

Dreams for Haiti

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Pastor Gilbert: In March Pastor Gilbert had what looked like a stroke. He spent several days in the hospital in Port au Prince, then went to Florida for more testing and treatment where it was discovered he had a brain tumor. He was operated on but then had a seizure. He has been undergoing therapy and treatment but has returned to Haiti to recuperate. He will return to the States in August for a checkup and more therapy. Prayers for full recovery are appreciated.



School: The children have been studying hard and in Haiti there is a big national test in July which the Children work very hard to pass. Pastor Charles likes to throw in a few fun days for the kids. The older kids had a party while the young ones had a splash pool party. I wish you could see the video and hear the squeals! They have been studying agriculture this year and Pastor Charles is teaching about caring for the animals and also taking the children to the large garden. They are learning to plant, water, weed, and care for their plants and care for their animals. A much needed skill in Haiti with such a shortage of food available.



Clinic time at the school



Clinics: Dr. Legette Jules has been working in the south of Haiti where it is a little safer. She holds clinics and also Bible studies. She is a great resource for Haiti. She was unable to get a visa to the USA to join her husband when he was in the hospital and going through surgery and therapy.

In Haiti once a person goes through nurses training or Doctor training they are required to spend a year working for the government in a hospital or clinic setting. Pastor Gilbert and Dr. Legette quite often have nurses or doctors staying at their home while doing their internship. They often go with Dr. Legette and hold clinics in areas that have no medical resources. Pastor Gilbert had called Pastor Charles and asked if 3 young doctors could stay in the guesthouse for a year while they did their internship. This was a great opportunity as the young doctors are now holding regular clinics in the neighborhood and doing checkups on the school children.

Sponsorship: The children are finishing up their school year and I have included pictures of each one to their sponsors. Look how much the kids have grown over the year. We can always use more sponsors. \$25 a month or \$300 a year will educate a child. Often more than one as Pastor Charles often lets brothers and sisters of sponsored children come to school also.



Celebrating Flag Day



A beautiful wedding



Animal program: With Spring time came several animal births. I love seeing the baby goats with their bouncy run playing and enjoying life. And the children enjoy receiving such a wonderful gift.

The Church held a two week revival along with their anniversary celebration. Video's and pictures look like lots of people came and there were baptisms. They are also continuing their visits to the hospital where they witness, sing and comfort the patients.



Shall we gather at the river? Baptizing the new believers

Thank you to Kids against Hunger and 1st Methodist church St. Charles MO. For boxes of food.



A group of young children, likely in a primary school, are seated at a long wooden table. They are wearing blue and white school uniforms. Most of the children are looking towards the camera or slightly to the side. They are eating from white plates that contain a yellowish, textured food, possibly a porridge or a type of pasta. The background is a plain yellow wall. The lighting is somewhat dim, and the overall atmosphere is that of a school mealtime.

School lunch is being enjoyed. Fresh water is for drinking and washing up. The children always send their thanks to those that help make this possible.



A close-up photograph of a newborn baby's face. The baby is wearing a white knit beanie with the word "Baby" embroidered in colorful, multi-colored letters. The baby is lying in a white, textured blanket, and a small white sock is visible near their mouth. The baby's eyes are partially open, and they have a calm expression.

Many of our older children are now finishing their schooling and are wanting to go to a tech school. We would like to start a fund to help them. We have students wanting to learn to lay tiles, be beautitians, mechanics, secretaries, nurses etc..

My commentary: I want to tell you a little of what living or working in Haiti can be like. I have friends who sleep with a bag packed because they do not know if they will have to get up and run for their lives in the middle of the night. They will run to the mountains in hopes the gangs won't follow them. Thousands of people have lost their homes, all their possessions and even their lives. They have been living in fear for several years now. But life goes on. Schools open when they feel it is safe. The lady merchants that sit beside the road continue to bring their goods to market, otherwise they and their children do not eat.

One group that puts things on our containers for their pastor in Haiti would go into the mountains to an area called Woben (Robin). They loved the people there because they were good people. They sent children to school and they helped with a church there. There was no indoor toilets and a bath was from a bucket. Several weeks ago the gangs came to this village in the middle of the night. They are still trying to count the dead. Pastor Voguel(not the one they work with) who pastured for many years there was beheaded and set on fire. Many of his family were also killed. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and torn down. Thousands are displaced with no clothes, no food, no way to earn a living now, gardens torn up and so many deaths in their families.

I don't even pretend to understand why Haitian gangs would do this to their own people except pure evil. Many of the gang members are very young teens. They are given money, much more than their family could make in a year and given guns which is exciting for teens to have that much power. They are fed and given parts of the stolen items taken from looting and robbing the homes. They are also given free rein to rape and molest women and girls of all ages.

Another friend that runs an orphanage was asking for prayer the other night as there were over 100 gang members very close to the church and orphanage they run. The village people had devised a plan to make sure the gangs didn't get close to the innocent children. Haiti needs our prayers. The U.N. has a group there that is supposed to be controlling the gangs but so far I am not convinced it is making a difference.

For now our people in Port au Prince are in safe areas and are still going about their daily lives with an ever watchful eye. I have seen pictures and the Church in Port au Prince is more full than ever.

Gonaives has not suffered from the gang activity as much. It is a safer area and this is where our school and church are located. School has been able to carry on almost every day. The Church is still holding their youth groups, ladies Bible study, Mens prayer group and hold revivals along with Sunday morning services. We are grateful for all of this.



I thought you might enjoy the humor of this picture after the World Cup Games held recently. Not only do the children have to keep their eyes on the ball but also watch out for goats!



End of school party Lots of singing, dancing, squealing and having a great time.

Help Needed: St. Peters Church in St. Charles on First Capitol Drive is holding a rummage sale on Sept 19 and we will pick up the remains about noon and could really use some help loading.

