

JOY IN HAITI

SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

COLOSSAL PRAYER NEEDED!

The Joy in Haiti board members along with the New Christian Church of Tabarre would like for our friends and supporters to join us in prayer unison at 7 am each morning. We are praying for the financial means to secure a new piece of property for the church and school. The NCCT ministry has been on rental property for ten years. The owners are now requiring NCCT to move.

A new site (*pictured below*) has been located by Pastor Brisenaault. It is a very large and accessible piece of land; however it comes with the price tag of \$156,000, due largely in part because of its prime location in Tabarre. The owners are willing to split this large property and sell half to NCCT for \$78,000. We are thrilled to report that there are enough funds for a down payment- \$39,109.81, but the remaining half would be due six months later. If you would like read more about this project support it online, please go to the newly created land purchase site-

www.gofundme.com/joyinhaitinewland

We covet your prayers and support in this enormous undertaking.



Spring 2015 Mission Team

A mission team from Evangelical Free Church in Springfield, Mo. spent a busy and rewarding week with Pastor Brisenaault, his family, the girls from House of Joy, the students and congregation from the New Christian Church & School. The team was able to fulfill several needs in many outreach areas. A family of nine living in makeshift housing since the 2010 earthquake was thankful for many helping hands to begin construction

began on a new home; an orderly food distribution for 205 families in the village of Turbe was successful!

The team was welcomed to the elderly care home in Port au Prince to spread the love of Jesus and helped to a cook a meal and a group of married couples from church participated in a marriage class led by Pastor Brisenaault and members of the mission team. Of course lots of quality time was spent with students and the girls from House of Joy!



Several mission trips are planned for 2015 (May/June, end of June, mid July, first week of October.)! You are welcome to join any one of the teams traveling this year. Team leaders and members reside in different areas of Missouri and out of Kentucky; they will be serving in many different capacities in Haiti. Message JIH on the Facebook page, the website or contact a board member if this sounds intriguing!

A NEW SISTER SCHOOL

Joy in Haiti is excited to unite New Christian School of Tabarre with Ostmann Elementary School in O'Fallon, Mo. to be "sister schools". Last summer, when Joseline Brisnault visited the states, she toured Ostmann Elementary several times, bringing helpful ideas back to Haiti to make modifications to current teaching methods. One change will be the addition of a mobile library system! Ostmann Elementary is providing school supplies and books to the school in Haiti and all students will even have the opportunity to be "pen pals", opening several lines of communication between our two countries.

Joseline Brisnault and Wislet, who helps to oversee the NCCT school (pictured below) are holding a picture of the entire student body at Ostmann Elementary.



Sincere appreciation is extended to OSTMANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for generously helping to make a difference for our students in Haiti!

STUDENT AND HOUSE OF JOY SPONSORSHIP

In addition to our NCCT Student Sponsorship opportunities, we have recently extended the program to include a House of Joy Sponsorship Program as well. There are now 25 girls residing at House of Joy and the cost for basic living needs for this number of growing girls is ever-increasing. When you chose to sponsor a child at HOJ, it will tremendously and directly impact their daily standard of living. Currently, there are twenty girls in need of sponsorship. The monthly giving for this sponsorship is \$100. This incredibly generous gesture could be a wonderful sharing opportunity for you and three family members or friends-just ask us how this would work; we will help you get it set up.

JIH has not raised the cost of student sponsorship! Because many of the families sending their students to the school cannot financially afford their share, a deficit is left when monthly teachers' salaries are due. In order to finish the school year strong, we have needs for sponsors for several students-boys and girls of all grade levels. To get started sponsoring a student right away, a half year is just \$70! A renewal for \$140 for sponsorship for the 2015-16 school year will come in the fall.

The children are so blessed to live in a community where they have an opportunity to attend a Christian school. You will be rewarded for your generosity with pictures and updates on your sponsored child and, if you would chose to travel to Haiti with a mission team, you would even have the opportunity to meet that child!



Thank you for your prayers and support as we reach out with the love of Jesus to provide for the needs of the poor and share the message of the Risen Savior!

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