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Farsight is dedicated to seeing a need and responding. Our goal is to give a "Hand Up" rather than just a "Hand Out"

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Gatorade saved Lucius' life.
Now it's part of our first aid kit on every trip.

Lucius is a 10-12 year old boy that has a paralyzed left arm, the result of a falling tree branch striking him on the shoulder. An older brother was cutting branches out of one of the tall pines (80 ft. tall) in the National forest. Last July, Lucius, one of my regular ants had not come around like usual. One of the other kids came and led me out to where Lucius was laying on the ground, limp and unconscious. I asked what happened and the small crowd gave hand signals indicating nothing had happened, but that he was dying. I scooped him up and took him into the church building, all the while racking my brain for what I had or what I could do for this small boy. His most obvious symptom was dehydration and we had Gatorade so we propped him up, got him to open his eyes and began pouring sips of Gatorade into his mouth. Within 20 minutes he was sitting up and drinking the Gatorade for himself. That was 9 months ago. Since then, I have kept a closer eye on him, making sure he gets fed when we are on the mountain. Haiti is a "survival of the fittest" culture. There is no doubt in my mind that, had we not been there, Lucius would have died along the path that day. Even now, life is tough for him. When he leaves the church with a new hat or piece of clothing, other kids may attack him to take what he has. With only one arm, defending himself and holding on to his treasure is almost impossible. He has learned that eating all the food and putting on the clothes before leaving the building works best.

Seguin Christian School. 63 children enrolled and it looks like most of them are present this day. I have never seen kids so enthusiastic about education or so proud to be a part of school. At last count we have sponsors for 60 of the 63 children. None of the kids have multiple sponsors, so if you are a sponsor, your child is ALL yours. You should be getting a personal letter and report card by the end of this school year.

One big summer project is to add three new classrooms and a 10,000 gallon cistern to the present church/school building so we can double the number of students again this fall. There are enough kids in my "army of ants", the kids that work and play every day with the team, to fill the new classes. If each person who is sponsoring a child now would take a few minutes, speak to a friend, relative, or Bible School class and recruit one more sponsor, this school program will continue its success.



This summer is becoming our busiest yet. I currently have 9 weeks booked with 75 volunteers. I need help! I need you! I need groups and/or individuals to become a part of the homebase support team. The team members need prayer warriors, willing to commit to regular and continual lifting up the teams before God. Our spiritual and physical health and safety is in your hands.

We also need groups, churches, Bible school classes and/or individuals to "ADOPT A PROJECT" so that FCM can afford to complete the projects that the teams have volunteered for.

Here are some projects for you to adopt:

1. Tile a hospital room. \$300-600
2. Plaster and paint a room \$200-400
3. Fixtures for a bathroom 4 X \$300ea.
4. Survey equip. for ponds project \$400
5. Septic tank and drain field \$400
6. Electric panel box \$300
7. Power inverter \$1,200
8. A kitchen cabinet 8 X \$200ea.
9. A light fixture 20 X \$30
10. A Creole or French Bible \$5

Below right: Amy Douglass, a student from Florida Christian College and Jeff Fugate, a student from Kentucky Christian College, shared in the fun of teaching English to the students. We discovered that we needed to get flashcards that were more culturally relevant. Words like escalator, robot, and school bus got some good laughs when Thomas tried to translate so that the children would understand.

CAUTION! Read this before viewing the insert page. One of the pictures will be hard to look at.

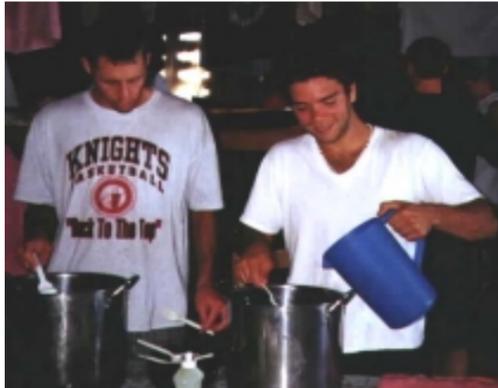
It is a picture of a 16 month old baby that had fallen into the family fire pit. The dark blue coloration on the baby's chest is shirt material that has melted and "welded" itself to her skin.



The March Team. Spring Break students from Kentucky Christian College and Florida Christian College.

Allow me to introduce the team, doing one of the things they do best. Its dinner time and they are all smiles. Clockwise around the table starting at left.

Heather Hill* (KCC), Jane McIlvoy (KCC), Randy Reifel* (KCC), Kim Fleming (FCC), Amy Douglass (FCC), Amanda Halstead* (high school student), Christian Soler (high school student), Joe McGrew (KCC), Paul Halstead* (KCC), Angela Spaulding* (KCC), Jocelyn Sparrow (FCC), Jeff Fugate (KCC), Chalis Stefani* (FCC). * Veteran team members.



The guys proved that they could pack it away and also clean up after. They were motivated by the fact that I could not start cooking the next meal until the last one was cleaned up. Jeff and ChiChi (Christian) take their turn. Everybody gets to help in every aspect of the work. When it turned out that half of the roof beams were too long, the guys each took a turn breaking away the concrete and then cutting the steel rod with a grinder. After Joe ground the end of his finger, we let him supervise and kept the power tools out of his reach.



Heather and Angela (below) took on the challenge of being electricians. They spent a day "fishing" wire down into the blocks and completed all the wiring for the entire clinic.



Jocelyn and her "sister" Amanda chose not to nap with the rest of the team but decided, with my help, to see how many blocks they could install in the final section of roof. There is more to be said about these two young ladies than even the pictures show. The pictures (left) capture the joy of working and the sense of accomplishment that comes with setting 324 blocks in one hour. For you weight lifters, that's 6,280 pounds of cement.

Below, Jane and Kim bring enthusiasm and smiles to one of the not-so-fun projects. 8 duffles, about 400 pounds of donated clothing, needed to be sorted. Everyone on the mountain knows, "if you are willing to work, then you are welcome to shop." Handouts don't work. Fair pay for good work has helped many families and has elevated the church in the eyes of all the villagers.



Chalis (left) didn't get into too many pictures on this trip because she spent a lot of her time behind the video camera helping me to document the work. She recruited all the FCC team members for this trip and is now recruiting for another trip in June. A three-trip veteran, she will also be one of my summer interns helping to teach an English class. Below at right Joe McGrew is getting a helping hand with the heavy stuff from Sony. Joe sent me an e-mail when he got home. I hope he doesn't mind that I am sharing some of it with you. ***"I have been praying hard about this summer, and I was wondering if you had any open weeks. This past trip changed my life and focus of my career. I want to go into missions for a few years before I enter the church and preach."*** I found room for him in July so he will be spending a month on the mountain.



Jane and Angela, caught on the dark beach in Jacmel, are proof that it's not all work and no play. The Lord blessed us with a flat tire just as we were passing Tina Isenhower's place so we quickly implemented Plan B. When we experienced the road the next morning we realized the full extent of the blessing we had received.

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The parents brought the baby to us on the day we arrived. I am sure they were anxiously awaiting word that we had arrived. The accident had happened four days earlier. The toddler had fallen into the cooking fire. Her clothing had melted and welded itself to her skin. Each team member looked at the baby, then looked again as if not comprehending what they were seeing, then they looked at me. I knew what they were asking. My only answer was, "She is in God's hands. We will do all we can do, but the outcome is up to Him." The team gathered and Jeff lead them in prayer for this little girl. That was the best and strongest medicine we had to offer. We didn't have medical people on the team this

trip so I prayed for God to help me do my best. I mixed diaper rash ointment with triple antibiotic ointment that had benzocaine in it and carefully coated the entire burn area. We told the parents to return every day and gave them the mixture of medicine to apply again later that day. They returned

We parents are quick to thank God that we live in America where our babies won't fall into open cooking fires, and we thank God for medical facilities that can take care of most of our burns, cuts, and scratches. **Beware Parents!** there are dangers 10,000 times worse than an open fire pit. Take a good hard look around your home today. Browse your video cabinet, check the words to your children's favorite music, look at the magazines they read, see what they are seeing on TV and at the movies, ask them what they are learning in school. Now, take a good look at yourself and answer this question honestly. If your children grow up to be just like you, with your experiences, thoughts, ethics, morals, attitudes and religious convictions, will you be pleased?

That burn could cost this child her life, but our children are exposed to and confront things daily that can steal their souls. Parents, get involved in your children's lives. Put up and keep mended, strong fences. Let them know that you are not restricting them, you are protecting them. Never pass up a chance to tell them why you are doing this. It's those three little words kids love to hear. "I LOVE YOU!" Better yet, SHOW them by your example that you love them and then leave clear foot prints for them to follow.

Some days I feel as though God has gone from opening doors for me to getting behind me and pushing HARD. I ask myself, "Could I have built the clinic six months faster so that it would have been ready in time for this baby?" One thing I have learned is the value of TODAY. There is nothing that any of us can do to change what we did or did not do yesterday. If we spend too much time thinking about what we might do tomorrow we are wasting time that could be put to better use today. Each morning I set myself a goal and look at the steps it will take to reach that goal, then I set about taking those steps one at a time. At the end of the day I look to see if I am closer to the goal, if I made progress, if I made a difference. My commitment to God and to each of you who share in this work with me is that I will not waste time and I will not waste financial support in reaching our chosen goals.

A parting thought: I just found two different wood/charcoal stoves in a camping magazine. Each is priced at \$49.99. While a treatment facility is vital, solving the problem of getting burned in the first place is the ultimate solution. I am going to get a couple of these stoves and try them out with the local families. I will report back to you how well they work. If they are as good as they appear to be, maybe some of you would be willing to buy a "kitchen stove" for a family in Seguin. Just think, for \$50 you could save a child's life.

The rainwater capture system is looking even better than I could dream, thanks to the collective input of everyone involved in its construction. Jocelyn and Amanda cut, cleaned and glued all the pieces together.



Soccer is a BIG thing in Haiti, so when you have one of South Florida's best players on your team (Chi Chi Soler) you can assume that there will be soccer played during the week. Here is the usual gang that gathered daily to kick each other in the shins and stir up a cloud of choking dust in back of the church building.



If Chi Chi's talent rubs off, there will be a bunch of really good soccer players in Seguin. I think every kid on the mountain got at least one hug from Chi Chi during the week.



It must be sunrise. Everyone has rolled out of bed and are huddled atop Sunrise Hill trying to stay warm until the sun comes up.

