

ACH & Dreams for Haiti

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Merry Christmas 2016 and Happy 2017



School: The school is now expanding and adding new classrooms on the second floor. The sponsorship is going well with several new children being sponsored. We were able to visit with all the sponsored children's families and we interviewed many more children and their families who are waiting to be sponsored. The teachers are getting paid on a more regular basis. Food was brought in on 2 different containers so the children are being fed on a more regular basis! If you are interested in sponsoring a child please check out the kids on our website www.dreamsforhaiti.org under sponsored kids. It is only \$25 a month and is really changing children's lives!



Roof blew off during the hurricane. We sent food and clothes and helped replace a roof.

Church: Pastor Charles shared with us his vision for a Church on the new property. We have starter money of \$2,000. If you would like to help with this please let us know. We could use monetary donations, and also work teams that will raise money and go to Haiti to build the new church.



Pastor Charles sitting next to a model of his Dream church. Won't you help it grow?

We were able to show the Jesus movie 3 times while we were there. We provided popcorn and juice as it played. We left a donated TV, DVD player, and the movie so now they can play it as often as they want. The people were very glad to have these. Since about half the Haitians are unable to read this is a great teaching tool.



The Jesus movie, juice, popcorn and your best friend, could it get any better?

Hurricane relief: We felt very blessed to have a container on the way when the hurricane struck Haiti. Once it got there we were able to give food, clothing and shoes to several different individuals who had family in the affected areas. We also gave monetary donations to have roofs and doors put back on houses. Some of the people were living in their homes with no roof and it was raining. Others were living in caves because they had no house left at all. A big thank you to those who donated towards the relief efforts!



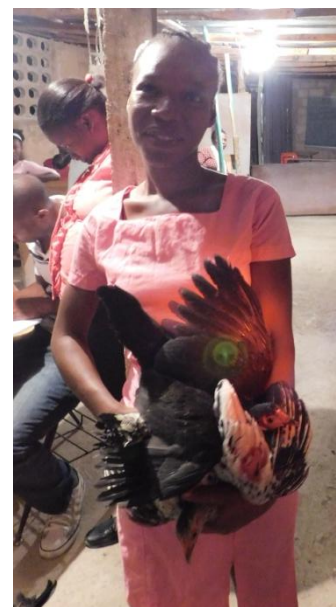
Lucy, Cyril, Marlene and Claire at the happy reunion

Trips: 3 people went on the April trip and managed to get a lot accomplished. Then in October/November once again 3 people went to Haiti. Marlene Hoehn was adopted when she was 3. She is now a beautiful young adult and was very happy to be able to return to Haiti and learn about it and even make contact with 3 of her biological siblings! There were many happy tears shed by all of us! We were all glad we were there to share in this exciting time for Marlene.



2 goats waiting to go to their new homes!

Animal Project: We are very pleased to announce the Noah's Animal Project is going very well. It was a big celebration at the church when at least 14 families each brought their 2 chickens back to the program. It would have been more but there was a huge rain storm that afternoon and many of the families could not catch their chickens in the mud. The chickens in Haiti roost in trees and during the strong winds and rain from the hurricane several families lost some of their chickens when they blew away. We were also able to purchase chickens for 30 more families, so with the original families, the families in April that received chickens, the returned chickens and the new batch of chickens we now have over 60 families in the area with chickens. The people are very grateful for the chickens and the eggs. We laughed when one lady told of her chicken wandering into her kitchen while she was cooking. She heard a metal sound and turned around to find the chicken had laid an egg in her metal dishpan! How is that for service? We were also very excited to be able to dispense our first two baby goats! We have more pregnant goats so are looking forward to sharing those in the near future! The ladies would also like to raise rabbits and doves but we need pens or cages to be built first. \$10 will buy chickens to get a family started and \$50 will buy a goat for a family.



This lady was so proud and happy to receive 2 chickens and be in the animal project.

Containers: We have shipped 2 containers this year. We invited other mission groups to place things on these containers. The first container had 5 other mission groups, the second one had 12 groups or individuals represented on the container. We were also able to assist another group get 2 containers of food to Haiti and one group to get a much needed boat motor to their mission. We are in the process of helping another group send a container in December. These containers are really blessing the people of Haiti. They are expensive so if you would like to help with this please let us know.



Much excitement as 2 containers pulled into the unloading lot!



Pastor Charles says thank you for the rice!

Several groups and individuals collected rice for us. This is so appreciated. We were able to give some to the poorest people in the village.

Feeding program: We are pleased to be able to give the children a warm meal of fortified rice enriched with vitamins. Many times these are the only meals a child will have during the day. We feel very blessed as we were invited to speak at several different events this year and have peanut butter given to us. As you can see in the picture below, it is a favorite, straight out of the jar using your fingers to dig it out! Thank you to those donating peanut butter!



Donations: Another thank you must go out to the mother and daughter who heard the little girls had no toys and went out and purchased so many great dolls!



This little girl loves her new doll!

Dr. Suess in The Lorax:
Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

More Donations: I must tell you about a great group of ladies that like to sew. They make pillowcase dresses, skirts, shorts, sanitary pads, and tons of diapers! They also donate lots of material for the ladies in Haiti who sew. I go out and find bags of items on my bench outside my door. No names, no glory, just a great group of ladies who are awesome and making the world a little better! Also one of the ladies is certified in repairing sewing machines so she makes sure our machines are all ok before we send them.

Now I must share some very sad news concerning this group. The lady that put it all together was Bee Wetter. She loved hearing about Haiti and she loved sewing and getting others to sew also.

Sadly, Bee passed away this fall. RIP



Andrea putting a donated diaper on a baby

Speaking engagements: Have you heard Kimberly talk about Haiti? She is dynamic! You are missing out if you don't call and schedule her as a speaker at your next meeting. Are you in a club? Church? Just a group of friends getting together? Call and ask Kimberly to come share with you.

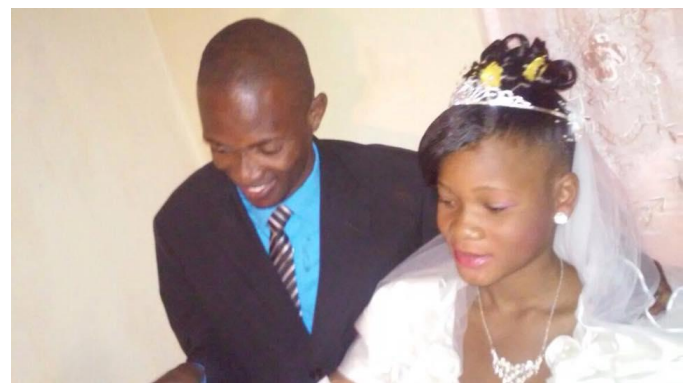


Ms. Kimberly telling of the needs in Haiti



Home of one of our sponsored children

I would like to share a little about one of our sponsored children. This may give you a better idea of why the sponsorship is so important. This little girl is in the second grade. She lost both of her parents to the cholera epidemic. She has two sisters who are living with an aunt. This little girl lives with a grandmother and grandfather who are both sick. There is also an aunt and little baby that live there in this horrible excuse for a home. We gave everyone there medicine (Tylenol, cough syrup etc) as they were not able to afford these things. Their home is only a few pieces of tin barely held together and leaning against a concrete block wall. It had been raining a lot when we were there and as you can see the holes in the roof don't keep out much water. The dirt floor was a muddy mess. And they had no food. (Yes, we left some) Your donations of rice and peanut butter, and medicine help families like this. The sponsorship lets the little girl go to school. Thank you for helping families like this.



Fabula and Job on their wedding day

Other news: Congratulations to Pastor Charles and his wife Patricia on the marriage of their daughter, Fabiola, to Job. Aren't they a beautiful couple?