

New Life Mission

Haiti – fall of 2014



Seven Weeks in Haiti

Where do we even begin? From the conception, this has certainly been a journey of faith. We have been grateful for all of you who have made it possible. From Rick's employer, Richard L. Sensenig Co., to those of you who have covered us with prayer, to those of you who have blessed us financially and to those of you who looked over our house. Thank you all so much. Each of you has had an important part to make this all possible.

Visiting a country where random is normal has made us very appreciative of what our country offers. There is no control over the water supply, one day you have it the next day you may not. There is no control over transportation. No control over the fact that the mechanic may not have brought his tools along when he came to fix your vehicle. He may not even own tools for that matter. No control over the weather when you are traveling in an open vehicle. No control over the fact that you need to be somewhere at a certain time and your driver does not show up until hours later and just maybe he may not show up at all. It has been a lesson in trusting God in all things.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5 & 6

EYE-GLASSES CLINIC



Revival

Several days of revival were held at the local New Life Church. Pastor Joel and Pastor Mathew, guest pastor visiting from Arcahaie, spoke. Several team members were given the opportunity to share their testimonies.

We also held Bible Classes for the children of the community. We told stories, sang songs and did the cutest crafts you ever saw. The girls from Bowmansville Mennonite Church are so creative. The kids had a blast.

We handed out baby bundles with newborn baby supplies to new moms along with gifts of pillowcase dresses sewn by local women from Lancaster and Lebanon County. Thank you ladies.

This was a first for New Life Mission. We partnered with “We’re All God’s Children” a nonprofit organization out of Lancaster, PA. This organization provides eye exams and glasses for those with no means to receive eye care.

We gave each patient a routine eye exam. If they passed the test then they were given sunglasses. If they failed to pass the test, they were examined by the use of a refractor, which measured their eyes and printed out the information as to which prescription the patient needed.

Then the patient was given prescription glasses. Afterwards, we re-examined them with another routine eye exam to see if their vision improved.

It was just remarkable to watch them as they realized that they experienced significant improvement in their sight. They were ecstatic.

One of the teenaged boys was so delighted, I never saw him without his glasses after that.

Medical Clinics

Two weeks of medical clinics were held for the community. We mainly targeted Charrier but held a day of clinic in the mountain village of Deme, where previously we did the water reservoir project and also at Berta’s school, which was approximately one hour away. The last day we held a clinic in Montrouis. In all we saw 1700 patients. For these folks, medical care is a luxury.

Dr. T. Scott Jackson from Akron, PA, Dr. Dean Quimby from Lititz, PA, and Nicole Brackbill a Physicians Assistant, from Paradise, PA were the attending providers. We also had a host of nurses and pharmacists as well as efficient lay people working side by side to serve the communities in this way.





CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Rick and Cindy along with our Haitian family worked to prepare the students, which participate in our child sponsorship program, for the 2014 – 2015 school year. New Life Mission – Haiti, once again, partnered with Soles for Souls, who donated 100 pairs of school shoes for our students. Beautiful new and gently used shoes were shipped to Haiti, which were distributed to all the students in our program. Extra shoes were donated to Pastor Renald's Orphanage in Montrouis, Haiti. What a thrill it was to see the smiles on the faces of the kids when they received their new shoes. Book bags were donated and distributed. Letters were written to sponsor families back here in the United States. Student information was updated and photos were taken of each student. Sponsors - be sure to look for your updated sponsor child information coming to you in the mail shortly.

The next trip to Haiti will be January 11 to January 31, 2015. At this time, Zacharie Estimé will be heading up three teams who will be working with him and the local villagers to build a depot for the Children's Home. This will be a cement block structure to store supplies such as tools, food, school supplies, etc. Teams are filling up fast. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make tax-deductible checks payable to:

New Life Fellowship
420 East Fulton Street
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Thank you for your continued support and may God bless each and every one of you richly.

Sincerely,

Rick and Cindy Zimmerman