

2004 Adventure to Haiti RECAP

We were the 3rd successive team in 3 weeks to go to Haiti and we were comprised of highly qualified individuals...all the of the Team 12 members: Michael Armbrust - Dennis Nelson - Mike Bednar - Tom Saunders - Rocky Rand - Korey Dobmeier - Jon Osendorf - Micah Lundstedt - Jake Armbrust - Tom O'Malley - Wayne Lystrom - Leif Lystrom – We all passed the required test; strong backs, weak minds, and willing hearts. Matt 9:37

I want to thank you for your prayers concerning: Safety: Health, Travel, Spiritual protection, that God would use us, and that God would change us. See details below. God came through...again, again, and again! Glory to Him!!

We were able to complete the objectives (finishing the church/school roof), minister to the Haitians, and two members of the team made Jesus their Lord and Savior. (Pictured without completed roof.) The community of Archaie will use this building as a multipurpose church, clinic, school, and general meeting place until the rest of the campus is finished. (Pictured: Village children.)

Your participation through your prayer and/or financial support has earned you rewards in heaven. Eph 4:16 and 1



Cor
3:8

“Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”



Schedule: Feb 1 Super Bowl Sunday – The MN team was scheduled to leave on the morning flight to Haiti, but Mike A. decided to sleep in an extra hour and the team arrived with less than the required two hours, thus meeting Dennis for the afternoon flight. Dennis then assumed responsibility for all of the travel arrangements. Sunday evening, we arrived at Pastor Rene's new mission center, about 90% complete; and were assigned rooms by lot.

(Pictured: the only street sign...do not send mail!)

Monday – Mike B.

leads Team 12 to the work site. Mike A. and Dennis went to visit other churches, schools, and meet



with Butch L. and Pastor Rene to discuss future projects. Pastor Rene shared the vision and needs. There are 50,000 Haitian within 20 minutes of Archaie campus. (Pictured: Pastor Rene installing 1st piece.) The goal is to build several buildings that will contribute to life changing programs: a three-story dormitory, a medical center, an orphanage, and a Votech.



- By 2007 a fence of steel and cactus must encircle the 25 acres to retain the property rights. \$8,000



- \$500 to pay for a School roof addition
- New school/church \$25,000 with free land. (Pictured: broken well.)

Tuesday - -Morning-Leadership training. Work on project. Mike A. and Dennis discuss organizational structure that will enable Pastor Rene and

others to contribute more resources to Haiti and other WWV projects. Visit more school/church sites and meet a girl about 4 years old suffering from malaria. World Wide Village contributes \$30 to the purchase medicine. Evaluate the need to build a shaded addition onto a school so children can continue classes out side when their building is too hot.

WWV contributes \$250 to initiate project. (Pictured: Needed school roof.) That evening the team leaves to attend a Church prayer meeting. The team wrote these two verses in Creole on the church wall behind the pulpit. 2 Chr 20:12 "O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You." 2 Chr 7:14 "and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." What a great starting point for each worship service.

Wednesday – Team 12 leaves to work on project. This day ends up being a very busy day for the team. On the way to Archaie we pass a deceased soul lying in the middle of the road. Then 10 minutes down the road a small



piglet scurries out in front of our car and as Mike A. slows down the pig crosses into the next lane getting crushed by the oncoming truck. Our interpreter said that would be "lunch pig"! Mike A. and Mike B. watched a voodoo priest ceremony in the village near the building site.



(Pictured: Achaie home.) He was practicing devil worship. With the roof nearing completion, Pastor Rene brings a truck loaded with 2,000 individual gifts to hand out to the school children and local villagers of Archaie. We had 20 workers to organize and distribute the gifts. By the end a small mob seen arose, we decided to leave. (Pictured: Gift distribution.) What an impact and impression this made to these unreached unchristian people. Upon leaving we learned a member of team was suffering from heat

exhaustion. We prayed and quickly evacuated him in the only car that had AC. In rout to the medical clinic God healed him. He said he could not remember the last 6 hours and we informed that he was married to a local Haitian girl for the hefty price of a goat. From then on we called him "Miami Heat". To cool off from the 90-degree weather we stopped at a hotel for dinner and use of their swimming pool.

Thursday - Tom O. and Mike A. meet with a Haitian businessman who operates a C02 plant and then onto local chamber of commerce for a little goat lunch. Mike B. leads three others to work site to complete the last roof pieces. As



the team readies to leave they are presented with two watermelons and a bag of papayas from the villagers...just to say Thank YOU! Dennis leads the rest of the team painting at Pastor Rene's Missionary Center. Mike B. team returns early and cleans up the compound and constructs a fire pit...they have no sanitation removal so this will be for trash burning. We have a team pray meeting for individual members and then attend the Church bible study that evening. Pastor Noel asked that four of the team members share with his church from the bible. But, Dennis was the only one to bring his bible. Hmmmmm...the guy from PA brings his bible to a bible study and all the MN members leave their bibles at home...Hmmmmm...who is their Pastor?



(Pictured: An Ass.)

1 Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

Friday - Work project completed...On the way to the hotel Moulin Sur Mer

we stopped by a school and dropped off 100 care boxes. A team member commented that one of the students was only wearing a shirt and no other clothes.

Finally, off to beach to stay the night at a resort. 1 Tim 5:18 'For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."' Boy, how a good warm shower, soap, AC, electricity, and etc. felt. For our leadership training we opted for a game of water polo in the pool. Several members of the opposition enjoyed removing some the DNA from Dennis' back and neck. For those who have to know, Jacob's team beat Leif's team. Korey played with a sea urchin before the night ended and it stung him. Dennis helped remove the stinger with two cuts into his hand. Later, we learned all we needed to do was to urinate upon the stinger and that would have neutralized the poison. Korey said that would not have worked!

Saturday - Leadership training on the beach, then off to snorkeling and kayaking. (Pictured: Learning how to exit a kayak.) The favorite of all was the bartering and negotiating with the locals to see who could get the best price for the souvenirs. We asked each other how much we paid for the sculptures, necklaces, and woodcrafts to determine who had the best bargaining skills. Jon won by trading three necklaces for an empty cigar box. Several of the team members enjoyed a game of basketball until they realized that not wearing their tennis shoes resulted in large blisters...oh the lessons some still need to relearn!

Sunday – The streets were filled with Haitians



dressed in their best on their way to worship. We attended Church in Port Prince. At the airport all the members received badges of merit (a lapel pin with the Haitian flag). For services and obedience to the Holy Spirit by "stepping out of their box" and making the trip to Haiti. Judge 5:2 "...That the people volunteered, Bless the LORD!"

I would like to thank you personally for your part in this life-changing adventure. We all returned home healthy,

thankful, and hungry for a cheeseburger. Speaking for the whole team, we have all been changed.

God Bless, Dennis Nelson and Team

1 Cor 3:14 "If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward."

