

## It's time to get back on the horse.

I stopped riding for a little while but never stopped the walk or the work. In my last newsletter I described the attack on my team in Jacmel, Haiti. (Getting knocked off my horse). Those events caused me a great deal of concern for future team members. And so, for the past year I have been working diligently with Christian brothers (actually, many of them call me dad) to keep programs moving forward. We have almost doubled the sheep starter flock program and to my surprise the program has actually begun producing sheep of its own to help the program grow. That was part of the plan; it's just really amazing to see a plan work. At right, Chrisnet is tattooing one of the new flock.

FCM was able to finance school for several young men and women. Four of them were recently orphaned so the need was immediate and desperate; not just for the cost of school but funding for daily survival needs. Here are my 3 girls and 1 boy who now live with their grandmother since losing their mom and dad.

The Bezalel youth made necklaces to provide some employment for the themselves in Jacmel. I've been promoting and selling the necklaces in an effort to keep that program alive.

The youth in the Jacmel area are hungry for the truth. They are hungry for knowledge and education. And yes, they are more hungry for a nutritious meal that most of our poorest of the poor here at home in the U.S.A. take for granted. A youth conference is pictured at lower right.

We have begun interviewing senior citizens for the Posterity Project. Meredith Hannah, Courtney Palmer and Abby Sell have volunteered to be the interviewers and Cindy and I fill in when they can't be there. We are searching for life-stories that, for posterity, should be recorded for future generations to see and hear. We have many already recorded and each one has great value but one jewel stands out. Clifford Warren was 16 when he enlisted in the Army and then was captured by the Japanese. He spent the next 3 1/2 years as a P.O.W. in Japan. He saw Hiroshima before and after.

Every person interviewed has shared a common piece of advice given to them by their parents:

“Work builds Character.”

This “character” the parents are seeking for their child is made up of elements of integrity, honor, determination, reliability, positive attitude, steadfastness, and more. Help your children build character, give them a job, a responsibility, a goal. Let them know that feeling of value and satisfaction when you say, “Job well done.”



As I said at the beginning of the letter, "I'm getting back on the horse" I'm planning a trip back to Haiti to accomplish the following:

1. Visit all of the families who have FCM sheep. This will be lots of walking in the mountains especially due to the VBS at Dolan Baptist Church in East Texas. Michael Nix, the pastor, is Cindy's cousin, so that's our connection. Their project for the kids was to buy sheep for FCM. They had just 36 kids but by the end of the week they had raised enough for a total of 36 sheep. The losing team (boys) captain, cousin Mike, got slimed by the captain of the winning team (girls), Rebecca, his wife.
2. In exchange for sheep all the families have promised to listen to me preach the Gospel.
  - A. The sheep help to feed the body
  - B. The truth of the Gospel will feed the mind
  - C. The Holy Spirit will feed the soul.
3. I want to visit the family of orphans to see how they are doing.
4. I have 5 new laptop computers for the youth in Jacmel to set up a learning center and/or cyber café. I will then be able to set up some internet classes to provide learning opportunities.



I'm not sure if I should make this trip by myself or open up the trip to a few volunteers. I'm anticipating the trip will be a combination of Bear Grylls new series and Survivor series, only without a camera crew. If you feel really called to join me, send me a note promptly. Tentatively, I'm looking at the last week of July or first week of August.

To all my past, present, and future supporters, Thank You. Each time a check comes in the mail I pray for God's blessing upon the sender. Then I visualize how the funds can be used for God's kingdom and precisely who, how, and when this current or future child of God will be blessed by you.

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