

A Place to Call Home

Being asked to raise, train, and disciple someone else's child is an awesome privilege and responsibility.

The Children's Training and Nutrition Center has this opportunity. Over 120 children have come thru our doors since we opened on March 31, 1997. It is very hard to believe that only three of the initial 30 boys are still at the home, others having graduated are being employed and/or pursuing further studies.

Graduation and Beyond

Being in Haiti in July was a special yet sad time for me as ten of our youth graduated from the home and moved off campus. It was an evening of singing, sharing, praying, shedding tears and celebrating. The most memorable moment was when Pere (co-founder/director of the home) called the youth up one-by-one with their parent/guardian. He placed the youth's hand in the hand of their parent and soberly thanked the parent for the privilege of training their child over the past number of years. He encouraged the parent to remember that these young men and women were still needing guidance and a firm hand as they continue to mature, away from the home.

Each time I return to Haiti, I am privileged to meet with some of the youth who have graduated from the home, share in their stories of joy and accomplishments and sorrow with them in life's difficulties. One thing is very evident with each graduate. The home was truly a

safe, loving and nurturing haven for them, for which they are greatly appreciative. I am not surprised to learn that they often return for a night or a few meals.

Looking Back

Josena came to the home when we first accepted 20 young girls in February 1999. Her mother was having a difficult time raising her children and therefore we agreed to take 8-year-old Josena. She has truly been a mischievous delight over the past 11 years as she has grown into a young lady who loves the Lord. No stranger to needing discipline, she was also eager to please and do what is right. She accepted the Lord and was baptized, becoming a member of the church. She successfully finished Grade 9 this summer and also became an accomplished seamstress while at the home, often sewing for us and others in the community. When helping to host mission teams, she eagerly served with a big smile and tease.

Josena graduated from the home this summer and returned to her mother's house not far away.

It was so good to see her a few weeks ago and we sat down to talk together. Life has not been easy since she moved home to a small three room house with six other people in her family. She mentioned how life was so much easier and nicer at the children's home. She misses the large room with the all the girls and the many mothers. She is very eager to attend church and does not feel comfortable if she needs to miss a service. She is looking forward to entering Grade 10 this fall. She really loves the brand



new sewing machine she received as a graduation gift and plans to use it as a way to earn some money and support herself. Within two days of receiving it, she had already sewn a uniform for her younger sibling.

Her parting words to me were these. "The children's home was such an important piece in my life. They are truly a family to me. What I received there I could not have found anywhere else. As well, I truly love my sponsors who loved and prayed for me. I love and pray for them in return."

Hope for the Future

What a humbling privilege and blessing it has been to have a part in training and discipling these young people! Now, it is our honor to receive new youngsters in their place, sharing with them love, life, and hope; leading more little ones to Jesus!

How grateful we are for the faithful and dedicated leaders and staff who diligently work with these youth. Many thanks also to the sponsors who faithfully support, encourage and pray for their child at the home. You are all greatly appreciated and will be blessed as you reach out in love to God's little ones.

Stan Wiebe, HHH Director

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But Jesus ... said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14 (NASB)

A Haiti Herald, October 2010

Please Pray For ...

- **Earthquake surviving youth** in our children's home who are struggling emotionally with grief due to the loss of their parents and/or siblings.
- God's grace to be experienced by the **people of Haiti** as they continue to recover from the effects of the earthquake.
- The **current need of funds** for vocational school scholarships and tuition assistance for high school youth.

Giving Thanks!

- What a wonderful week it was as a NY team worked side-by-side with local church volunteers constructing a **new block home** for an earthquake victim and her family in 4 days. As well, **new**



electrical wiring was installed at the Tarasse School and a special **ladies meeting** was held for our church women.

- Students finally began a **new school year** on Oct 4th!
- **Twelve more youngsters** have been entrusted into the care of the children's home. We are thankful for this opportunity and for the faithful staff that care for the 70 children.
- **Reconciliation and resolution** of various tensions in Haiti has come! Praise be to the Prince of Peace!

Upcoming Events

- 1st Monday of each month - **Prayer meeting** for Haiti at 7:30 PM at the Wiebes' Please join us!
- Nov. 2010 - Visit to NC by HHH Haitian leaders: **Pere, Jean Francois and Cherismond** to share what God is doing through their ministries in Haiti. During Cherismond's first visit to the USA, he will also visit TX and his primary support base in the Geneseo, NY area.

- Monday, Nov 15th at 7 PM - **Join us for reports from Haiti**, video, coffee and desert at Building for Hope basement (1116 N. Blount St.) for all sponsors and interested folks.
- January 2011 - Two mission teams **travel to Haiti** to serve and encourage HHH friends.



Celebrate Christmas with Haiti

*... by "giving" one of the following gifts!**

Creole Bible or Song Book @ \$10/each

Funds for Primary School Devotional Materials

Donations towards school Christmas parties

Sponsorship of a school student for 1 year @ \$240.00 (\$20.00/mth.)

Collect or Donate funds for School back packs

Unique note cards available through a special Haiti Card Project (suggested donation of \$10/pack of 10)**

Collect or Donate funds for musical instruments

** A Christmas card can be sent to acknowledge any gift given in honor or in memory of a loved one.*

*** See www.heartsandhandsforhaiti.org for designs.*

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