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Thanksgiving: We hope that everyone had a very good Thanksgiving with family and friends. Dreams for Haiti is very thankful for the continued support of the work in Haiti. One blessing I would like to share is that the Church has gained another pastor! Although the circumstances of this is not good the result is. A pastor in Port au Prince had a church in an area that became overrun by gangs. He feared for his family's life. He sent his wife and children north to Gonaives to live with a cousin until things got safer. While there the wife started attending Pastor Charles' Church. One Sunday they needed help and she volunteered and shared that her husband would not leave Port au Prince until he found another Church where he could work. Pastor Charles is very excited to have help in doing the Lord's work. Welcome ***Pastor David Joseph and family!***



Sponsorship: The sponsorship program has had a lot of changes this school semester. Due to the danger and gangs in the cities many families are trying to move to the country side. When school started in September Charles discovered that 10 of our sponsored children had moved. Then on the USA side we lost 2 of our long time sponsors due to the economy. We have added new kids to the program for the sponsors that lost their children, but we have lots more kids that are on the waiting list to be sponsored. With the Haitian economy so bad we have so many in need.

Our sympathies go out to several of our Dreams for Haiti friends. Board members, Ken and Michelle Strickland, lost their son this summer. Ken was on a mission trip to Columbia, South America, when he got the call.

Our friends and supporters, Ron and May King, lost a son this fall. He was a young man and father of 5 who will be greatly missed.

And in November a young man who had gone to Haiti with Jackie in 2015 passed away suddenly. Dan Bischoff, a Dreams for Haiti board member, was looking forward to things returning to normal so he could make another trip with Dreams for Haiti. His dream was to go to the citadel and ride the donkeys to the top. We could not do it the year he went but that Christmas in the mail I received a small plastic donkey in a Christmas card to remind me. It has sat next to my computer for years now. Dan had also spent time in Uganda teaching school. He was adopted from Viet Nam and was on the baby lift plane that crashed. A sweet and gentle soul that is gone too soon. Sympathy to his family. Dreams for Haiti will miss him!



Dan Bischoff chatting with the school kids.

Sponsors needed for children with signs:





The children holding boards still need sponsors!

Christmas list:

We need ***Sponsors***: \$25 a month or \$300 a year will send a child to school. This provides their education, a meal, books, uniforms, shoes and a backpack. Children featured in the newsletter holding boards still need a sponsor. As we are unable to send containers right now we are offering an alternative. If you would like to send your sponsored family an animal this year for Christmas instead of a Christmas box please let us know.

Animal Project: Would you like to send a Haitian family a Christmas chicken (\$15), or a duck (\$15) or a goat (\$70) or a pig (\$70) or a cow (\$400). These would go to families whose children are not sponsored but are waiting for sponsors. They could sell the eggs or raise offspring to sell and have a small living from this gift. We are teaching our school children to care for the animals. As everything in Haiti and the USA prices have gone up.



Helping feed a family in the animal project.

There is a ***Haitian Creole Proverb*** that says, "Those who share their food, never eat alone..." When we "share our food," God is always there to provide for us.

Food: January 1st is Independence Day in Haiti. In 1804 the slaves rose up against the French landholders and became the first free black nation in the Western hemisphere. This is a big day and the people eat pumpkin soup and other special food and have parties. We would love to help the school and church celebrate.



Charles is trying to buy food for the school so the children are not hungry during the school day. Jackie has witnessed children passing out at their desk from hunger. They are not learning very well if they are that hungry. And this is a big help to their families as this may be the only meal the child gets for the day. Your gift would help feed the starving children.



Pastor Gilbert and his wife Doctor Legette

have been spending time in the south of Haiti where it is a little safer. Doctor Legette is busy holding clinics and helping in small villages while Pastor Gilbert is busy doing seminars and holding revivals. He is teaching about the Power of God. Some folks say God is too slow but Pastor Gilbert is teaching them how God works in His time along with prayer. He is always accepting donations to cover travel expenses. They are sleeping on mats on the concrete floors and traveling over slippery muddy roads in the mountains to share the gospel.

As you do your holiday shopping please try to remember those who will spend Christmas in a mud hut with dirt floors, no electricity, no water and only praying for a bowl of rice to fill their bellies. Please help Dreams for Haiti make their dream come true this Christmas.

