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“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

April 2011

Dear Faithful Supporters and Friends,

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is the most precious to the Christian believer. It is what our very faith is built on, the hope on which we stake our claim! It was especially meaningful to spend the week leading up to Easter in Pestel, Haiti this year. As we prepared to celebrate Christ’s death, burial and resurrection, we were reminded of the living hope we have, as a result of his sacrificial death to make payment for our sins. This is the hope we desire to bring to the people of this community. We are grateful for the men and women of Pestel who faithfully walk out their faith. The diligent progress on the HOPE Community Library and growth of our Child Sponsorship Program are testaments of God’s love, grace and supply.

Library Construction- Update

We are humbled each time we return and view the work completed on the library building. The interior/exterior walls are smooth and ready to be painted. Door frames and doors/locks have been installed. Lights, electrical outlets and bathroom fixtures are in place. Our first load of library books arrived safely as well as chairs. A friend has even donated a large screen television! Our windows are in place and 2 of the three sets of stairs have been poured! We praise God for his provision! While in Pestel, we were able to start the main entrance stairs and covered porch as well as the septic tank. We anticipate these being completed in 2-3 weeks. In order to finish the first floor and fully furnish it with books and computers, we need approximately \$45,000. Thank you to all who have helped us this far. We currently hold weekly Bible Study meetings in the library and plan to host VBS and Revival meetings on-site this summer. It is our prayer that Adult Literacy Classes will begin soon!



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Child Sponsorship Program

One way you can make an immediate, tangible impact in Pestel is to sponsor a child. Sponsorship provides a year of education, school uniforms and school materials for \$20/month. More importantly, it provides HOPE. Your sponsorship gift can be given monthly, quarterly or yearly. You will receive a sponsor packet including a picture of your child and his/her biographical information. Perhaps one day, you will be able to travel to Pestel to meet your child! We currently have over 130 children who are in need of sponsorship. If you can sponsor one of them, please contact Elisabeth. Max (left), is in need of a sponsor immediately. Contact: elisabethanne@hotmail.com or 860-861-2314



Maxonne Pierre



Gorgie prepares his art work for his future sponsor. Might it be YOU?



Meet Our National Volunteers

Silvance Verdieu serves as our Child Sponsorship Administrator. Silvance is the principal of a local public school. Due to teaching shortages, he also teaches 6th grade and French classes at the local high school. Silvance is a member of a local body of believers and serves faithfully. His responsibilities will include coordinating with local schools for payment of school fees as well as purchasing uniforms, shoes, and school materials. Silvance has a passion for the youth of this community and is excited about what the prospect of increased education will have for the individual child as well as the community as a whole. We are grateful he has joined our team!

Pastor Zacharie Fortil has served as our “right hand man” since HOPE began. He sacrificially oversees the construction and handles many arrangements for us. Originally from Pestel, Zacharie accepted Christ in 1964. In 1999, he was called to the pastorate. Each weekend he would travel to Les Cayes to attend Seminary. He now serves as the Associate Pastor for the local Lutheran church. Zacharie has a heart for preaching the Word and sharing the gospel. He recently led an evangelistic team into a remote region where 17 people accepted Christ. When asked what difference HOPE has made in the community, Zacharie replied “It has allowed us to see that God is at work here!”



Ways YOU Can Help

We need approximately \$45,000 to complete all construction of the main floor of the library and to outfit it with books, furniture and computers. What might reaching this goal look like?

100 supporters willing to give \$500.00 or 200 supporters willing to give \$250.00 or 400 supporters willing to give \$125.00

Your donation can be mailed to P.O. Box 265 Canterbury, CT 06331. HOPE is a tax-exempt 501[c] 3 corporation.

Material Needs

- Plastic plates and cups (re-usable)
- Silverware, serving and cooking utensils
- Serving dishes
- Children’s books in English, Spanish and French/Creole
- Children’s puzzles and games
- Metal bookends
- Gently used clothing and shoes
- Twin sheet sets and pillows (new)
- Medical Supplies
- 15 Passenger Van

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We appreciate your continued support!



Summer Ministry Trip

Consider joining us this summer in Haiti. Plans are being made to travel to Pestel July 16th-23rd (other dates may be available). You will be able to participate in work projects (painting the building), ministry outreach (VBS and Revival Meetings), relationship building and encouragement. Come see what Christ is doing! Contact us for a trip application.

We are reminded of God’s faithfulness through your generosity. Thank you for being His hands and feet!

For Haiti ~ Wilfrid Decossard and Elisabeth Hamburg

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