

HOPE FOR CARIBBEAN KIDS, INC.

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BRIDGING THE GAP TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE!

MAKING LEMONADE: "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Learning that the roads were too damaged by the hurricanes for the Presberrys to travel up the mountains to Mare Blanche, Haiti during their annual mission trip July 18-26, 2013, turned out to be a blessing more than a hindrance to their work. Amy Spencer and her daughter, Madison traveled with them and conducted balloon art ministry. The organization paid for five of eight Haitian teachers to travel by motorcycle to Port-au-Prince where the Presberrys conducted a leadership conference. The answer to Haiti's dilemma lies in the power of God and training the people to take their proper place as leaders. In depth planning took place. Teachers poured their hearts out about the dire needs of the children and parents in their church, school and community. The teachers returned home with balloons, air pumps, hundreds of pounds of supplies, food, garden seeds and their new tiller.



MANTIS TILLER FOR SCHOOL GARDEN: Richard and several teachers worked until after midnight on Monday to assemble a Mantis gas operated garden tiller which will be used to help the people of Mare Blanche begin a garden to help with school food and to help other church members with their gardening efforts.



TOO LITTLE FOOD: Teachers talked about how they (and the children they serve) get up many mornings and have nothing to eat. One of those teachers, Sainrulis Bienaise, has seven children and his wife has been sick for ten months. This area of Haiti struggles tremendously due to many years of extreme conditions. There are few trees on the mountain. Therefore, the effects of annual hurricanes are very destructive and debilitating. The 2012 hurricanes, Isaac and Sandy, created dire conditions resulting in lost crops, seed and animals. The drought that followed lasted until March of this year. They are approaching a harvest, but expect to experience a low yield. What is worse, the most destructive annual hurricane period usually occurs in early to late fall and they have not recovered from last fall's hurricanes.



LAYING THE KITCHEN FOUNDATION: There are many obstacles to progress in Haiti. Plans are underway to begin the foundation for their kitchen, storage room and dining area. Completing this project should qualify them to receive school food. The team visited Mission of Hope, their source of potential food.

Richard and Iva, Presberry
Amy and Madison Spencer,
Haitian teachers and a translator

FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS:

Once the kitchen, storage room and dining room are completed we will begin fencing the new school property. In Haiti fences are a necessity to protect boundary lines. The new school property is about a thirty minute walk from the current church and school. It is common for kids in Haiti to walk one hour or more to attend school. Coming soon will be an opportunity for everyone to get involved in providing a fence around the 2.5 acre campus.

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS: PRE-THANKSGIVING BOWL FOR HAITI

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc. will host a Pre-Thanksgiving Bowling for Haiti event. The organization is accepting registrations now. It will be lots of fun for the whole family, prizes, clowns, face painting door prizes and awards. Register right away.



ON-GOING NEEDS:

Collecting new and used shoes is an ongoing project for the organization. Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc. is partnering with StorageMart and Shoeman Water Projects to raise money for building projects in Haiti. Shoeman Water Projects sells the shoes by the pound in undeveloped countries to earn money to drill wells and purchase drilling rigs. There are 15 StorageMart locations in Missouri and Kansas. Sign up below if you would like to host a shoe collection drive.

An all-terrain motorcycle is needed. There are no vehicles in Mare Blanche. The winding, rugged mountain road is nearly impassable due to hurricane damage. The pastor walks six to nine hours many weeks to travel to Port-au-Prince to conduct business. An all-terrain vehicle could be a life line for this community. Sign up below if your church or organization would like to provide this vehicle.

THANKS FOR BRIDGING THE GAP IN HAITI

I will continue to pray and have enclosed my donation of \$ _____

Register me/me and my team/my family for bowling. Our registration fee is enclosed. _____

I will continue to pray and help in the following way: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 19:17

