



Helping Haiti's Orphans

January 2020 Newsletter



Greetings from Florida! We are helping Deb's dad out for the next couple of months while keeping the ministry going from the states. January was a busy month of travel for us from Rhode Island to Florida. It has also been a busy month for the young adults. Here is what's been going on starting with a bit of last month's news...

Community Service

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love" - Galatians 5:13

Our three youngest, young adult girls donated their time and effort by serving at the Loving Hands Orphanage (LHO) Annual Christmas Party. Although we were not able to be a part of the festivities this year, we have seen firsthand the great care and effort that goes into each beautiful, delicious dish. The preparations begin the day before with cooking the food in Port Au Prince. Early the next morning, the women travel to the orphanage, plate the food, carefully set it out and then serve the children, the LHO staff and their families. It's a lot of fun but a lot of hard work. We are so thankful our girls could help out this year!

Kasalineda



Moniteca



Mirlande



GRACE

"Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name" - Psalm 103:1



Big Announcement! Junior recently released an album called Grace and our Stevenson was one of the musicians who accompanied him! They spent many hours in the studio recording and compiling a CD with eight tracks. They held their first promotional concert in December at our church, Rendezvous Christ, and have a second concert booked for March at another church. We are so excited for Stevenson to be a part of this work of praise music. If you are interested in any more information about Grace, please contact us.



Haiti Teen Challenge

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" - Matthew 16:24



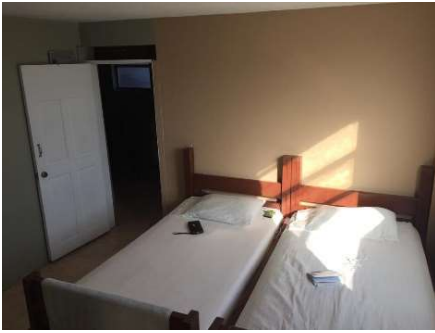
Exciting news! These two girls attended Deb's morning devotion time and were part of her cooking group last year at Haiti Teen Challenge. We were recently informed they have both gone on to receive their certificate in commercial pastry. Not only are they staying clean of addictions after more than half a year out of the program, they are also continuing to attend church regularly and are choosing to further their education. Praying this achievement will open doors for them for employment in the baking field in Haiti and they might be a witness for Christ wherever they go. All glory to God!

Independent Housing

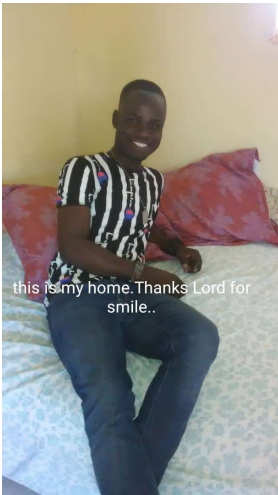
"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" - Matthew 7: 24 - 25

Our oldest five have settled into their independent housing. They all took the initiative to find housing, provide us copies of their contracts with their landlords and give us a copy of their receipt of payment for the year. We asked these young adults to send us some photos of themselves in their new homes. They all said they are very grateful to have these places to live and are learning about paying rent and utilities, buying food, etc. These are great skills to have as their next step, upon finishing the Espere Kay Program, will be to live completely on their own. Please pray for their safety and God's covering each day over their homes as they adjust to independent living.

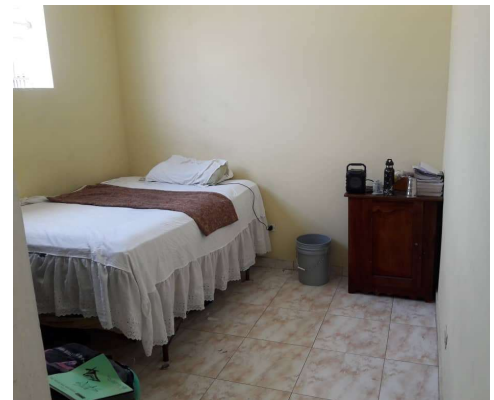
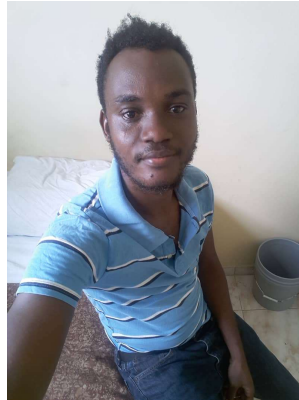
Jesula, Myrèse and Stevenson's home



Peterson's home



Jhonn's home



School and Sponsorship Updates

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans" – Proverbs 16:3

We have a lot of exciting news to share about schools this month. First of all, we are thanking God the country has been a bit more stable. All the high school students (Olivier, Kasalineda and Mirlande) have returned to school. Myrèse and Jhonn have also been able to return to their universities. Moniteca has officially begun Cosmetology School. Peterson has enrolled in a program to study diesel mechanics. Jesula will start Nursing School in February. Stevenson has enrolled in a music school program which encompasses both performing arts and teaching music. His old school is relocating due to all the unrest in Haiti and does not plan to reopen for a year. Stevenson asked if he could take this opportunity to switch to a new school and study music. He believes this is God's plan and music is his passion. We believe this is God's calling and are excited by his choice. All that being said, we are still in need of education and basic needs sponsorship for some of our young adults. If God places it on your heart to help sponsor a young adult in our program, please either contact us by email or go to our web page. Remember, any amount is welcome! Our needs are as follows:

School and Sponsorship Updates cont.

Jesula - \$50 per month for education

Kasalineda - \$70 per month for education and \$5 per month for basic needs

Olivier - \$75 per month for education and \$60 per month for basic needs

Peterson - \$80 per month for education

Stevenson - \$30 per month for education and \$70 per month for basic needs

Myrèse - \$5 per month for basic needs

Mirlande - \$10 per month for basic needs

Transition, Spiritual Development and Prayer Requests

"Therefore, know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments" – Deuteronomy 7:9

As we look back and reflect upon the year 2019, we would like to take a moment to give glory to our Great Heavenly Father and thank Him for His faithfulness. Even though Haiti has been experiencing much unrest, we have been away in the states since October (except for a short trip back to Haiti in December) and have dealt with the loss of Deb's mom, somehow, the transition plan God laid out for us last year has come to fruition! All the young adults have moved out into safe housing, they are doing well with their budgets and they are enrolled in their schools and attending classes. Only God could bring this all together under such extenuating circumstances.

We have been able to stay in constant contact with the young adults and provide them with the monies they need for living expenses, school etc. Some have had minor health concerns which have been addressed through prayer and medicine. Currently, everyone is healthy and doing well. We have been reaching out to the young adults with daily scripture verses, sharing verses for situations going on in their lives and praying with them via text messages. We ask for your continued prayers for their safety, especially on their way to and from school. A couple university students have told us, "Y'ap tire chak jou!", "They are shooting each day." Please pray for wisdom for us as we continue to minister from the states. Please pray for God's provision for those still needing sponsorship. As always, please pray according to the Holy Spirit's leading. Thank you all for your faithfulness in praying for and supporting us.

God bless, Deb and Dave