

# Joy in Haiti

Sept. 2013

## Fruit of the Spirit



Joy in Haiti began its **first English Bible Camp** at the New Christian Church of Tabarre with 50-60 students grades 1-6. We had two teams of volunteers so we could have a two week camp (June 27—July 14) **Team One** consisted of Cindy Keagy, Marjorie Keagy, Stephanie Gamm, Jackie McCracken, and Vanessa Rodden. Jim Keagy and Tim Borson were in Haiti to do water purification but took some time to help with kindergarten graduation and Carnival Day. What a joy to share God's word and teach English to such precious children. The theme throughout the camp was "Fruit of the Spirit." The children heard a Bible story and verse every day. Also learning to say greetings, commands, phrases, colors, numbers, and food in English. Team One had music every day and they learned songs in English as well as how to use hand bells. Crafts were also a fun part of the camp.

We closed camp on Friday with a carnival. The children played games and had popcorn and frescas.

Team One took half of the girls from House of Joy to the beach.. What a blessing to have such a spe-

cial day.

**Team Two**, consisting of Charlie, Rinda and Rebecca Ontiveros, Michelle Adair, and Penny Gabbard, arrived on July 6 and stayed through July 14. Each day of camp began with singing (in English) and a Bible story brought to life by special illustrations painted by Grant Kniffen. A pair of turtle puppets then presented the story in Creole, all from a turtle's perspective.

Eager to learn English, the children reviewed words learned the first week and continued with body parts, transportation, animals, foods and basic conversational sentences. Crafts, role plays and games reinforced what they were learning and made the language classes especially fun.

Science was taught the second week and the children enjoyed learning about God's amazing design of the human body. Each one traced his/her body on butcher paper, then learned about each organ, coloring and cutting it out and gluing it to their "body". They were fascinated to hear their hearts with a stethoscope and enjoyed looking at cells using a microscope. We were all so touched that final day when a number of the kids came back in the church auditorium. Each one gave a little speech on how meaningful camp was to them. They blessed us more than they will ever know!

Team Two took the other half of the girls from House of Joy to the beach on Saturday. This was a special time of fun and smiles and giggles. For most of them, this was the first time they had seen the ocean. And it was beautiful!



**Joy in Haiti's board** is excited about the opportunities God is giving them.

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

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### Please lift in Prayer:

- Pastor Brisenault's church revival for the month of September brings them to a personal relationship in Christ.
- Roodnica's Visa comes through

*John 17:8 "For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me."*

# Through Word & Deed



Another short term team with 8 members came alongside Pastor B the first week in August. As always every member of the team had their life deeply impacted by their time in Haiti. It was comprised of 3 teenagers from Colorado, 2 teenagers and 3 adults from Springfield Missouri. The purpose of the trip was to glorify God by displaying His gospel through word and deed. The mission of the trip was to assist with VBS for 2 days at Tabarre Christian Church, and a 1 day VBS at Turbe (small village outside Port Au Prince). The teenagers got to speak to 50 youths from Pastor B's church, Steve Edney spoke to the men's group, and Carol Edney spoke with the ladies group. This proved to be highly interactive, and beneficial for everyone involved. The team also painted the orphanage (and church), and played with the girls every chance they could. The joy in the girls hearts is always stunning to witness. Hugs and smiles are always freely given whenever you come or go! God truly has shown His compassion and grace to those girls through Pastor B and Joseline. He has done something amazingly beautiful in that desperate



country. All the team members felt like they received far more than they gave to Haiti. "I think we need Haiti more than Haiti needs us". Jesus was right when he said it is more blessed to give than to receive. There was great sadness when it was time to leave, and EVERYONE plans on returning soon!

Thank you Pastor B and Joseline for hosting another team from America in desperate need to share from our abundance!

Steve Edney



The next team will be going October 27-November 1<sup>st</sup> to organize school sponsorship and spend time with the girls at House of Joy and the children at Yahre Jire Children's Foundation.

A container will be sent later this fall. *Thank You!* for your donations of food, clothes and school supplies, for everything..



**John 17:20,21**"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."....

