



# Brad's Broadcast

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**Special Prayer Points:**

- \* Pray for Pastor Brisenaault and the New Christian Church of Tabarre as they minister in Haiti.
- \* Pray for the NCCT as they work to raise funds to develop the new property and as they deal with this transitional period.
- \* Pray that the Lord will call and equip those who will be part of next summer's mission team!

## A Haitian Wedding and the New School

On December 14 I traveled to Haiti for a "quick trip" of 6 days. The main purpose of my trip was to attend the wedding of a Haitian friend and former English student, Estadiou. He and his wife are very involved members of the New Christian Church of Tabarre. I have known Estadiou since my 2007 internship in Haiti. During the VBS trip last summer, he asked me to come to his wedding and since he is one of my oldest Haitian friends and I had never attended a Haitian

wedding before, I agreed to join him and his wife for their special day. The church received a fresh coat of paint for the occasion (I worked a paint roller with Haitian volunteers for a while) and was decorated in blue and white. The wedding itself was in some ways what is expected at any wedding here in the US, but in some ways different. The bride, two maids of honor, mother of the bride, and flower girl all wore white dresses. Some of the wedding party danced as they came down the aisle (though not nearly as much as at the Swazi wedding I attended in 2006). A mini-drama with a maid of honor refusing to be escorted down the aisle until her escort gave her a flower was played

out as the two of them traveled down the aisle. It was an honor to attend the wedding and Estadiou and Kettia were also very excited and honored that I would return to Haiti to attend their wedding!

While in Haiti, I also had the opportunity to see the New Christian School of Tabarre in it's new facilities on the new property during the last few days before their Christmas break! The new facility has 10 classrooms, two offices, a storage room, boys' and girls' bathrooms, a snack preparation room, and a playground! Currently the school has 3 levels of "kindergarten" (before 1st grade) and 1st-6th grade, with plans to potential add a 7th grade next year! It was great to see the school up and running in the new, much nicer and roomier facilities!

## Budget

This includes any checks/cash that pass through my hands or that are contributed for the VBS trip or Project Cornerstone

### Donations

Remaining before November newsletter \$3.00  
 Donations received \$1,051.00  
 Paid Out of Pocket \$204.14  
**Total \$1,258.14**

### Expenses

August Newsletter \$204.14  
 Passed on to Joy In Haiti \$1,054.00  
**Total Expenses \$1,258.14**

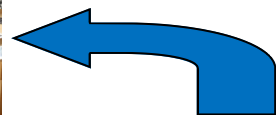
**Amount Remaining: \$0**

### VBS Trip Budget

**\$1,000.00 raised out of \$21,530 projected budget**

### Project Cornerstone Fund Balance

**\$530.99**



**Top: Some of the NCST classrooms.**

**Bottom: Inside one of the classrooms.**



The church with fresh paint and decorated for the wedding!



The bride, Kettia, being escorted down the aisle by her father.

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## Project Cornerstone Update

In August, I mentioned that construction on the second Project Cornerstone house had been completed. During the VBS trip, I did not have the opportunity to get any pictures of the house to share with you. Since the main focus of my trip in December was



**Cerly standing beside the tri-level home his family will share with his sister's family.**

the wedding, I did not plan a lot of activities to keep me busy while there. So one day Pastor Brisenault was able to take me to the second Cornerstone house. It is different in several ways from the previous house. It is built on the side of a hill, and so has three layers. The top level of the home contains living and dining areas, with a set of steps going down to a bedroom in the middle level. The bottom level is similar with steps leading up to another bedroom on the middle level. It was a blessing to see the home with Cerly and his family settled into it! I was even more touched when Pastor Brisenault explained that Cerly and his family had decided to help another family in need by sharing the home with them! Cerly's sister (possibly sister-in-law) and her family will use the lower level and the mid-level bedroom that can be entered from there. As part of that decision, and in order to create more space in the home, the family opted for the bathroom to be in a small wood structure beside the house. In total, 10 people will call the second Cornerstone house their home! Thank you for your generosity that has made this possible.

The church board is in the process of choosing a family for a third Cornerstone house. Please consider giving to help this home-building ministry continue!

## To Go:

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining a summer mission trip to Haiti, please feel free to contact me!



## To Give:

To give, please make checks payable to **Joy In Haiti**. In the memo line, write the name of the project you wish to give toward. To give to help victims of the hurricane, write **Hurricane Relief**. To give toward new church property development, write **New Property**. To give toward the home building project, write **Project Cornerstone**. To give toward this summer's VBS trip, write **KY Group**. Please mail checks to me at:

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**Cerly's youngest son, Lens, happy to receive visitors to their new home!**

I do not cash checks made out to Joy In Haiti. I only record your gifts for my records, send you a thank-you note, and pass them on to Joy In Haiti. On occasion, some people choose to give to me personally to help with expenses such as the cost of these newsletters. The use of those funds is included in the budget report on the front of these newsletters.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued partnership in these ministries in Haiti!

# Let God take care of you!