

‘Stand at the crossroads and look, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’

Jeremiah 6:16

April 2013

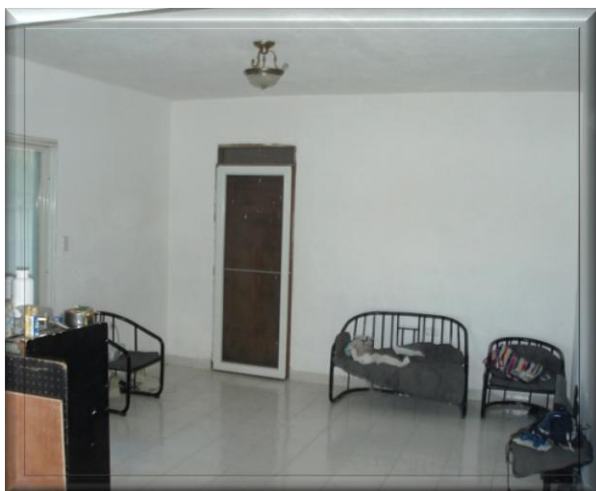
Emmanuel House

Through your prayers, gifts and the Lord’s leading, the first quarter of 2013 has come and gone with a lot of activity on many projects. We completed an expansion by securing a lease on a new property to

house the boy’s home. While Jericho House gave us an opportunity to plug into the community, especially after we co-located the school on the same property, it quickly became difficult to raise and minister to our teenage boys in such a confused and active environment. The new house has more living space, which allowed adding three more boys to move into our fold. The landlord also included furniture with the lease, so the boys now feel like they live in a ‘true home’. A much needed side benefit is that the boys are now located off the main highway, which is a true blessing as those of you who have been to Haiti can imagine!



Christo, John and Bob joined the other boys in January, bringing the number of boys to eight. All were excited to move into the new facility, and appropriately named their new home **Emmanuel House**; Emmanuel means ‘God with us’. God is truly making a difference in the lives of these boys and it has been great watching them grow in confidence and more importantly, in their spiritual lives. All are enrolled in school and outside activities such as art and music classes. And, as typically happens with teenage boys, they have acquired a menagerie of pets, two dogs and a cat. Needless to say, we’ve had to implement a few new areas of responsibility to ensure that they take appropriate care of the pets.



These boys face distractions and temptations daily. We need to keep them in our prayers, that God will protect them and guide them in a way that is pleasing to Him. He is moving in a mighty way in their lives and each time we visit, we are so encouraged by their growth. Thanks for all your support.



Our Family

(From left to right)

Bidson Moise, age 17
Jude Smith, age 16
Christo Romain, age 14
Evenau Preval, age 15
Djanie Duvelsaint, age 9
(Didi's daughter)
John Brunache, age 14
Bob Gaston, age 13
Didi Duvelsaint
Jean-Paul Jean Baptiste, age 16
James Paul Sylvan, age 19

Clinique Medicale March 2013

In March, we completed our very first Medical Trip, reaching out to people who had not seen a doctor in over 13 years. What a week! Did you ever try to transport a load of furniture, supplies, medicine and



people up a steep mountain trail in a pickup truck with four-wheel drive that didn't work? The enemy threw challenges our way at every opportunity, but God prevailed and we were able to overcome. Needless to say, there were several trips down the mountain with supplies and bodies crammed into the back of a small pickup, looking just like the Beverly Hillbillies. At one count, we probably had over a dozen people crammed in among numerous suitcases full of empty medicine containers with tables and chairs stacked on top of the roof. The team lifted up many prayers during those treks up and down the mountain.

We want to thank Dr. John Schmitt, a Family Medicine physician in Lancaster County who worked tirelessly to help raise funds to purchase all of the medicine and supplies we needed for treatment.



Over \$10,000 was raised for this project and we extend our sincere thanks to all of you who contributed financially. What a blessing! John's son Daniel, majoring in Pre-Med at the Franciscan University in Steubenville Ohio, also made the trip, his first mission trip. We are grateful for their desire to serve those in need. Daniel was willing to pitch in wherever he was needed, from registering patients to dispensing meds; what a trooper!

Dr. Schmitt was joined in the exam 'rooms' (a group of chairs separated by sheets) by Randy Varain, a paramedic from Nevada he met while serving in New Orleans as part of a medical team in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. (Isn't it just amazing how God brings circumstances together to serve His people?) John and Randy worked tirelessly over the course of five days, tending to over 1100 patients!!! That's an average of over 220 patients a day! When you consider that a typical physician in the States sees only about 20-25 patients per day on average...that's quite a case load! We saw patients with asthma, allergies, muscular dystrophy, mastitis, diabetes, typhoid, upper respiratory infections, arthritis, ringworm, scabies, anemia, STD's and many, many others. Fortunately, John did an amazing job of predicting the meds we needed, so we were able to treat many of these diseases.



We asked John and Randy about the trip and what they remembered most. John recalled the 'guy with a bullet in his butt'. This caused an interesting dilemma as our translator worked as a police officer in Port au Prince; but obviously, Haiti does not have the same laws to report gunshot wounds as we do in the States! We were unprepared to perform an extraction and the patient was relieved to hear that there are many WW II veterans with bullets and shrapnel still remaining in their bodies.



Dr. Schmitt also remembered the grandmother who cared for two young children, whose mother had died and father left. She not only brought both children to the clinique, but also bathed, clothed and carried a neighbor's boy with cerebral palsy to us for medical attention. We were so impressed with her concern for others and took some time to visit her home. What we found there was simply

indescribable: sleeping on bed springs without mattresses; holes in the walls which allowed rain to come in. We were able to purchase mattresses for their home and will be returning soon to patch the walls.



Randy recalls how the people were 'polite and patient'. He was impressed with how far some of the patients traveled to the clinique, some traveling up to 15 miles bare-foot, just to 'put their faith in a Blanco they had never seen before'. It was amazing to see firsthand, the tremendous need for the simple things that we take for granted; like vitamins, aspirin, antacid, and simple antibiotics. At the end of the week, Randy packed up a small medical bag with some basic supplies and gave to one of the Haitian nursing students who helped us. She was so touched and thankful, that she burst into tears.



We were fortunate to have two Haitian nursing students, many translators and the non-medical team members who staffed the pharmacy. Both John and Randy were amazed at how the pharmacy was able to remain organized and 'keep up with the flow of patients'. Daniel, Terri, Jeff and Tammy were all a little out of



their element, but pitched in to count pills, label plastic bags and figure out which meds we needed to dispense to each patient. And



when the boys weren't in school, they helped in the pharmacy as well, making great translators and keeping the 'shelves stocked'. By the end of the week, the lead pharmacist didn't even need a translator to tell patients to 'chak maten' (take every morning)!



**Thanks to everyone who supported this trip, both financially and prayerfully.
You sustain us!**



Finally, an update on our **Community Center** building project in Arcahaie. To date we have raised \$18,000 toward our goal of \$80,000. As we included in our February newsletter, CrossRoads expects to use this building for church services, Bible studies, children's programs and activities for local teens and young adults. Our target is 50% financial commitment before we can break ground and begin laying block. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this project.

Jeff & Terri

Prayer Requests:

- ✓ Continued guidance to find a Haitian spiritual leader for our current and future programs
- ✓ Spiritual growth for our staff and boys
- ✓ Opportunities to be agents for God's changing power to transform lives and lifestyle in the communities we serve
- ✓ Discernment for God's direction in all CrossRoads projects in 2013 and beyond

Financial Opportunities:

- ✓ Operating costs for Emmanuel House
- ✓ School support for Evangelique Mixte de Ponce elementary school at Jericho House, and the school at Doco 2
- ✓ Children without Assistance community program
- ✓ Community center building project
- ✓ 2013 Bible School trips

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