

# Sharing Joy

## New School Year Approaches

*Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
Nor fruit be on the vines,  
The produce of the olive fail  
And the fields yield no food,  
The flock be cut off from the fold  
And there be no herd in the stalls,  
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
God, the Lord, is my strength;  
He makes my feet like the deer's;  
He makes me tread on my high places.*

*Habakkuk 3:17-18*

School is scheduled to begin at The New Christian School of Tabarre (NCSOT) on October 4. The start time was delayed this year due to the disruption caused by the earthquake in January. This past school year ended in August, and the students and teachers are preparing for the new year after a short break.

As you may know, public schools are not an option for families in Haiti. Many private schools exist, but most families struggle to pay the tuition. Oftentimes a family who sends their child to school may only continue to do so for a few months until the money they have set aside runs out. One of the hardships of the educational system is that a child's education is often disrupted for



months or years.

Joy in Haiti continues to walk alongside NCSOT due to their commitment to serve the children in their community through providing a Christian education. A low tuition and registration fee are due each year to cover the costs of running the school. However, many families are unable to pay, especially since the earthquake has left many more unemployed.

NCSOT realizes that in order to truly serve these families and children they cannot turn the children away due to the families' inability to pay. Therefore, teachers often go without receiving their full salaries, unless Joy in Haiti can provide sponsors to cover the expenses.

When you sponsor a

child's education at NCSOT, you are providing him or her with a Christian education, school supplies, and a uniform which is culturally important. In addition to this, you are helping the families of the teachers, the custodian, and the seamstress who makes the uniforms by providing much needed income in a job-deficient country.

The suggested donation to sponsor a child at school is \$120 per year. If interested in becoming a sponsor, please mark your donation accordingly and mail in the envelope provided. We will then send you a picture of the child you are helping.

Thank you for bringing joy to the lives of children in Haiti!



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*The mission of Joy in Haiti is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in Haiti, as well as to help meet the physical needs of those living in poverty. Joy in Haiti works with followers of Jesus who live in Haiti and are sharing their faith with those around them.*

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## Missionary Matt Davids serves in Haiti

Matt Davids has been serving as a missionary in Haiti since May 2009 and plans to continue there through May 2011.

Matt has blessed the church body and ministry at The New Christian Church of Tabarre (NCCOT) through his service. The Lord has gifted him as a teacher of the scriptures and has provided him with various avenues to use that gift, including preaching Sunday sermons and leading Bible studies.

After he returned to Haiti in the months following the earthquake, Matt has had the opportunity to begin teaching English more often, has been able to learn more about the culture and people of Haiti, and began filming a movie based in post-earthquake Haiti.

Take a look at his blog ([2yearsinhaiti.blogspot.com](http://2yearsinhaiti.blogspot.com)) for insights into his life as a missionary in Haiti, as well as recent pictures of his work.

## Prayer Needs and Updates

- 30 Days of Revival, Sept.-Oct. Pastor Bris-enault, as well as guest speakers, will be teaching on the book of Nehemiah for 30 days.
- Over 200 children attended VBS in August. Please pray for their salvation and growth in the Lord.
- A water purification system was recently installed by Edge Outreach at the location of the church, which provides a practical need for the people as well as an opportunity for others to learn more about the Living Water.

## Loan For Life Program to Help Long-Term

Immediately following the earthquake, supporters of Joy in Haiti made it possible to run an emergency feeding program, which provided 150 people with basic food supplies to see them through a horrific time. Now approaching eight months after the earthquake, The New Christian Church of Tabarre (NCCOT), along with Joy in Haiti, are looking at other long-term ministries that will help individuals provide for themselves and their families.

At the present time, NCCOT has begun working with 15 women who are being trained in setting up a small business with a micro-loan to be provided by the church. The church accountant and four others are overseeing this new ministry and will offer guidance to the women.

Each woman will be provided with the equivalent of \$142US. The loan is to be paid back over a 10-month time span, a little each month, while she is building her small business. Once the loan is paid back, the money will then be reinvested in the lives of additional people through more microloans.

Joy in Haiti would like to help NCCOT with providing the Haitian people with a course of action to be able to provide for themselves instead of consistently depending on handouts from others.

If you would like to contribute to this cause, please mark your gifts accordingly.



*Board Vice President Cindy Keagy recently spent a week serving in Haiti with The New Christian Church of Tabarre. During that time, she lead a short Bible study with women from the church, encouraging them in their faith. In addition, she worked with a few members of the church in leading a VBS for the children in the neighborhood, as well as handling various administrative duties. Pictured here is a group of boys playing a game with the parachute and bean bags she brought with her.*

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