

# Joy in Haiti

May 2013

## God Knows Your Name

On April 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> eleven of us from First Evangelical Free Church of Springfield were blessed with the opportunity to go to Haiti and work alongside Pastor Brisenaault. During our time there we were a light to those we were around and got a bigger vision

of what God is doing in Haiti. We witnessed 12 Haitians being baptized and were able to be a part of worship Sunday morning. We also went to a community outside of Port Au Prince called Turbe (To Bay) to do an outreach. Pastor Brisenaault goes to Turbe 2-3 times a month and has been building relationships there. We were able



to share the gospel with them & distribute 100 bags of food and some punching balloons for the kids. Praying for Turbe and that this may be a potential site to plant a church in the future.

We spent a lot of time at House of Joy. Our focus with the girls was God Knows Your Name.



Everything we did was reinforcing the truth that God loves them and cares. The girls made personalized beaded necklaces, bookmarks, bag tags, and photo frames. We had a birthday party at Heatline Mission House to celebrate each one of them. We had cupcakes and ice cream,

sang "He Knows My Name" in Creole, gave each girl their own personal Bible, had a Dance Party, and played Hot Potato. Our team was richly blessed from the time we were able to serve in Haiti. God did an amazing work in and through us that week. Our hearts were deeply touched through the relationships we developed.

A piece of our hearts will always be in Haiti.

Andy Compton, Melinda Compton, Denise Tuter, Danielle Alexander, Cheston Alexander, Sharon Tillman, Kim Farris, Pam Long, Jami Umlauf, Tori Umlauf, & Chris Umlauf.



**Joy in Haiti has a new board** and is excited about the opportunities God is giving them.

Cindy Keagy- President, Stephanie Gamm- Vice President, Vanessa Beline- Secretary, Majorie Keagy, Melinda Compton, Rinda & Charlie Ontiveros,

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**Two teams will be in Haiti** this summer to begin an English Bible Camp for the children in the community around New Christian Church of Tabarre. (First team lead by Cindy Keagy & Second by the Ontiveros) The purpose is to share Christ and the English language through Bible Stories, Scripture, Hands on Projects, and Personal Interaction. *Pray for the children attending the camp and God's love is shown through the people serving.*

**Please lift in Prayer:**

- *God's protection & guidance for Pastor Brisenaault*
- *Sixth graders pass their government tests*
- *Funds are provided for the Church Property*

*The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. Deuteronomy 32:4*

# Pastor's Prayer

Hello, dear friends, thanks so much for everything you have done for my family and I and for my ministry.



I want to talk to you for this moment in a very special way because as you know, my biggest preoccupation is to have property for the ministries I'm leading here in Haiti. It's not easy. It is very difficult in the area where I'm to find a good property. I know you have a lot of interest in helping us.

As you know we rent the church and school building. Our school class rooms are in very bad conditions and we can't improve them. We have 106 students. When it rains, the classrooms are full of water. Even when we do repairs every year. I don't have a place to counsel in private or keep safe the church papers and documents. The government requires that for a church to become official we must have paper showing ownership of church. We are about to start a sewing café business and classes for ladies. If a member dies we can not celebrate the funeral

where we worship so we have to find another church. The reason being, the owner of the church property and because of his beliefs he doesn't allow us to celebrate in the church.

Our Ministries are growing and we are trying to have our own place to install the church, the school and sewing café and the OPTA office.

We found a property on which we can build the church, the school clinic and office, it's located close to the church. It will cost \$25,000 US. down payment. Our church has collected \$5,000 US. I know it is a lot. I'm praying that there may be some churches in the US may have interest in helping us raise the funds.

Thanks so much

May God Bless You

Brisenault Jean Prenor

