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School is back in **FULL** swing on the mtn. Read on to see why the emphasis is on **FULL**. Every time I find myself in what appears to be an impossibly desperate situation, God ultimately turns it upside down and provides a miraculous blessing. As you read the school report on page 2, you may find yourself drawn into God's plan for a blessing.



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Hurricane Jeanne, even as she was still a tropical storm, dealt Central Haiti a devastating blow. A wall of mud, water, and debris struck Goniaves while they slept. The survivors climbed onto their roofs or up into trees. Reports of the missing and dead has reached 3,000. The local estimate of lives lost is closer to 10,000. Who is there to report someone missing if a whole family is washed away? Recovery teams are finding the six to ten feet of mud that completely filled houses, alleys, streets, and every other low lying area, full of human remains. The destruction and loss of life began in the foothills twenty miles to the east, dumping into the ocean everything and everyone it did not bury along the way. Most of the close-up pictures I have are too graphic to print.



The FCM container from World Concern, shipped in April, cleared Customs just in time for us to send a truckload of aid to the region.

Lord, forgive me for being upset over the three shingles I lost from my roof.



Urgent/Desperate Appeal:

First, you need to know that Chrisnet, my school principal, has a very big heart for his people. I need to keep telling myself that and reminding myself that, if I were in his place, I might have done the same. The last week of July was student registration. I told Chrisnet, "400 students, that's all we have room for, that's all we will be able to afford this year." Several ladies from the team that week helped me take student pictures. We took 396 pictures. I thought we are doing great, we had a plan and it was working. When I got home and began entering the data into the school database, I had many children that passed the previous year that did not get their pictures taken. I took my student list back to Haiti and asked Chrisnet about the discrepancy. He said there were a few extra kids that didn't get their picture taken yet, but he would review my list and send me a report. I just got the revised list via email. One hundred and three students; most were the existing students that I was wondering about, along with some extra new enrollees. That makes student enrollment 499 for the year - 99 more than I had planned for. ***(Note to sponsors that were assigned a new child this year: I am working to match you up with your previously sponsored child if they are still in school.)***

The hard numbers assaulting my number-crunching mind are: Enrollment is 25% over budget and student sponsorship has taken a 25% dip. Construction material and labor costs are up. School supplies are up. Food costs for lunches are up. Salaries are up. Exchange rate on the U.S. dollar is down 12%.

The situation is weighing heavily upon my heart. I feel that I owe it to our faithful sponsors to make the program work. I also empathize with those sponsors who have had to write me a letter explaining situations at home or work or church that need their support and, regrettably, they must discontinue their sponsorship. I am clueless concerning the 40+ people who signed up to sponsor a child and then were never heard from again. They are not reading this; after eighteen months of newsletters and mailings without response, I returned their children to the unsponsored pool and removed them from the mailing list.

Do I expel the 303 unsponsored children from school?

Please help me choose. Review the kids on page three, then email me the student numbers for the children I should expel. If you see one that you think you could help, and you are not already sponsoring a child, then you could become a sponsor. It's \$25 per month, or \$75 per quarter, or \$300 for the year. At this point, I would accept partial sponsorship - half-a-child at \$12.50/mo. or non-child-specific support for the school as a whole. All of the unsponsored children are on our website. In the very near future I am going to have to make the hard choice concerning the multitude of unsponsored children. On a positive note, if my Lord chooses to return before I have to make that decision, then the problem solves itself.



More positive progress to report. The new school building was ready for students when school started. A quick trip was required to get the desks finished. Danny and Leann's new apartment on the roof of the school is progressing and should be ready for them to move into by spring.

In response to my last newsletter, Dave Elliott called and volunteered a team from Eustis Christian Church to go and work on the apartment from Nov. 27 thru Dec. 4.

Another team is forming for Dec. 27 - Jan 3. They will help me bring Christmas to the children. I am trying to collect 500 pr. of socks and 500 toothbrushes to pass out to the kids. A sock/toothbrush drive from your home church or as a family project would be greatly appreciated.



Revival - Haitian Style can lift your heart up into your throat and bring tears to your eyes. The WAKE-UP call is not for the congregation but for the surrounding community. The congregation packs food and bed-rolls and they march from village to village singing, preaching, and inviting their neighbors to join them. They sleep under the stars for the several nights they are traveling. The picture above is of the congregation returning home to the church building. We heard their singing long before we saw them. They encircled the building, sang and prayed, then went inside and continued with praise and worship into the night. You really had to be there to get the full effect.

Unponsored Children

SS455
Marchales
Exavior



SS465 Azlene
Alexandre



SS473 Amose
Bellevue



SS481 Rosemond
Bony



SS489 Gato
Exael



SS497 Renald
Francois



SS507 Roland
Jean Pierre



SS515 Larose
Joseph



SS523 Carlene
Louis



SS457 Brendol
Louis



SS466 Christofer
Alexandre



SS474 Monique
Bellevue



SS482 Roselene Das



SS490 Monette
Excelus



SS498 Ania
Gabriel



SS508 Guitho
Jean



SS516 Nadeleine
Joseph



SS524 Christela
Louis



SS459 Dieuseul
Simon



SS467 Patrick
Alexandre



SS475 Genline
Benjamin



SS483 Souvenir
Desir



SS491 Anite
Fortune



SS499 Elize
Gabriel



SS509 Lina
Jean



SS517 Rousseau
Joseph



SS525 Fedrel
Louis



SS460 Frantseau
Dais



SS468 Alfred
Merilus



SS476 Modline
Benjamin



SS484 Quila
Dorceus



SS492 Francion
Fortune



SS500 Louloune
Gabriel



SS510 Makenson
Jean



SS518 Francisque
LaGuerre



SS526 Francky
Louis



SS461 Wilson
Fortune



SS469 Adner
Antoine



SS477 Tania
Benjamin



SS485 Lexius
Dorelien



SS493 Makenson
Fortune



SS501 Danuel
Jean Baptiste



SS511 Nackenson
Jean



SS519 Jirameneu
Loui



SS526 Henricot
Louis



SS462 Gary
Antoine



SS470 Berthony
Antoine



SS478 Janesson
Bery



SS486 Vesta
Dorelien



SS494 Johana
Francois



SS502 David
Jean Baptiste



SS512 Lucna
Jeady



SS520 Ducia
Louis



SS527 Jean
Louis



SS463 Simone
Antoine



SS471 Janot
Antoine



SS479 Micherlange
Bery



SS487 Nikerison
Etiene



SS495 Lovely
Francois



SS503 Esterline
Jean Baptiste



SS513 Chrisnie
Joseph



SS521 Norbert
Louis Jacques



SS528 Jeremie
Louis



SS464 Denis
Louis



SS472 Erijene
Auguste



SS480 Sonie
Bery



SS488 Mackendy
Etiene



SS496 Marie
Mathe Francoi



SS506 Nadege
Jean Baptiste



SS514 Henry
Joseph



SS522 Quettia
Louis



SS529 Jocelene
Louis



Crosspointe Church - Morristown, North Carolina

July - Week 3. Steve Ament and Wes Owens find themselves buried in love - Haitian style. The kids are easy to love and return that love unconditionally - even if you don't give them your shoes on Friday. Sweet little Nadja, pictured with Rebecca Pitulik, had a bag full of stolen hearts by the end of the week. It's not just about the kids all the time, Steve Slack, shown with minister Manes Petion, extended friendship and moral support for Manes' work on the mtn. Jon Miller accepted an invitation from Chrisnet Excellus for a cup of home-brewed, Haitian coffee. I warn everyone before they try the local brew that it is not uncommon to have eyes that won't blink, an inerasable smile and feet that don't quite touch the ground after just one cup. Looking at Jon, I think he is about to have a second cup, after which he may try walking on water. Eddy Owens is trying a slight-of-hand trick on a some boys. Joe Ballard, the team leader, discovered that Gerard Eustache (another missionary), had a music studio in Port Au Prince and could not resist the opportunity to jam with the Haitian band members after dinner on our last night in Haiti.

This was Crosspointe's first mission experience. I hope they enjoyed the adventure as much as I enjoyed sharing it with them. They are welcome anytime.



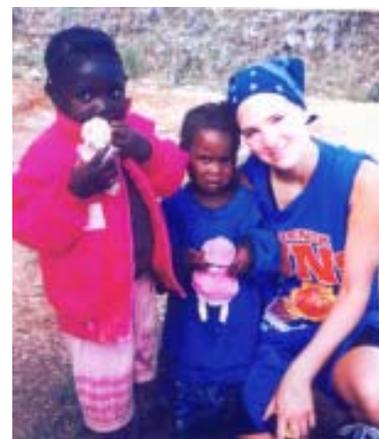
July - Week 4 Comes in Three Parts Part I - Allison Emmert Week.

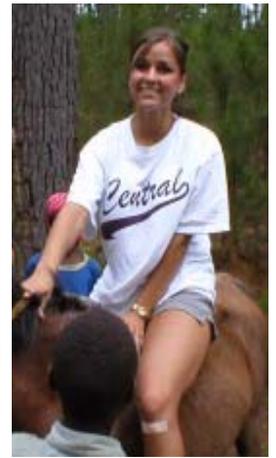
Allison was a beautiful sixteen-year-old Christian who's life was taken by cancer. She fell in love with the children in Haiti after coming on a short-term mission trip with her family and church. One of her wishes was that all her clothes should be given to the kids on the mtn. A memorial fund was also created in her name and it covered enough of the cost of the new school addition that we decided to name it The Allison Emmert Education Annex. After the walls get painted, a collage of pictures of Allison and the Haitian children will hang on the wall.

We explained Allison's request to the church leaders and told them that we were looking for about fifteen young ladies and fifteen young men to receive her clothing. On Thursday evening, the congregation came together to honor her. There was singing in Creole and English, then the young ladies came forward and each received a bag of Allison's clothes. Next, a group of young men came forward and they each received a bag of non-gender-specific things like T-shirts, sportswear, and socks.

Allison's short life has taught me a lesson that I shall never forget. ***In life, quality is more important than quantity.*** Allison's 16 years were filled with Christ-like living and unshakable faith. Her smile never left her face. Her life and witness impacted those around her. She made a difference.

Lord, may I accomplish at least as much in my long lifetime as Allison was able to accomplish in hers.





Wk 4 - Part II The team from Novesta Church of Christ in Cass City, MI came to WORK! One project was to put a roof on the new building that would also be the floor of the new apartment. That meant pouring a slab of concrete nine feet off the ground a half bucket at a time. Pictured clockwise: Chuck and Craig Emmert cut steel, Eric Lantzer and Craig work



on the roof, Amy Emmert gave the clinic a new coat of paint. Lindsey Gaszcynski enjoyed bare-back riding on a rare sightseeing trip into the forest. Leann, welding, and Danny Pye were making a trial-run before making a fulltime commitment to FCM. Ian Wallick, wearing concrete, which I'm sure Danny had a hand in, carried his weight in blocks and concrete. I expect everyone's full attention at devo time each night. Donna Little demonstrates the proper technique. Don and Barb Englehart have hearts of gold. Don



began planning his next trip for February before he had completed this week. Amanda Little helped cook, clean, paint and construct, then topped off her week helping in the delivery room. "Dr." Teresa Murphy looks pretty happy holding the newborn.



On a sad note, the baby's mother died about a month after giving birth. This, unfortunately, happens all too often and currently Teresa has 6-8 babies on a formula program to give the babies a chance to survive. If you know anyone with access to baby formula please let us know. Formula in Haiti is extremely expensive.

Wk. 4 - Part III - Sewing Classes

Barb Fletcher, Teresa's mom, and friend, Patricia Waldoch brought sewing machines, supplies and material to teach sewing classes throughout the week. It was a joyous, wonderful, confusing sight as our English-only speaking women communicated with the half-dozen Creole-only speaking lady students. Then throw in the technology factor of electric sewing machines and a half-dozen small children that wanted to explore, eat, nurse, be held, and play. I think I missed an opportunity for a winner on America's Funniest Videos. It was my eighth week in Haiti and it was great to have my "Novesta Family" there to bring me home.





My summer in Haiti was over but there was still one more team bound for Costa Rica. Forefront Church in Virginia Beach, VA sent a team to work with Hannah Rico in Jaco Beach. Hannah started by handing me a journal. She said we could work on any project but we had to record what we did, where we did it, and what still needed to be done. It was quickly apparent why the book was needed as we chopped into three different water lines that other teams had buried underground and left unmarked.

Rob Darling gave me a hand as we installed an outdoor shower. Kelly Gibson and Leah Wickham cut the PCV pipe for the shower while Kathleen and John Lapkee made a great mother/son team trenching the yard for underground water lines. Our accommodations were the open-air "Ranchero". We held church services on Sunday (come as you are). At night, we hung hammocks for our beds. Sonya Lizaswain's smile was a vain attempt to keep me from rousting her from her nest. Derek Reese, pictured with Leah, did his share of trenching too. Other projects included installing several hundred feet of electrical wiring - mostly underground, welding together and installing a front gate, painting the rancho and skate park.

For fun, Derek and John dashed to the beach whenever the surf was up. The rest of the team took a morning and went "Canopy Sailing". This involved very tall trees with their tops connected by steel cables, a harness, and a pair of leather gloves. You hold on and glide through the treetops. The scenery and the ride were breathtaking.

Hannah has had many teams come down and work with her but she told us that she had never seen a team accomplish so much. I got to observe another team that was there part of the time we were there so, I know why. It's really very simple: work more, surf less. I was very pleased with my team.

Last but not Least.

Danny & Leann Pye are now in their second month of language school. Their education, apartment, and project plans are moving forward at a good pace. Their support is coming in a little more slowly. I will keep you updated on their work. If you see a GOOD work-in-progress, I hope you will consider supporting them as they work with FCM.

A crusade with movies was presented in Seguin last month. We had several good movies in Creole along with choirs and singers from all over the mountain come together for a three-day rally. This resulted in about forty people signing up for further education on Christ's plan for their lives. I was especially pleased to see many of the young people that I have come to love over the past eight years, ask me for more information.

A forty foot long container, donated by World Concern to FCM, was shipped to Haiti in late May. Typically, I should have had the contents within one month. Since I was to be there all summer I felt confident that I would have access to



the contents either in June or at the latest, July. This was such a good thing that I ordered a pallet of food from Sam's Club and a new generator and had them put in the container too.

For some reason, the container was tied up in endless redtape all summer. When I got word that the container had finally cleared I made a trip in October to get the generator and food and haul them to the mtn. Two items were delayed in the clearance process, care to guess which two? Now that I am home again, I got word that, finally, everything has cleared. The point is - God's timing is perfect. The area hit by Jeanne needed clothes and bedding and medical supplies. If the container had cleared as usual, the supplies would not have been there when it was most needed. God is Good!

In Closing, I'm not including a return envelope with this "Part-Two" newsletter. That saves the mission almost \$100. If you want to send a word of encouragement or support I hope you can find an envelope from a previous mailing or have one of your own. I do love those letters/emails of encouragement.

Invitation. I am speaking at First Christian in Pompano Beach, FL on Nov. 19, 20, and 21. The faith promise topic is "A Passion for Souls." You're all invited.