

# Celebrate Jesus of Haiti

September 2013

Back To School in Anse A Galet is an exciting time for everyone. The Haitian government requested that we take in additional children from the Saline Flats in order to keep our accreditation. We added 87 more children, fifty to the high school and the balance were first graders who have had no schooling. Class size has now increased beyond our original standards but the teachers are working diligently to accommodate. We added the 13th grade and God provided the finances for the additional teacher salaries and books. That brings our total enrollment at Celebrate Jesus School to 267.



Women from a mission team unpacked 16 trunks of school uniforms, food, and new bowls for the school.



Classrooms are more crowded with an additional 87 students.

Ours is the only free school on the island where everything needed is provided. As a result, children walk down from the mountains to attend. They leave their homes while it is still dark and may walk for two hours each way. They need good shoes, and if you have gently used or new athletic shoes and socks in children's or youth sizes to donate, this would be a great blessing. Clearly they value education and see it as a pathway to a better life.

Just as in the U.S., we know that children can't learn well if their bellies are empty. All of our school children receive a hot meal each day and for many it is the only

Feeding Haiti



one they will have. We also feed the teachers who are there all day and all those who help around the campus. We shopped for better prices and found a supplier in Port Au Prince with lower prices than on LaGonave so we purchased a three month supply of food during this trip. We continue to feed 525 Saline Flats children daily as well, and we praise God for you who give to feed these little ones. As you know, 100% of donations to Celebrate Jesus for Haiti go directly to the mission field in Haiti. There are no administrative expenses withheld, and we made a decision from the beginning to cover

all of our personal travel expenses. God has made this possible and we continue to be amazed at what He does.

The Celebrate Jesus Clinic for Children is nearing its first year of operation and has met all of our expectations. We are excited to share with you that Dr. Zacky and the nurse have both committed to stay on for another year. They are enjoying it, and doing an excellent job. They care for 30 children each day Monday through Friday. The Clinic has a high reputation on the island, and now other clinics on the island are sending their kids to us for care. Children and their parents are coming from all over the island of LaGonave for this care. Many leave at 2 or 3 A.M. to arrive and wait in the line to see the doctor. This is the fulfillment of a ten year dream and a great blessing from the Lord.

The Haitians are disappointed that they had no hurricanes this year! They actually depend on that deluge of water for good crops, and the family gardens in The Promised Land have not thrived. Their growing season is similar to ours. They will plant Fall crops...squash and pumpkins...and pray for rain. The fence is securely keeping the animals out, and just as the Israelites fought for their homeland the Haitian families believe the promises of God and they fight on.



A hard fight on the Promised Land this season with little rain

Campus Two now has four foundations ready to start adding block walls. Our vision is to provide interim housing for our professionals...teachers and administrators....to enable them to save money and build a family home. We will offer the first houses to those with longevity and deduct a small amount from their monthly pay. Rental property in Anse A Galet rents by the room and is so costly that these faithful people cannot save enough to build. We are so grateful to the men from local U.S. churches and the Celebrate Jesus Church who faithfully come alongside Jerry with their construction skills. They work from sunup to sundown with great sacrifice and their labor of love is recorded in Heaven.



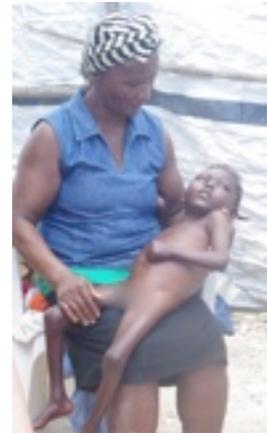
Jerry and Pastor Joaquim celebrate with the men who helped them lay four foundations for teacher homes



The two young American missionaries made 80 dresses and some baby dolls for some of the poorest girls in the world.

It was a great blessing to us to have young first-time missionaries join us on this trip. The two young women made 80 girls dresses and babydolls to distribute in the Saline Flats. We know the Lord looked down and laughed along with us at the joy on the faces of girls who have never known anything new.

We save one of our favorite stories for last. Jonah, the 7 year old who weighed 13 lbs and was rescued from deprivation, is doing well. He is smiling and laughs out loud now. It is music to our ears. He is moving his arms but cannot yet move his legs. He can't sit up by himself yet, but he is progressing. Dr. Zacky examines him weekly. He is now being cared for by Madame Alyse, one of our school and clinic cleaners. Sonja made surprise visits three times during this trip and each time found Jonah clean, happy, and well fed. A good report, and we thank the faithful prayer warriors who interceded for this precious little guy.



Jonah is thriving under the care of Madame Alyse.

The Annual Celebrate Jesus of Haiti Golf Tournament was a huge success. God gave us a beautiful day and a great turnout of faithful friends of the ministry. This month we will have the first Celebrate Jesus Motorcycle Ride and we expect to give you a great report next month.



Playing golf is a great way to feed the kids of Haiti!

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. You are a true blessing to us and to the children of Haiti.

We love you,

*Sonja and Jerry Dickherber*