



## “A Time of Thanksgiving”

Every time that we visit the little village of Ti Place Leroy (“The Little Village of the King”) in Santo, we encounter so many orphans and hurting children that the experience can often be overwhelming. All along the journey in on the rough dirt road we see hunger, health problems, lack of clothing and clean water, and the distressing poverty of the Santo area.

However, whenever we arrive at the village we are amazed and refreshed by the deep faith in God that the people have for their daily existence. Our Lord’s words of “give us this day our daily bread” never mean more to us than when we are in Santo. When we bring a team in for a feeding program we are often greeted by the cheerful voices of a hundred or more children singing their songs of praise in Creole. We witness firsthand their thankfulness for a simple bowl of food and for the opportunity to attend school.

These little children remind us of our own need to praise God for our many blessings. We thank Him daily for the love and support that He has brought to the ministry through each one of you. Looking back over the past year we see the gift of new relationships, a new mission house to work from, the blessing of a vehicle to use in Haiti, thousands of pounds of food and clothing for the people in Santo, a growth in the number of teams wanting to come and work beside us, new Hope Partners, the rich blessing of new partner churches in the US, and the daily prayers of His people.

“ *Bondya bon, pou toutan... Pou toutan, Bondye bon!*” God is good, all the time... all the time, God is good! We praise God for His goodness and mercy and for His call into each of our lives during this season of thanksgiving.

Pastor Dale and Pam Hipp



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# Cholera Continues to Spread in Haiti

A recent Associated Press news article reported that Haiti now has the highest rate of cholera in the world, according to one of the Caribbean nation's most prominent health experts. The report states that cholera has sickened more than 450,000 people in a nation of 10 million, or nearly 5 percent of the population, and it has killed more than 6,000 people. Cholera is also on the verge of becoming the leading cause of death by infectious disease in Haiti.

**Our ministry focus is in the Santo area, about 20 miles outside of the city of Port-au-Prince. Reports indicate that cholera has spread here and threatens the people daily.** What makes the report even more alarming is that many of the people here lack access to clean well water and often bathe or get their water from the streams. The gift of clean well water can mean life or death for a family, or even for a whole village should this deadly disease strike quickly.

One of our first goals after securing the land for the children's home is to sink a well for our own use and to provide the blessing of clean water to those who live nearby.



Bathing in a stream in Santo

## Hope Partners Update

We thank God for our first group of Hope Partners!

We are able to start providing for the basic needs of the first 10 children from Santo. Our goal is to reach 50 supporters by January 1st, after which time we can make the final arrangements in the village for their schooling, food and clothing needs, and work directly with the village pastor to ensure that their living situation is stabilized while we work to build the children's home.

Please help us to share the word with others about the gift of God's love to God's children in Santo!



*LEFT - Marie is 15 years old and the oldest of a family of three orphans. She has been brought to us for help and she is desperately in need of love and the basic requirements of life—food, clothing and care. Since Marie is the oldest of three siblings, she has a very difficult life.*

*As we gather the blessings from our Hope Partner program we plan on soon placing Marie and the other children in school, start providing for their nutritional and basic needs, and working with the village church to determine how best to meet their short term caregiver needs.*

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25: 37- 40*

# My Haiti Experience

"C.J." - Clifton R. Lee IV - September 2011 Mission team

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Whenever I first arrived in Haiti I was immediately aware of the fact that there was extreme poverty and total devastation. Getting off the plane was quite different than in America. We had to find our luggage out of a big pile near the conveyor in the terminal. Next, we were swamped with Haitians who tried to carry our luggage for us so they could earn a little money.

After arriving at the compound we began to experience exactly how tremendously hot it was. It didn't help that we only got electric at 11:00 p.m. and it was off again by 6:00 a.m. As we began getting the mission house ready and started painting, the heat was a huge factor. We sweated constantly. The only relief from the heat was when we took cold **bucket** showers and as soon as you got out of the shower, the sweat started again.

Later in the week we used Pastor Luc's truck to go to a village in Santo outside Port Au Prince. When we got to the village the children continuously used 'this motion' toward their mouths that we recognized as meaning they wanted food. When we got to the church in the village we passed out the food that was available and there wasn't enough to go around. I found out Pastor Luc was only able to provide two meals a week for those kids. That was heartbreaking because kids walked quite a distance to get there and then there wasn't enough food for all of them.

After that I got back on the truck. Whenever I tried to get off the truck to hug the kids or play with them, Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and told me, "Stay on the truck." At the end of our travels He explained to me that my heart had to be broken. Back home when I related this, my grandfather said God was giving me a heart for ALL of the kids instead of just a few.

After we arrived in America and were on our drive home, we stopped at a Sheetz convenience store. I went in and bought two items. As I walked out..... I realized how much I take for granted! It shocked me how much in my life I took for granted before my trip. God has opened my eyes and my heart.

Hopefully, I will be able to return to Haiti again next year. While I'll know more of what to expect, I'm sure that next time it will still be heartbreaking because of what all the Haitian people lack.



"C.J." Lee (center) with Wilson (left) and Rodrique (right)



The village in Santo

# Wonderful Warehouse Work Days!



We were richly blessed by the outpouring of love and support during the two recent workdays at our USA base.

With the help of almost 30 volunteers we were able to sort and pack at least 300 boxes !!!! We are close to being able to ship our next container and are asking our supporters to believe and pray with us for financial blessings to ship the container. Please also pray for discernment of God's timing on the best month to schedule delivery to Port-au-Prince.



We plan to focus much of this relief shipment on children's needs—food, clothing, shoes, toys and educational materials. We will be targeting the community in and around Santo, the site for our new children's home.

As mild weather permits we will be planning additional work days over the next few months. Watch your emails and these newsletters for further information.

## *Current Prayer and Ministry Needs:*

### **LOAVES AND FISHES PARTNERS ...**

God has called us to build a network of supporters through our Loaves and Fishes program. Just as when the 5000 were fed, small amounts multiplied many times over can work miracles. Learn more on page 6 about how you can help.

### **SUPPORT PARTNERS FOR THE NEW MISSION HOUSE ...**

We pray for long-term regular sponsors for a portion of the monthly rent and maintenance costs which we estimate to be approximately \$1000. *Will you prayerfully consider what God may want you to do to help?*

### **CONTAINER SHIPPING COSTS ...**

We are planning to ship a container of supplies in early 2012. Please pray for the needed funds (\$10,000) to ship the container into Port-au-Prince and to distribute the supplies into the countryside. Many of the food and clothing items will go to people in the Santo area near the new children's home.

### **HOPE PARTNERS ...**

God has brought us the first 10 children in the Santo area who are in desperate need of love and support. For only \$20.00 per month you can help us bring food, clothing, schooling, medical and God's love to these at risk children. Read more on page 7 about our Hope Partners program.

# February Mission Trip Opportunity

We are planning a special mission trip opportunity from February 19th to the 25th with 7 days of service in Haiti. We will be focusing on work projects that support the ministry and which take God's word and love into the field. Participation in this trip is limited to 12 people.

Planned projects include:

- Working with orphans and poor children in the Santo area - delivering food and spending time in praise and thanksgiving with them. We will also spend time bringing love and blessings to the first ten orphans in our program.
- Orientation to the new children's home site and the work that God has laid out for us there.
- Travel into the mountains to a mission site at Fond Verrette to deliver food and other desperately needed supplies. This will be an overnight mission.
- Ministering word and healing to the congregation of Pastor Luc St. Felix's church in Delmas.
- A day with the children at Way of Jesus and Green River Orphanage in Carrefour, one of our partners in Haiti.
- Work on our new mission house to help prepare it for future ministry teams, our home base, and meeting with various partners and supporters.

***Click below to learn more about this mission opportunity and to download a trip application***

<http://www.haitihope.net/teams/feb2012teamapp.pdf>



Please call us at  
**(304) 266 - 8800** to learn  
more about how you can  
join us in this mission trip.



Yes, you can visit us at  
**Vine Abiding Ministries**  
on-line

<http://www.haitihope.net>



*Walk Shoulder to Shoulder With Us ...*

## **Join Our Loaves and Fishes Program**



### ***PARTICIPATE IN A MIRACLE***

*"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children." Matthew 14:19-21*

The Lord still does loaves and fishes.



When Jesus blessed the food on that hillside almost 2000 years ago, he looked forward in time to all of the opportunities where his people could work similar miracles for the poor, the hungry, the homeless and sad of heart.

Jesus' command to the disciples on that day was "You give them something to eat." The wonderful event of the feeding of the multitudes is powerful because it is a story of the participation of God's people in something miraculous.



The wonderful thing about loaves and fishes miracles is they begin with small amounts which are then multiplied by our Father into plenty, and with something left over at the end. Our Lord is calling on his people to once again work just such a miracle. By joining our Loaves and Fishes Program, as a fellow disciple you will work together with us to bring food and blessings beyond all expectations to those who hunger.



On that day long ago, Jesus blessed the people with both food for their bodies and food for their souls. A disciple's commitment of just \$6 per month can help to work similar miracles in the life of a child or family suffering from the disastrous earthquake and ongoing poverty in Haiti.

The solution to feeding the multitude was a miraculous wonder that still encourages us today. Won't you pray for what our Lord would want you to do and please respond accordingly.



In God's Service,

Dale Hipp

\_\_\_\_\_ By faith, and with love for the children and people of Haiti, I commit \$6.00 per month as a regular and ongoing gift to the Loaves and Fishes program. Please make checks payable to Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc. and return it with this pledge sheet to the address below.

Your name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc. RR1, Box 213F, Burlington, WV 26710

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*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. "*

*Matthew 25:40*

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Join with us to bring  
these children a life  
filled with hope  
and God's love

*Become one of our first*  
**HOPE PARTNERS**

***God has brought to us the first ten orphans from the Santo area and He is asking us to begin to meet their spiritual and physical needs through our new Hope Partners program.***

***Hope Partners*** are God's people who have answered His call to work with us to bring a life of love and hope to these the least of our little brothers and sisters.

***We are seeking fifty new Hope Partners at just \$20 per month to sponsor these children.***

With the resulting \$100 per child per month, ***Hope Partners*** help us place them into a school, feed and clothe them, provide medical care, and begin to work to help them in their home and care situation.

God has laid on our hearts the message that He has great plans for these orphans and for the Santo area of Haiti. Won't you please pray today about how you can help?

Please contact us at (304) 266-8800, 8801 or (301) 616-5704 to learn more about becoming a ***Hope Partner***.

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