

Farsight Christian Mission - The August Team in Jacmel, Haiti

Our goal was to prepare the way for the next team that will be in Haiti from September 11-18. We had many objectives for the week along with many challenges/obstacles to keep us from succeeding. We had two critical objectives.

1. Secure lumber and then precut it into all the segments needed to construct 14 trusses. About 1,200 cuts to make the 400 parts.



Below, Nego is translating for me as I teach his father how to use power tools. I guess it was a good time to have the FCM attorney, Bob Sader, observing. No fingers were lost in the making of all the truss parts.



2. We also needed to construct 6 sets of bunk beds for a total of 12 beds. They had to be made so they could be transported and then assembled on site. Tammie Sader tests one of the bunks.



And then there was the roadtrip to Maplat. We needed to scout the actual work site in Maplat. Ellen demonstrates how to hang on for dear life.



This truck is our transportation. It can cross rivers and climb over rough terrain. I don't know how many people this truck can carry. They have a riddle in Haiti: How many passangers can a TapTap carry?

The answer is "One more."
Hopefully, we can load in all the lumber, beds, our 24 pieces of luggage, a weeks worth of food and water, and our 20 person team of 12 from the U.S., 7 Haitian volunteers, and 1 Canadian (Ellen). Sam Bates showed off his talent as a drummer at one of the evening gatherings. Later that night they invited me to preach. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, praise, and worship.



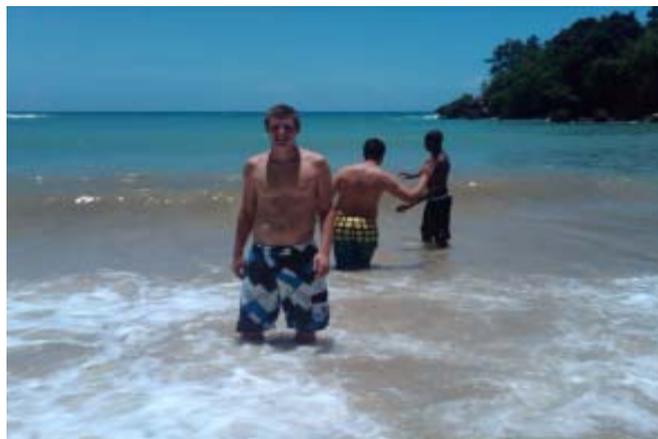
Sam and Mitch Bramlett also built 3 full-size bed frames so all the beds in Nego & Ellen's house would be up off the floor. We had many volunteers wanting to learn how to use the tools. Below is one of the beds on its new frame and draped in mosquito netting.



Another of our extra objectives was to provide Ellen with a kitchen cabinet. A few sheets of plywood got turned into a huge pantry. Now I need to get her a step ladder so she can reach the top shelves.



At right is the Maplat church/school building where the September team will be living for the week. The tin roof has more holes in it than I could count. I hope they don't line up with anyone sleeping below them.



With all of our projects completed there was time for a swim and later some basketball. On the trip to the airport our brakes decided to smoke and shoot flames. Nego spotted a guy

along the road working on his vehicle and stopped to see if he could help us. In less than one hour he had our brakes all readjusted and we were on our way. We had just one last hurdle. Sam, Mitch, and I did not have seat assignments yet, they had us as "stand-by". Finally, we got our seat assignments. They put us in row 3. God is Good! You know, they still serve food up in First Class.



James tells us to consider it PURE JOY when our faith is tested and trials come our way. When faithful servants stay the course, stand firm on the Truth of God's Word, and do what is right and good in the eyes of God, then the outcome is to SEE GOD'S BLESSING; and there is no greater joy than this.

Nego & Ellen have just been put upon a path that will eventually lead to God's Blessing and pure joy. This is a positive way of saying they are about to be tried and tested. Just after the earthquake they were approached by a German organization, ORA, to help them distribute relief supplies and to set up an office in Haiti. They did all of this for ORA, securing a rental house and a pickup truck, using their youth group to unload, store, and later distribute supplies from 2-40 ft. shipping containers. Even with all the extra work they were able to continue working with the youth so that souls continued to be added to Christ's Church.

The Trial: ORA just contacted them to say they were now sending in their own team to continue their program and want Nego & Ellen to move from the house and turn over the truck to them by the end of August.

All of their work as well as all of the work FCM has just begun in Haiti hangs in the balance. We are searching through our options as we continue to seek God's Will.

Nego & Ellen need a roof over their heads and they need a vehicle that can handle the roads of Haiti.

I am praying that God will touch your heart and encourage you to help me help them.

I am appealing to you for support and asking you to appeal to your church, mission committee, Bible school class and/or anyone else you can think of.

I pray my next newsletter will be filled with PURE JOY of God's blessing upon the work in Haiti.

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The August team.

They have prepared the way for many good things in the future.

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If you are interested in joining a team in the future please write or call.

