

# Haiti Endowment Fund

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## A Note from Harold and Natalie Bither

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 This is what Christmas is all about! Have a wonderful time with your family and let us rejoice together and give thanks to His Name.

What a wonderful 6 months of ministry in Haiti since our last summer newsletter update. Much prayer proceeded and followed all of our efforts. Because of this we were blessed as we watched God fulfilling His plan for

this ministry. A new church building in Los Polis has just been completed. In February we will be building a new church in Papaye. What a tremendous challenge and opportunity to present the gospel to these children.

We want to thank God for the opportunity He has given us to be His voice in Haiti. We also want to thank each of you for your prayers, your support and trust in this ministry.

Harold and Natalie



## HEF Distributes 14,000 Meals for Each School Day!

Recently while we were in Haiti, over 100 tons of rice, beans and oil were delivered to our compound warehouse in Hinche. This boosted our current fall school feeding program from 3,000 meals to 14,000 meals distributed daily. The World Food Program saw our need and proceeded to give us five large truckloads. Praise the Lord! H.E.F. is responsible to deliver and manage all of the food distribution, provide 38 cooks, charcoal and transportation. Our food preparation areas must be upgraded and our food storage capacity greatly increased. We have had to hire 3 additional Haitian staff members just to assist with all the work that needs to be done for such a large project. For each child, who is fed each day in school, we send enough food home with him to feed 3 additional family members. This is a 3-month trial period. In 2011 we should be given more food for a 9-month period. We will also be able to help other schools in the area and bless them with rice and beans.

The complete distribution and management is 100% H.E.F's responsibility. This is the greatest opportunity we have ever had to provide food for so many hungry kids and families in our area. Would you please pray about being part of this great opportunity that God has given us? "Blessed is he who considers the poor, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Ps.41:1 This is a wonderful answer to our prayers. We estimate that H.E.F. will need approximately \$2,000 in improvements at each of our schools and \$10,000 per month to carry this project of food distribution out to our area. ■

# Haiti Medical Ministry

Twenty-six of us just returned from a Medical ministry trip on November 16. Our group consisted of Doctors, Dentists, an Optometrist, other medical professionals and support team members. Over 3,500 people were seen and treated in our clinics. We held clinics in ten different village/churches and at our compound over our 8-day trip. As always, God used us to administer immediate life saving medical help in a few special cases. One such case was a hydrocephalic baby brought to us by its mother. For 15 years we have been seeing babies like this that subsequently die because we have been unable to treat them. For the first time we were able to arrange treatment and surgery through a new contact in Port Au Prince.

In our last newsletter we told you about Margarite who walked on her knee. Her surgery is complete, she has received her prosthesis and we are very excited to see her walk for the first time when we visit her on our next trip to Haiti. To God be the glory!

Dr. Combs & Glenn



A joy to see babies like this receive the critical care they need



Our November medical team



A Colera treatment tent



Hundreds of eye patients seen



Minor surgery being conducted



Medical workers' evening preparation



A loving touch in Christ's name



Medical Ultrasound



Dental care given by natural light



1000's of toothpaste and brushes are given

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**"Many lives were changed as they were shown the love of God by the committed medical team"**

## Bethel Church Builds Again in Haiti

After the earthquake it looked as though Bethel would not make a construction trip to Haiti this year. Our trip in August had been canceled and most of the team had made different plans for the summer. **But God had other plans.**

After the dust had settled it was decided that if we could put together a team we would try and go in mid September to build the roof trusses for the church at Lospalis. We had 10 repeat people and three new members on the team. Not only did God allow us to get the church done at Lospalis we also were able to stay a few extra days and build the trusses for two school buildings at Raven Caw.

During our trip we had VBS at 5 locations with more than 200 children at each location, went on prayer walks to hand out rice and beans and had a chance to show the Jesus video at three bush churches.

It is amazing to see how God works out his timing in our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Thank you Haiti Endowment for allowing Bethel to continue to be a part of God's work in Haiti.

### Bethel Christian Church, San Francisco



We make our own trusts



Just completed new school building in Raven Caw



One of our greatest needs – a new school building in Laboc

## The Gift of Fresh Water

In the past three months H.E.F. has had 2 wells drilled. One remote well that will serve thousands of people and one well Solar powered for agriculture use. H.E.F. has drilled many wells over the years most in remote villages, serving our schools and the people living in these villages. We have started to plant gardens in areas where we have already drilled a good well. With God's help we will be starting another well within 30 days. The wells will cost approximately \$7,000. to \$10,000. to complete.

Kevin

## Jezi nan bato nwen



V.B.S. – Jesus in our boat!

What an amazing trip to Haiti we experienced this July. God brought 300 children to kid's camp for 3 days. Experiencing God's blessings through the Haitian children is something that is hard to explain. Our theme "Jesus is in our boat" reminds all of us that God is always with us He never leaves us. We showed this through Bible stories revolved around God's people being delivered from times of trouble. Because of the many changes in Haiti the past 6 months we wanted to remind the children that God never changes. He is with us always. As a team we experienced so many blessings! How exciting for our team of 27 (8 adults and 19 young adults) to wake to the voices of the kids all over the compound. We sang songs together in English and Creole and were reminded that no matter what part of the world we are in, the color of our skin or the language barriers, God loves us and has a plan for our lives.

Cheryl



Kids Camp

## Modette's Story

This is one of our patients who's name is Modette. She lost both of her upper limbs from the earthquake and came to our clinic. It has been a honor for us to care for her. It was wonderful when we laid our hands on her, thanking God for her life, and asking for her comfort and healing. We believe that she felt that we really loved her. Not only is she strong physically, she is so strong emotionally. Despite her injuries, she smiles often and has such a peaceful and kind disposition. We made arrangements for her to be fitted for prosthetic arms in Port Au Prince and will be bringing these custom made prosthetics in March when we return for spring clinics. ■



Modette with Dr. Tae and some of our medical team



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## Student Trip to Haiti

We took a team of 26 from Calvary Murrieta Christian School to Haiti. The students wanted to raise funds to take backpacks with school supplies to the HEF school students in need. For several months, the students held fundraisers to pay for their trip and the 1,800 backpacks filled with school supplies to be given to children at the schools. Students couldn't wait to see the smiles on the faces of children in Haiti as the backpacks were distributed. They saw smiles, but not for the reasons they expected.

Landing at the airport after a long trip, they were met by Haiti Customs agents who would not release the backpacks. It became clear that the supplies would not be given back to them during their stay in Haiti. I was worried about how the students would react. They had worked so hard and

now they would not see the fruit of their labor. At morning devotions Maddie Tyler 16, who helped organize the trip, told the team that the Customs had actually done them a favor. She felt now that God would help them to develop relationships with the Haitian Kids instead of just giving them a backpack.

Rachel Detienne, 16, explained, "We went there just to give them backpacks. But the kids touched my life. They blessed me more than I blessed them." Carissa Medor, 16, whose parents grew up in Haiti, was moved by the poverty there. "I used to take



Students from Calvary Chapel Murrieta were a great blessing

everything for granted," "Now I know I've been so lucky."

We are now planning another student trip that will do Kids clubs at the different H.E.F. schools and build on our budding relationships.

Calvary Murrieta Christian School

## 2010- A Year of Tragedy and Hope for Haiti Rejoice in Hope - Women's Conference

As I sit and reflect over the past year and all that's happened in Haiti and the involvement of HEF, I am struck with such awe and humility.

After the earthquake that devastated Haiti almost one year ago (January 12th), I can't get certain images of people's faces and their stories out of my head.

I am reminded of a woman, Josette, who we met in the hospital in Hinche. She is probably in her early 40's. Her 5 month old baby was killed during the earthquake while Josette was nursing the baby in her arms. Josette's husband was also killed.

Both of Josette's legs were crushed and she was trapped under the rubble for 24 hrs. When I met her in the hospital it was the day before she received a double amputation. I will never forget the fear and sorrow I saw in her eyes after her surgery. Her brother sat by her bedside every day and through his broken English he told us she has 6 other children to care for.

I think someone who stole all of our hearts was the little boy, Joseph. He was broken and despondent when I first saw him laying on the concrete inside the corridors of the hospital. His mother was killed in the earthquake, his father was missing, and his grandmother had brought him to the Hinche hospital from Port au Prince. They had been sitting outside, waiting for 3 days to be seen by a doctor. Our great team of doctors and orthopedist were able to mend Joseph's crushed and broken body. The last time we saw Joseph his little body had filled out from being nourished and he was laughing and waving goodbye.

These are two of the images, from two very special people, that I am reminded almost daily to pray for and Lord willing, see again someday.

Our July Women's Conference theme this year was "Rejoice in Hope". With almost 300 women staying on our compound for the 4-day retreat, we heard many stories of tragedy..... and hope. What a blessing to fellowship with our special Haitian friends!

"And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5:2

Cindy



July 2010 Women's Conference and Medical Team

## Haiti Teachers Training

Eighty one teachers from 12 schools coming together for a teacher training. That is what took place in the town of Hinche in the country of Haiti in June of 2010. A team of teachers from Murrieta California made the trek to bring teaching supplies, curriculum and classroom strategies to the teachers in this poverty stricken country. A three day conference took place that consisted of bible curriculum training, biblical integration and science labs. It was a wonderful experience in which teachers from very different parts of the world came together and taught each other.

Throughout the course of the three day training, seven American teachers met with all 81 Haitian teachers in small groups and large groups. Each group consisted of seminar-type training. We introduced a French bible curriculum that each teacher will have access to at their school site and be able to use on a daily basis. They were given many ideas on how to teach this in their classroom. The teachers were also presented with a lesson on Biblical Integration. The importance of teaching from a biblical perspective was clarified and understood. It was wonderful to watch the faces of some of the teachers when they realized how to implement God's word in their classrooms.

Brooke & Pastor Des



Teacher training for our 86 teachers