

# Esperre Kay Newsletter – April 2017



Sugar Cane Park Field Trip

Dear Friends, We hope you all had a Bon Fet Pak (Happy Easter) celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our month here at Esperre Kay was packed with celebrations, visitors from the states, a field trip, a concert and much more. Here is a glimpse of all the events at EK in the month of April.

Becca



Becca and Denise



Becca and Peterson



Pastor praying over Becca on her last Sunday

In March Becca, a friend of everyone at EK, came to live in Haiti for an extended stay of several weeks. She stayed with family and helped out by tutoring her cousin while she continued to go to school on line. On the weekends we were blessed to have her stay with us here at EK. We made several trips to Loving Hands Orphanage together and she attended church with us every Sunday. Becca was in country from mid March through April. Everyone here will miss her greatly.

## Visit to Loving Hands Orphanage



Dave and Deb went to Turbe early in the month and spent some time with the children at Loving Hands Orphanage. Dave brought a kap (kite) with him and flew it with the children. This is a traditional Easter activity in Haiti. They had fun taking turns with the string and watching it soar up high. Afterwards, Deb did an Easter activity with the younger children along with a couple children from the village. They read the story of Easter in the, “Greatest Story Ever Told,” booklet and discussed Jesus’ death and resurrection. The children then drew pictures of the events of Easter and had some treats.

## Field trip to the Sugar Cane Park



Where they boiled the sugar cane juice

The few who made it to the top of the tower!

Vacations give us a great opportunity to load up the young adults and go on a field trip. It is our hope, while they are with us, that they will learn a little bit more about the history of Haiti, see some new sites and have some new experiences. It’s also a great opportunity for all of us to have a break from daily chores and studies and to do something fun and different. During Easter vacation we went to the Sugar Cane Park here in Port Au Prince. We learned about the process and history of making sugar as well as some general facts about Haiti’s independence and culture. We were blessed to have our friends Becca and Jonathan go with us. On the way home we even stopped for a little ice cream. It was a fun day!

## Easter



Good Friday Service



Passion skit on Easter Sunday

We celebrated Easter by having a special meal at home and then attending Good Friday Service at Rendez-Vous Church. At the service they had several skits addressing the problem of sin and how Jesus is the only way we can be freed from that bondage. There was also praise and worship and a message given by Pastor Volcy. On Easter Sunday we went back to church. They had a mini passion play as well as praise and worship and another message by Pastor Volcy. He ended service with an invitation for people to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. We ended the weekend with a very nice Easter dinner.

## Team Visit



Near the end of the month, we had a short visit from a small team of people. Four were from Rhode Island, one from Canada and one from Florida. Although they stayed next door, they did visit us often at EK. They went out to Loving Hands Orphanage twice and spent time with Dr. Jude and his wife, Rachel, discussing the need for a future medical team trip. They ended their visit here in Haiti with a night of adore (worship) with all of us at EK. It was a blessed time for everyone. There are plans being discussed for future team trips. We will keep you posted. This may be your opportunity to serve in Haiti!

## Concert



Our month ended with a fundraising concert for Teen Challenge Haiti in conjunction with Rendez – Vous Church. Pastor Volcy and his wife have two Teen Challenge programs here in Haiti, one for young men and one for young women. Teen Challenge is a Christian rehabilitation program for young adults facing addiction problems of many kinds. They help them battle their addictions through salvation in Jesus and the powerful Word of God. They also help these young adults with education and job placement when they finish the program. It was a night of worship, education about the ministry and testimonies from several of the young adults in the program. We were blessed to attend and to see our very own Stevenson play electric guitar for one of the groups from our church performing that night.

## Prayer

God is at work here at Espere Kay. We are thankful for all He has done in the ministry thus far. We are asking you, our faithful friends, to continue to pray for God's wisdom in all we do here. We also ask for you to continue to pray for our protection, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Please keep the young adults in prayer as they go forth in their education and as they grow in the Lord. We, Deb and Dave, are preparing to go back to the states this month for a short vacation and our daughter's wedding. We hope to see many of you in Rhode Island and look forward to some much needed rest and relaxation. Please pray for our travels, for God's watchful eye upon the young adults while we are away and for us as we plan to visit some area churches and update them on the ministry. We continue to be so grateful to all of you for your support and, most of all, for your prayers.

God bless,  
Deb and Dave