



# Helping Haiti's Orphans

## December 2018 Newsletter

### Annual Christmas Party at Loving Hands Orphanage

*Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me – Mark 9:37a*



After we were finished with opening presents Christmas morning, we hopped into our car and went out to the annual Christmas Party at LHO. The little girls surprised us with two beautiful dances they had been practicing. Next, we prayed and took part in a tremendous meal! After we finished eating, each child received one gift. A true blessing!



### Jwaye Nwèl & Bon Ane!

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were as special as ours here in Haiti. From trimming the tree, to making cookies, to opening presents, a blessed time was had by all. We had a lot go on here in December. Here is a little glimpse...



### Service Opportunity

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do – Ephesians 2:10*



Stevenson had an opportunity to bless an orphanage with his music group FJM. They attended the orphanage's Christmas party and led the children in singing songs to celebrate the birth of our King, Jesus! They also helped with passing out presents and encouraging the children.

## Cookie Decorating at Haiti Teen Challenge

*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! – Psalm 119:103*

Deb continued her baking classes at HTC this month by making two types of Christmas cookies. The girls enjoyed making Russian teacakes (snowball cookies) and decorating sugar cookies. The aprons and hats they are wearing were sewed by the girls specifically for baking class! Those who were finished were proud to wear them. It was a huge surprise! The study this month was based upon 2 Chronicles: 34 where Hilkiah, the priest, finds the lost Word of God in the Temple in Jerusalem. The people had been worshipping many false gods and sinning against God for years. When the king and the people heard the Word, they were convicted and made a new covenant to worship only the One True God. Deb encouraged the girls to open their Bibles daily and not let them get lost. This is how they can know the heart and mind of God and how they can live a life pleasing to Him. To bring the message home even more, she used the example of her favorite cookbook. If she never took it out, she would never make the recipes inside and all that wisdom would be lost. She challenged the girls to be in the Word daily and use it guide their lives.



## Wedding Bells



Peterson



Myrlande



Jesula

Some of the young adults had the opportunity to support one of their professors at school by attending his wedding. They were very excited to get dressed up and go to this blessed event.



## Bible Study

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?*  
– Romans 6:1-2



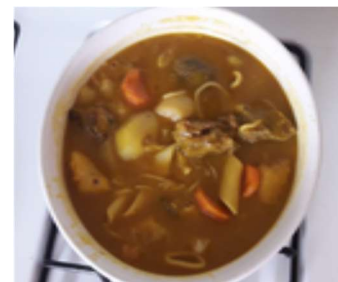
As stated in a previous newsletter, we will be doing some topical studies for awhile. At the beginning of this month Dave finished a study on sex in the Bible by talking about how God created it for traditional marriage. He reiterated that any sex outside of marriage is not pleasing to God. The young adults took turns reading scriptures about the various reasons why God gave us this special gift. The following week Deb did a study on Romans 6 asking the young adults two questions: 1. Have you died yet? 2. What are you living for? She showed them two paths. The path of choosing sin which leads to death and the path of choosing God which leads to eternal life. At the end of the study she showed them two similar gifts. One was fancy on the outside and the other was very plain. When they opened the fancy gift they found an empty box inside. What the enemy offers to us looks appealing on the outside but really it is an empty lie. When they opened the plain gift, inside there was a box and in the box was a manger scene. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, came lowly in a manger. He doesn't look fancy to the world but He is everything and what He offers is eternal life. What a beautiful gift!

## Happy New Year!

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! – 2 Corinthians 5:17*



We rang in the New Year by attending the evening service at our church. For three hours we shared testimonies, sang praise songs, listened to some words of wisdom from several different speakers, had an altar call and, finally, at a few minutes before midnight, did a responsive reading of Psalm 136. When midnight came the band played as everyone shouted. "His love endures forever!," and fireworks went off. It was quite a special way to say goodbye to 2018 and bring in 2019. When we returned home the girls spent all night making traditional pumpkin soup.



Our prayer for 2019 is many will come to Christ and this will be the year they become the new creation talked about in the scripture above!

May God bless all of you abundantly more than you could ever think or imagine in this New Year!  
***In Christ, Deb and Dave***