

# Sharing Joy

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## Summer Mission Trips

*Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
Nor fruit be on the vines,  
  
The produce of the olive fall  
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

Cindy Keagy and a team of nine were in Haiti June 15-23. Two members of the group installed a water purifier at an orphanage in Port-au-Prince.

Several days were spent updating the school sponsorship program. The children made thank yous for their sponsors and received gifts and new dresses or shorts made by a group of women in St. Louis.

A VBS was held for over 200 students and a youth rally where about 100 attended.

The highlight of the trip was the kindergarten graduation at the school. A 2-1/2 hour program was enjoyed by a packed church.



*Cindy Keagy presenting a gift to a graduating kindergarten student at New Christian School of Tabarre. Joseline Brisenault is pictured on the left, and Pastor Jean Prenor Brisenault is on the right.*

More trips like this are being planned for next year if you or someone you know would like to participate.

It is a blessing to share God's love with these precious children. (continued...)



*Counter-clockwise from above: Cindy Keagy in front of the kindergarten named for her; the June team loaded in the truck; an excited student who received a new dress; and a group of boys who received new shorts. (Dresses and shorts were made by a group of women in St. Louis.)*



# Updates and Information

## JOY 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.*

## Summer Mission Trips cont.

Prior to this work team, Leslie Holdegraver made a solo trip in May to work with the women's ministry at The New Christian Church of Tabarre and to assess the current situation in Haiti for future ministry plans.

Some of the highlights of the trip include attending the baptisms of eight men and women from the church, making soup with the women's ministry to feed the residents of a home for the elderly, meeting with the children's ministry leaders, and leading a Bible study with the women and having a time of fellowship and encouragement with them.

Other events included visiting tent cities and meeting with an architect regarding a future building project.

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[www.joyinhaiti.org](http://www.joyinhaiti.org)

[www.nccot.org](http://www.nccot.org)

**On Facebook: Joy in Haiti**

## TRIVIA NIGHT — THANK YOU!

In April, Joy in Haiti held its first fundraising event: a video trivia night. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and who came out that night to share in the fun. A special thank you to Genesis Church for providing the trivia and Dardenne Presbyterian Church for providing the location. We were pleased to raise \$2000 that night, which was used for the school program and the Loan For Life program.



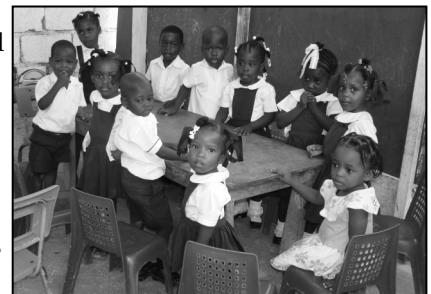
## LOAN FOR LIFE PROGRAM—OPTA

In July, the Loan for Life program, which has officially been named Operation of Talents (OPTA), began. Fifteen women were provided with microloans of approximately \$100 to begin a small business. They have eight months to pay back the loan so that the money can be given to others on the waiting list. Repayment has already begun, and we are excited to see the program at work. If you would like to contribute to this program to allow for expansion, please attach a note to your donation. Thank you for making this ministry possible!

## SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Thanks to your continued support of our largest ministry outreach at this time! Because of your sponsorship, we are pleased to announce that all teachers' salaries were able to be paid through the school year. Also, assistance was given for providing uniforms, books, and supplies to the children.

Providing food for the children was an added expense for this school year after the cholera outbreak. Some food is being donated by organizations, which has been a major blessing. Then, Joy in Haiti has helped with the expense of cooking oil, herbs used in traditional Haitian cooking, and the cost of purchasing a stove in order to serve the donated food. On the days when a hot meal is not served, the children receive peanut butter sandwiches or something similar. By adding something that seems as simple as a small meal or snack, the children are receiving more nutrition, which helps them in their learning and general well-being.



We are now looking to the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please attach a note to your donation specifying "school sponsorship." Suggested sponsorship is \$120 per year per child. ***Thank you for bringing joy into the lives of children!***