

Sharing Joy

A Year in Review

The people of Haiti suffered greatly this past year in the aftermath of the devastating 7.0 earthquake January 12, 2010.

In the midst of this tragedy, the light of Jesus was reflected and lives were changed in the rubble.

Thank you for supporting our efforts in Haiti and being a part of God's work there!

Because of your support, we saw the following take place:

- An emergency feeding program was implemented for eight months in the aftermath of the earthquake, providing food for 150 people.
- The building for The New Christian Church of Tabarre (NCCOT), which was in progress before the earthquake, was repaired and completed, allowing for the growing congregation to meet together under one roof.
- Children at The New Christian School of Tabarre began receiving food each day, which was critical in light of the cholera outbreak.
- The school has been able to continue educating children living in poverty who would



Pastor Jean Prenor Brisenaault leads a group of over 100,000 people in prayer during "The Celebration of Life" event that took place on the one-year anniversary of the earthquake. Over 600 churches joined together to organize this event, which focused on celebrating life for those who survived the devastation.

otherwise not have an opportunity to attend school.

- Members of NCCOT were able to share the love of Jesus by helping to provide basic physical needs for those still living in tents.
- Ten women have begun training to use microloans to start small businesses, which is a long-term ministry replacing the emergency feeding program. This will allow the women to provide for their families, instead of needing to receive constant help. Funds

are almost raised to see this program begin in 2011.

All of these things have allowed the gospel to spread in Haiti. The church has grown to over 200 people, believers are spreading the gospel in the tent cities and in hospitals, and the church celebrated the baptisms of 15 new believers in the last weeks.

We rejoice in the way the Lord has moved in the rubble.

"He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'" Psalm 46:10

*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

TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION

Date Correction:

Friday,

April 8, 2011

(See enclosed flier for details.)

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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.



Upcoming Trips

Two trips to work with The New Christian Church of Tabarre are currently in the works. One is scheduled for May and one for June. Please contact us through the website www.joyinhaiti.org for more information.

Updates and Information

SCHOOL

The school year is halfway completed, and thanks to our sponsors, teachers have been able to receive partial salaries, supplies have been provided for students (as well as special books needed for the older students preparing for exams next year), among other things.

To make it through the school year, and in hopes to help the school catch up on teachers' salaries, we ask you to consider a "Half Sponsorship" of a student, which is \$60.

Parents who are able to pay tuition do so, but most families cannot afford this. Therefore, the teachers often receive just part of their salary, which mainly comes from sponsorship through Joy in Haiti. They understand this is a ministry, and it is more important to continue the education of the children. However, it often provides a hardship for the teachers.

LOAN FOR LIFE PROGRAM

In order to help Haitian people become self-sufficient, Joy in Haiti is partnering with The New Christian Church of Tabarre in funding microloans. The program will start with ten women who have already begun training. Currently, Joy in Haiti needs approximately \$400 more to fund the program. If you would like to contribute to this program, please designate your donation for "Loan for Life."

PROJECT CORNERSTONE

A project is in the works to help repair and build basic homes for those who own land but lost their home and had significant damage in the earthquake. More details will be given once the plans have been finished.



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