



# HOPE

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Dear Faithful Supporters and Friends,

This was a ministry trip like no other! Countless adventures, including seven flat tires (we've all applied to be NASCAR pit crew members) and having to cross a flooded river (our rental car was carried across by 10 men- no joke!), gave us many reminders that God is in 100% control! Our team had a fantastic time watching God at work in Pestel and joining Him in His activity. We were encouraged by the progress on the HOPE Community Library. Our workers have installed all the window guards and metal doors. The walls are being smoothed and prepared for painting. Our team hosted three evenings of Community Worship Services attended by over 180 people. Each evening we sang, shared scripture, testimonies and prayer. Even the heavy downpours each evening did not keep people away from joining us! Many came forward, asking for specific prayer and one woman accepted Christ and gave testimony of His work in her life! Joining in worship with local believers was an incredible experience for us and an encouragement for them.

The Lord provided many opportunities for us to share the love of Christ. Medical supplies, from medicine to bandages, were donated to the local Medical Clinic. Financial gifts were given to an exceptionally needy family as well as to a local church to aid them in finishing their metal roof. We visited all of our sponsored children and were able to give them school and hygiene supplies. Two youth soccer teams also received uniforms. Our team visited with many community members and shared with them our vision for the library. One of these conversations led to another woman accepting Christ as her Savior.

Crystal Giaquinta writes: "I truly feel honored and privileged to have been a part of this ministry team and to see how God is working in the lives of those that seem far beyond reach. It certainly was no accident that the morning I put my vacation request in at the workplace, the email about the ministry trip came that very afternoon.

And it was for the very week I had requested for vacation!

The trip has planted seeds of desire and has challenged

my own heart on what am I able to do here at home while I wait to return to Haiti. I am especially encouraged to share details of the trip with the youth group and offer them ideas that may lead to opportunities for service and spiritual growth in their own lives. A highlight of the trip was to meet a little 7 year old boy, Dieumile, and his grateful mom. His message to me was "may God bless you more and more." How sweet is that? I am blessed more and more in knowing that the Creator of the Universe handpicked this small child for my family to sponsor!"



Ministry Team with Sponsored Children



The HOPE Community Library



Community Worship Service



Crystal with Dieumile and his mother

## 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 uniform and school materials for \$20/month. More importantly, it provides HOPE. During our recent trip, we met with the 15 children currently sponsored to collect their demographic information. One couple stood out. As we filled out the paperwork for their son, they were outright giddy! You could see the promise that sponsorship was providing for them. Your sponsorship gift can be given monthly, quarterly or yearly. You will receive a sponsor packet including a picture of your child and their biographical information. Perhaps one day, you will be able to travel to Pestel to meet your child! We currently have 5 children who are in urgent need of sponsorship (shown below). If you can sponsor one of them, please contact Elisabeth. We have an additional 100 children waiting for sponsors.

Contact Elisabeth for more information: [elisabethanne@hotmail.com](mailto:elisabethanne@hotmail.com) or 860-861-2314



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## December 2010 Ministry Trip Planned

Have you ever been so close to finishing something, that you can just taste it? That is how we feel! Completion of the first floor is just around the corner. With \$12,000 we can bring the project to the painting stage. We are trusting God to supply the money necessary by November to finish smoothing the inner walls, pour the concrete floor, finish the bathrooms and inner doors/windows. *Can you help us meet our goal?* By faith, we are planning a trip for December 27- January 2nd. We would like to invite YOU to join the Ministry Team that is forming. We plan to paint the first floor and will participate in other outreach activities. This is an excellent time to visit Haiti, especially as they celebrate Independence Day on January 1st. We will offer you an authentic experience living in the midst of the Pestel community. Ministry trips average \$1700 (less with more trip members). Please contact Elisabeth or Wilfrid if you are interested. We will mail you an application and additional information.

## Ways YOU Can Help

As we begin to outfit the HOPE Community Library, we have compiled a list of items that would be very helpful. If you are able to help supply them (either gently used or new)- it will considerably reduce expenses. Contact Elisabeth if you are able.

- Household Items: plastic plates, cups, sets of silverware, serving dishes, serving/cooking utensils (plastic or wood preferred)
- Children's books in English: specifically those that would be helpful for someone learning to read English
- Children's puzzles and games: educational and easy for a non-English speaker to use
- Books in French and Creole
- Metal bookends
- Medical Supplies
- Gently used clothing
- Twin sheet sets and pillows (new)
- 15 Passenger Van



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