

# Esperre Kay Newsletter - January 2018



Dear Friends, January was filled with guests and ended with our winter break to the states. We traveled to Florida to visit with family (Deb's Mom and Dad). Before we left Becca Dame visited Esperre Kay for 2 weeks. As she was preparing to leave, a small team from RI came to Haiti to visit Loving Hands for a few days. We spent one evening of worship together with them. Always a blessing. Over the last year and a half, we have found out how refreshing it is to have visitors come and how important it is for us to take time for rest and relaxation. Although we enjoy our time away, God always draws our hearts back here. This is where we feel His presence so strongly and where we are called to be in this season of our lives. All glory to God!!

## Teen Challenge Girl's Home



While staying with us, Becca spent most of her days visiting the girls at Teen Challenge Haiti. Deb took the opportunity to visit with her one day and to deliver the morning devotion for a group of about 30 women and girls. The topic was, "The battle belongs to the Lord," based on the story of Jehoshaphat versus the Moabites and Ammonites. Did you know Jehoshaphat didn't have to raise up a single weapon? What he and his people did was fast, pray, praise and seek the Lord. The enemy ended up fighting themselves and not a single one was left standing! We certainly do serve a Mighty God!! To learn more about Jehoshaphat and this famous battle, read 2 Chronicles chapter 20. After devotion we spent the morning learning more about the ministry and visiting with the girls. This was such a blessed time. We look forward to going again!!



We took two Saturdays in a row with Becca to visit with the children at Loving Hands. It's always fun to read books and play a little together. They love to ask us questions about their older brothers and sisters at EK and are even more excited if we can share pictures with them. I'm not sure who looks forward to these visits more, us or the children!

### **Stevenson's Senior Fèt**



In the final grade of school (13<sup>th</sup>), much like our senior prom back home, the students have a Fèt (party). It was Stevenson's turn this year. The students in his class dressed up and had music, lots of food and a guest speaker. Stevenson said it was lots of fun.

### **Bible Study**

Before we left for vacation, we spent two weeks with the young adults looking at what it means to be a community of believers here at EK. Our study was based upon Matthew 22: 37 - 39. When Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment in the Law He replied, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."* Using other scriptures to illuminate this scripture, we discussed what each of these commandments should look like being lived out in our daily lives and in fellowship with one another.

### **Prayer**

- Please continue to lift up the spiritual battle we are in here daily. The country just celebrated Carnival (much like Mardi Gras with roots in Voodoo). Many Christians chose not to participate, as did our young adults. Myrlande and Peterson went on a 5 day retreat and Espere Kay became a safe haven for all.
- Continued wisdom for Dave and I as we lead here. Please pray for us to re-acclimate to our lives in Haiti after being away for 2 weeks.
- As the Holy Spirit leads...

Once again we would like to thank all of you for your love, prayer and support. We are so grateful for the community of believers God has given us in our ministry here at EK!

God bless,  
Deb and Dave