

'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*

## Our New Look

As you can see our logo has a new look; cleaner, fresher and simpler. When you accept Jesus into your heart He makes all things new on the inside while the outside remains the same. CrossRoads, on the other hand, has changed its outward appearance while maintaining its inward beliefs and ideals. These biblically-based principles are what guide us and shape our decisions. We spent a few weeks identifying our Mission Statement and Core Values, which you can read on our new website: [www.crossroadshaiti.org](http://www.crossroadshaiti.org). The website is still very much a work in progress as we learn how to become website administrators. Feel free to check it out; we welcome your feedback. One website feature we are excited about is the ability to donate online. Now we doubt that you will see us any time soon on twitter or flickr, but online features align us more with 21<sup>st</sup> Century information technology. (Yes, we still accept paper for those who choose to contribute the traditional way.) For you *facebookers*, we do have a facebook page that Terri updates frequently – you can find it by looking for CrossRoads Mission Haiti. So, new look, new tools, and soon a new building (more about that later!).

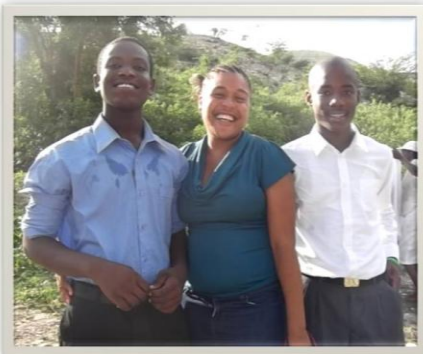
It has been a bit longer than normal between newsletters, but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy. Our boys at **Emmanuel House** are doing well. All have passed their annual school exams and will be moving up to the next grade. Faithson, our cook's son, spent the summer with our boys as an intern to earn money for college. He scheduled their activities and kept watch over them during the summer days; allowing Didi to work on several other projects.

## Project Updates



In June, Jeff and Terri took our boys on their first ever vacation to the north of Haiti to see the [Citadelle](#) and the [Sans-Souci Palace](#). (Note: The Wikipedia links provide more details about these places.) They were eager to travel to different parts of the island and experience their country's history which they have been taught in school. We were excited to share more of the Haitian heritage with our boys

and thrilled at the respect they showed to everyone they met during the trip.



We are always blessed when we experience those moments when things happen to confirm the 'why' of what we do. This summer, we were delighted to witness two such encounters. The first occurred with the baptism of John & Evenae. Both professed their faith in Christ and were baptized in the ocean near the house. What a joy to know that two



more of our boys are secure in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This is the



most important 'why'!

In July, we completed a week-long **Vacation Bible School** in Arcahaie where we averaged 150 children per day. A team of nine youth and six adults taught Bible stories and made crafts with the children. The team bonded tightly with the children and looked forward to returning each day; the feeling was mutual. Each day, the children received a noon meal and many wrapped up a portion to take home to their families. Throughout the week, we were able to identify many children who were not attending school; Fresnel will be working with their families to sign them up for our CrossRoads school this year. At the end of the week

when the offer of salvation was presented, almost every child raised their hand to show that they loved Jesus and wanted to learn more about him.

One of the most memorable moments of the week came as a result of many older girls coming to VBS because 'they loved Jesus and wanted to learn more about Him.' Terri realized that this was an opportunity to minister to these older girls. She plans to offer Bible Study classes and possibly teach them a trade as one of our 2014 projects.



The second 'why' came as a result of this trip. In preparation for the week, our boys at Emmanuel House spent time with the community children, teaching them Bible songs in English with motions so that they could participate together in the worship segment of VBS. After the week was over, Didi was approached by Lifeline Mission for our boys to lead the singing at their VBS where over 250 Haitian children attended. What a 'pay-it-forward' moment!!!

There is a passage that comes to mind, *1 Corinthians 3:6-7* where the Apostle Paul writes 'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow.' We are just the 'planters and waterers', and that's all God calls us to do. When we have faith to do what He asks, He will draw the harvest in, according to His timing and His will. What a blessing to be part of that experience!

## What's New

This year we are adding a 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the **CrossRoads Christian School Boys and Girls**. Previously, we had classes for children in grades one through five. We will once again be seeking sponsorships for our school children and letters will be going out to those who sponsored students last year. In addition to sponsorships, this year we will be providing school uniforms, which are a source of pride for parents of Haitian school children. The children love to dress up for school and we felt it was important to maintain the tradition. For anyone interested in making a donation for uniforms, the cost is \$4.69 per uniform and we are looking to supply 100 of these to our children in the coming school year.

In our February 2013 newsletter we revealed a plan to build a **Community Center** in Arcahaie. This building will be used for worship, community activities and as a focal point for our mission work in Haiti. The projected cost of the building is \$80,000 (see below for details) and we are excited to announce that we have reached our 50% donation milestone and construction will begin in 2014. Thanks to all who have directed donations to this project and those who have volunteered to participate in construction teams. Jeff and several of the Board Members are working on a plan and we will provide more details later this year.

			Amount
Construction Blocks	\$5 each	6,000 needed	\$30,000
Steel Roof Trusses	\$2,500 each	13 needed	\$32,500
Roof Tin	\$2,000		\$2,000
Concrete Floor/Finish	\$12,000		\$12,000
Steel Doors	\$3,500		\$3,500

On **Sunday, September 29, 2013** from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, we will be hosting the **CrossRoads Mission Haiti 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraiser Lunch** at **C.R. Lapps Family Restaurant, Quarryville, PA**. This year we will be serving buffet-style. We are once again very grateful to Christy and Robin Lapp for their generous donation and we thank them for their friendship and support of our ministry. More details are included on the next page and we look forward to seeing you there.

We are excited about the opportunities God has provided to us and constantly seek His guidance to lead us. Please continue to keep CrossRoads and the Swope family in your prayers as they continue to serve His Kingdom in Haiti.

*Jeff & Terri*

### How to Make a Donation to CrossRoads

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CrossRoads Mission HAITI  
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Quarryville, PA 17566

Online at: [www.crossroadshaiti.org/how-can-you-help/](http://www.crossroadshaiti.org/how-can-you-help/)

Contact us at: [crossroadsmissionhaiti@gmail.com](mailto:crossroadsmissionhaiti@gmail.com)

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For more information about the restaurant, including driving directions, please visit their website at <http://crlappsfamilyrestaurant.com>