, plumbing, masonry, wood-working, bread baking, dress making, etc. Not all the classes will be available this year, but as many as we are able to, according to the priorities of the school. Lord willing, by next fall we will have most of the classes in place; some by video. Many of our family members will teach, until others feel comfortable teaching them. A donated military surplus 5kw diesel generator, which came down on the container, will help to expand our teaching capabilities and aid in the quality of life for the orphans and those living on the church property. We Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy!!



*Our "new" diesel generator which will help many*



*Pastor Antoine, his family, some of the orphans & caregivers*

Besides adding to the school program, we would like to provide one nutritious cooked meal a day for all the orphans and school children. Many don't get regularly cooked meals and their health and ability to learn are showing the signs of their lack of proper nutrition. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring an orphan or school child. If you feel so led, please check with the Harvest office or our blog, both should soon have pictures and information on those children needing sponsors: [www.shilohchildrenshome.blogspot.com](http://www.shilohchildrenshome.blogspot.com) also check out our family news and doings on JoHannah's journal: [www.johannahsjournal.blogspot.com](http://www.johannahsjournal.blogspot.com)

Our desire is to serve the Pastor and church family as they live out the Great Commission given by our Lord: *"And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world'." Amen.* ~ Matthew 28:18-20

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

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## Picture Update



Getting Crem de ble, a special treat for the orphans.



6 7 2011 12:39

Jeremy

helping to serve the food.



Serving up the Lunch meal; a blessed donation from Feed My Starving Children and Love A Child in Haiti; with some extras provided by the Riverside Team, San Antonio, Tx.



6.7.2011



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Repainted black (green) boards for the school.



Awnings to give the children a place to play in the shade.



6 7 2011 11:03

VBS for the children thanks to the Riverside Team.



6 7 2011 12:40

The Children enjoying their meal.



6 7 2011 13:55

Shirts, pillowcase dresses for all the children from the Riverside Team and Church.



6 7 2011

Juice, a special treat!



Washing the laundry in the dirty canal water; no wonder they consider it a blessing when rain falls on their drying laundry - it helps wash off the rinse water.



Some of the girls playing a game of jump rope!



The back boundary wall that fell down during a recent heavy rain storm; building on left is next yard.



Ginger Cutting Caleb's hair. Everyone else was afraid to. It helps him stay cooler.



JoHannah spending some time with Betty.



Some of the little girls playing Jacks with stones (for the ball & jacks!)



Ginger feeding Caleb his medicine and nutritional supplement.

## A Visit Home

We are going to be in the states August thru November and would like to share about what we are doing in Haiti with as many people/churches as possible. For anyone interested in having us come and speak, our contact info is: [josh24vs15@gmail.com](mailto:josh24vs15@gmail.com) - cell #352-949-5314 and 352-949-3613.

## We Need Sponsors

Please consider sponsoring a school child. For \$25 a month your sacrificial giving will help cover the cost of a child to attend school where they can learn about Jesus and receive a nutritious and filling meal that will help them be able to learn their lessons and give these children a chance for a bright future!



*I Want to Sponsor a child at Shiloh Children's Home*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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