

Espere Kay Newsletter – August 2017



Dear Friends of Espere Kay,

August was a busy month here. We have a lot to share with you! We had some highs and some lows but all in all it was a good month. We will begin by sharing our procedure this month for getting the young adults prepared to go back to school. This is quite the task in Haiti. We begin by purchasing material for uniforms. Then we work out an agreement with a seamstress to have them made. Each young adult is given a book list so next we travel around Port Au Prince looking for booksellers to purchase books from. No two sellers have the same books so this can be a lengthy process. Then there are the back to school supplies, underclothes and shoes, all sold in various places. There is no one stop shopping for anything here. Somehow, by the grace of God, we get it all done.

Learning Opportunities



Car Maintenance



Construction

Next we will share a couple of the many practical opportunities available for learning new skills here. This month there were two special projects we'd like to highlight.

On the left, Peterson helped Dave replace the rear shocks on our car. He did a great job and took a lot of pride in his accomplishment. Now our car rides higher and does better on the many speed bumps we have in Haiti. Peter is the one who had the forethought to make a sunshade for he and Dave while they worked to keep them out of the Haitian sun. As is often said in Haiti, “solèy cho!” meaning, “The sun is hot!” Good job Peter!

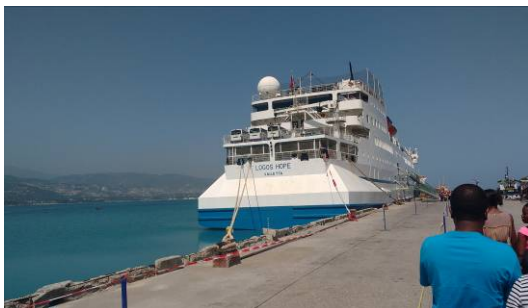
On the right, Stevenson helped to build a moveable wall. This is being used to section off a room for his group to meet in for music practice. He helped Dave build the entire structure. The group meets twice a week for practice, Bible study and worship. This room has also been used by Stevenson to give music lessons and to learn music theory from one of his professors. What a blessing!

Delivering French Reading Books to LHO



One thing we have learned over the last year is how important it is for children in Haiti to learn how to read and write in French. This is one area our young adults are struggling. In order to better prepare the next generation, Helping Haiti's Orphans has purchased some reading books for the orphanage. We were able to deliver them to the children this month. They were very excited! Currently they are being read to a few times a week and the plan is to provide a French tutor as well. In the future, we plan to provide more books and more opportunities for the children to read.

Logos Hope



Two weeks of our month centered on a visit from the Logos Hope missionary ship. This is a ship of 400 missionaries from 60 different countries. It travels the world bringing knowledge, help and hope. In advance of the ship coming, we met with one of the missionaries to plan a Vacation Bible School for our neighborhood. Once in port, we (Deb and Dave) attended a prayer luncheon for Haitian businessmen and missionaries. We were treated to a time of worship as well as a beautiful Korean fan dance. At each table we took time to pray for the many needs in Haiti.

Visiting the ship





One of the highlights of our month took place during the second week the Logos Hope ship was in port. Espere Kay was treated to a special, private tour. Two of the missionaries walked us around the boat and explained the ministry and how people can serve. Missionaries are required to commit to one or two years of service. They must obtain their own sponsorship, cannot return home and do not get paid for the work they do (other than room and board). They must be Christians and speak English. We learned the ship brings education through their onboard bookstore, help by sending out teams to come alongside missionaries already working in the field and hope by providing clean water filtration buckets and evangelism. Our young adults enjoyed the unique experience of being aboard such a large ship and seeing how everything works. They also enjoyed a walk through the prodigal son story at the end of the tour as well as a dish of ice cream in the snack shop. We are praising God for such a special day!

VBS!



We have been praying for awhile for God to allow us to reach out into our community with the Gospel. When you wait on God, He answers in a big way! Not only were we able to provide a unique day in which four volunteers from Logos Hope came to join us but we were granted permission to hold it on the beautiful campus of a local school. The Logos team shared a little bit about their countries of origin and talked about the boat and their ministry. They also provided games and stories. Espere Kay provided water, a snack and the Gospel message through our Most Important Story Ever Told booklets and by making salvation bracelets. The school provided a venue, student volunteers and the fees for support staff (security, maintenance, etc.). Together we reached close to 100 children and their families with the Gospel message. Mesi Jezi!! (Thanks to Jesus!!)

Highs and Lows

Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, can say to him, "You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust."— Psalm 91:1-2

As stated in the beginning of our newsletter, August was filled with many highs and lows but God has seen us through it all. He is so faithful!

Some more highs:

- Stevenson's group made a trip to Cap Haitien to perform. They had the opportunity to share their faith through their incredible gift of music and worship.
- God opened a door for us to witness to a group of Jehovah Witnesses outside our gate as well as a young man seeking to know more about the Lord. We have met with him to discuss the Bible and answer some of his many questions.
- We had a blessed visit with our friend Becca from the US. She stayed 10 days.

A few lows:

- A trip to the emergency room with one of the young adults. He is fine now.
- Two bug infestations (large cockroaches in the kitchen and bed bugs in one of the bedrooms). We have since been able to rid our house of these pests
- A robbery. Someone jumped our main gate and stole our water pump. Praise God they could not enter the house. Since then we have taken precautions to try and keep this from happening again.

Ways You Can Pray

Currently hurricane Irma is on it's way. Please pray for God's safety and protection over Espere Kay and all of Haiti.

For a successful school year for all the young adults

For passing grades on Myrese's final exams so she can apply to University in the fall

God's continued provision, protection, wisdom and discernment for the ministry

More opportunities to witness to our local community as God directs

As the Holy Spirit leads

As always, we are so grateful for all of you who pray for and support Espere Kay. May God pour out His many blessings on you.

In Christ,
Deb and Dave



Helping Haiti's Orphans

James 1: 27

Join us for our Fourth Annual
Fundraiser Tea and Fashion Show
To benefit the Education Fund for
Loving Hands Orphanage and
Espere Kay!

Saturday, September 23, 2017
Time: 1:00 – 3:00

New Hope Chapel, 80 Richmond Townhouse Road
Richmond, Rhode Island

Fashions provided by Seaside Style
343A Main Street
Wakefield, Rhode Island

Minimum Donation: \$15
(Price includes tea and assorted cookies)

*Seaside Style is graciously giving a 10% discount with this flyer as well as a 10% donation for the HHO Education Fund

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