

## Reaching Out in Haiti

A 12-member work team, led by Cindy Keagy, travelled to Haiti the end of March to minister to children and reach out in the community. Their week was filled with VBS, Easter celebrations to share the news of the resurrection, and ministering to the children of a new orphanage in the area.



*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*



PICTURES from top: Cindy Keagy and Becky Rowe with a group of children after church; Peggy Compton with a student from The New Christian School of Tabarre; two children at the orphanage, House of Joy; and the whole team with Pastor Jean Prenor Brisenault, his wife Joseline, and their daughter Emma.

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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.*

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## A Special Thank You

The Joy in Haiti board would like to give a special thank you to Chris Ryan for using his talents and time to create our logo.



## Updates and Information

### MOTHER'S DAY

In Haiti, Mother's Day is celebrated on the last Sunday in May. At the New Christian Church of Tabarre, a special service takes place to honor all mothers. The men will cook a meal and serve the mothers, as well as present them with a gift. The church is inviting about 100 mothers in the community to join them. Please be in prayer for this special event honoring moms!

### COLLEGE SPONSORSHIPS

In an effort to help allow adults to attend college, The New Christian Church of Tabarre is working to set-up a scholarship program. A formal education is difficult to obtain in Haiti at the primary and secondary levels, much less at the university level.

The church has begun helping one man, named Vanes, at this time who is attending seminary to earn a degree in theology. He hopes to continue ministering in the Tabarre area. Several other people are being considered for the program. Their areas of study include teaching and nursing.

If you would like to contribute to this new program, please designate your giving for "College Sponsorships."

### CHURCH PROPERTY

The New Christian Church of Tabarre currently meets on rented property. The lease is up in one year, at which time the landlord may allow the lease to be renewed (likely at a much higher rate) or may make other plans with the property. Property values in Tabarre are very high. Please be in prayer for the church leadership makes plans during this time.

### SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! Another school year is wrapping up in June, and a small work team will be in Haiti to celebrate with the graduating kindergarten students and their families.

### OPERATION OF TALENTS (OPTA)

OPTA, a microloan program allowing both men and women to receive money to start up a small business, has been up and running for a year now. This program began with 15 women receiving a small loan of approximately \$100US and currently has 20 people participating as loans are being paid back. An additional 25 people are now on the waiting list.

### WHERE TO FIND UPDATED INFORMATION

Find us on Facebook (updated most often!): Joy in Haiti

Find our website: [www.joyinhaiti.org](http://www.joyinhaiti.org)

Find The New Christian Church of Tabarre website:  
[www.nccot.org](http://www.nccot.org)