

Back to School Days!



Jesula, Peterson, Myrlande and Denise



Stevenson and Myrese

Greetings Friends of Espere Kay,

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We are happy to announce that all of the young adult undergraduates at Espere Kay are registered and are currently attending school! Our four youngest go to school at Bathesda (Pastor Martinez's school) and the two oldest attend a Christian school called Jerusalem, just down the street from our house. Our graduate, Jhonn, is also registered for university and will take his entrance exam next week. He plans to study Civil Engineering. We have learned a lot this year about registration, uniforms and purchasing books. This is no small feat in Haiti as uniforms have to be handmade and all the books can not be found in one place. Then there is the back to school shopping for shoes, accessories, supplies, etc. It's been a lot of work but we are so happy everyone is finally settled. We will keep you up to date on any goings on with the schools throughout the year. Right now it's lots of lessons and devwa (homework). The young adults are already learning a lot and seem happy to be back at school.



Books and supplies ready for the first day of school

We have begun our work in discipleship as we have been looking closer at the Bible. Many of the young adults have some scripture knowledge but not much application. They know bits and pieces of memorized scripture but not much about the Bible as a whole. We have begun discussing the importance of being in The Word daily and following what it says for living our lives. We explained that in reading the Bible, we can know the heart and mind of God. As the young adults were getting ready to go back to school we discussed Romans 12: 1-2. We encouraged them to have their minds renewed by the Word of God and not by the world. We also encouraged them to make Godly choices when choosing friends. As we begin our look at the Scriptures, we have gone right back to the basics. None of the young adults knew all the books of the Bible in order so we have challenged them to learn them. As soon as they do, they will earn their very own study Bible. We plan to begin our first Bible study next week as we look at the book of Ephesians with a small background study on Paul. Please pray for open minds and hearts to receive all God has for them and wisdom for us as we prepare. Our prayer is that as we look more closely at the Bible, the young adults will develop a greater appetite for it. (Hebrews 5:13 – 14)



Denise excited to see the Bible in Creole for the first time!

The young adults are learning some new skills. We began baking lessons with the girls this month. It was a new experience for them to learn how to follow a recipe and then bake something in the oven. Up to this point, they have only cooked on stovetops. They made oatmeal raisin cookies which they called “bonbon.” Everyone agreed they were “li gou!” which means delicious!



Jesula, Myrlande and Mirese taking turns placing cookies on the pan

We are currently looking for a used keyboard and electric guitar. If anyone has either one to donate or would be willing to help us purchase either one, please contact us at this email address. (We have been offered a nearly new electric guitar here in Haiti for \$63 US). Espere Kay is a home filled with worship and we are blessed to have some young adults who have musical talent. The keyboard would be for Jhonn. He used to have one but it no longer works. The electric guitar is for Stevenson who plays acoustic guitar and has played electric guitar with the praise team at the church in Turbe. He would like his own to continue playing for a church here in Port Au Prince one day.



Stevenson and Jhonn leading worship

In closing, we would like to say that these are some of the most wonderful young people we have ever have the pleasure of knowing! They are the future Christian leaders of Haiti. As the directors of Espere Kay, we can not say enough about the potential these young men and women have to make a real difference here in Haiti for their country and for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to say all our young adults have support for their education this year. Unfortunately, however, many of them do not currently have

sponsors for their basic needs. Our prayer is that all the young adults will soon have full support so we can continue to provide the quality living conditions which allow them to focus on education and serving the Lord. If God places it on your heart to help one of these young adults, please go to our web page <http://www.helpinghaitisorphans.com/our-ministri.../espere-kay> for more information. Click on, "Meet the Kids," to see which young adults still need sponsorship. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at this email address.

Prayer Requests This Month. Please pray for the following:

- A successful school year for all the young adults
- Jhonn to pass his entrance exam and begin University next month
- Fruitful Bible studies
- All our young adults will be fully sponsored for their basic needs
- Us as we continue to go through the process of acquiring our Permis de Sejour (allows us to stay and work in country longer than 90 days).
- God's protection
- Peaceful elections here in Haiti next month

Thank you all for your prayers and support as we continue to go forth for the glory of the Kingdom of God.

God bless, Deb and Dave