

Esperre Kay Newsletter – February 2017



Dear Friends of Esperre Kay,

February is the month in which we celebrate Valentine's Day. It's a time when we remember those we love and, as Christians, the one who loves us completely. It is by His grace (Jesus) we have been saved. Eph 2:8 - 9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Jesus says in John 15:13-14 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." At Esperre Kay we have been discussing the love Christ has for us as well as the love we are to have for each other. Some scriptures we have spotlighted are John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." And 1John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

Exciting News!



Peter and Denise at their baptisms



February brought about the baptisms of two of our young adults. They had been discussing taking this step for awhile and the opportunity finally came. They attended a class and on Sunday, February 21, Denise and Peterson were baptized at Rendez-vous Church! It was a wonderful day of celebration as they publicly proclaimed their faith in Jesus Christ!

Spotlight on Education



This month we continue to give you a little peek into life here at Espere Kay with a focus on education. Currently seven of our young adults are undergraduates and one, Jhonn, attends University. The five youngest attend Institution Guillaume Jovin. This is Pastor Martinez's school that many prior team members may remember helping to construct. It's been great to see our students benefit from the fruit of that labor.

Unfortunately, moving to the city and attending new schools has not been easy. We have found that some of our students are lacking in their education. Three days a week the ones who are having difficulty receive tutoring in Mathematics, French and Chemistry. Everyone is trying hard and we continue to pray all will be successful.

Myrese is in her final year of High School and is spending a lot of time preparing for the state exams coming up at the end of the school year.

In the afternoons and evenings, you will often see the young adults doing homework, writing notes on the blackboard, working out math/chemistry problems, working on the computers or studying their lessons.

Retreat



While lots of people in Haiti celebrate Carnival at the end of February, others do not because of its roots in Voodoo. Many Protestant churches plan alternate activities for youth to keep them away from the lures of carnival. Myrlande chose to attend a retreat being held at Bathesda (Pastor Martinez's church). She spent six days and had a wonderful time! Peterson attended the Gala at the retreat on the final night. The other young adults chose to stay home and have a relaxing few days off to work and study.

More Exciting News!



After four months, we have finally received our Permis De Sejour (residency). Mesi Jezi!

A Life Well Lived



Unfortunately, this month ended on a sad note. Frenaud, a dear friend of ours at Espere Kay, lost his father in a robbery/shooting. Frenaud has been a long time helper of the Helping Haiti's Orphans ministry. He has served as an interpreter for many years. His father, Pastor Dorilien, was a kind, gentle man of God who pastored three churches here in Haiti. Hundreds of people attended his funeral. We know he is rejoicing with the angels in heaven but he will be greatly missed by many here.

Prayer Requests

Please join with us in praying for the following:

*All the young adults will be successful this year in school and pass onto the next grade

*Myrese will do well on the state exams

*The Lord will be with Frenaud, his family, and loved ones in their time of grief

*God's continued presence in and protection around Espere Kay and all who live here

*God's wisdom, leading, and discernment for us with the ministry

God bless you all. Thank you for your prayers.

We love you! Deb and Dave