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## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 2007 God has a plan

- Researched missionary possibility
- Visit to Haiti to discuss working with another missionary
- Set up bank account in Haiti
- Spoke at All Saints Church about God's plan for missionary work

### 2008 The Journey begins

- Received start-up funds from All Saints Church in Wales, WI
- Moved to Haiti
- Worked with missionary at AUC and teaching (American University of the Caribbean)
- Started paperwork for a 501c3 status
- Hosted two teams
  - Eye clinic
  - Evangelism
- 3 Hurricanes back to back – cut off the south of Haiti for 7 weeks.
- Food distribution in many areas in the south.

- 5 month old baby found abandoned in a box on the side of the road

### 2009 Jesus equips the called

- Moved into my first house in Haiti (lived with no refrigerator or stove for 6 months) – purchased a motorcycle
- Gate ministry
- Teams
  - Construction
  - Medical
  - Evangelism
- Went out with a team from Harvest International to the big island off the mainland (Maupou)
- Established contacts and built relationships
- Taught classes at AUC
- Homeless (street people) banquet
- Teen talk conference
- Spiritual conference for pastors and leaders
- First Golf outing fund raiser
- Fund raising (pig roast)
- Purchased used Toyota
- 501c3 established

- Received our first container of food from FMSC
- Feeding 1200 kids a day
- Thrivent grant approved – money sent, but intercepted by Habitat for Humanity (never received funds)

## **2010 things are shaken up**

- EARTHQUAKE (almost 300,000 people died)
- First responders to PAP to help with survivors (dead bodies everywhere)
- God never gives us more than we can handle – dealing with many things I never would have imagined since the earthquake
- Food distribution
- Put the idea out to the Board of Directors that we should consider purchasing land
- HCI vision put on paper (school, orphanage, guesthouse, clinic & church)
- Shoe distribution
- Duffle bags (filled with food, hygiene products, necessities) 100's of bags distributed (Earthquake relief)
- \$50,000 grant approved from IR Teams for earthquake relief
- Many hours spent at the hospital praying and holding hands – hosting and helping relief teams
- Teams
  - Earthquake relief
  - Evangelism
  - Medical
- Kids club started
- Opened a school (primary) up in the mountains

- HCI expands its territory for sponsorship
- Monthly visits to the children and orphanages, and delivering care packages from the sponsors
- \$5000 Grant from Siebert Lutheran foundation approved Haiti relief container
- Annual Fund Raising (pig roast)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf outing fund raiser
- Received our 2<sup>nd</sup> container of food - FMSC
- Collected donations and loaded container for Haiti

## **2011 the healing begins**

- \$20,500 Haiti Relief grant approved (Agape Flights)
- Fund Raising for new vehicle
- Annual Fund Raising (pig roast)
- Golf outing fund raiser
- Helped place 70 families that Good Samaritan moved out of the tent city into a warehouse – we were able to place them in homes
- Cholera outbreak (5000 lives taken so far) – teaching hygiene
- Continual earthquake relief distribution
- Started a kids club program (Vwa Timoun Yo – the voice of children)
- Received our 3<sup>rd</sup> container of food - FMSC
- Monthly visits to the children and orphanages, and delivering care packages from sponsors
- HCI participated in a documentary on Earthquake relief – received \$10,000 from IR Teams to help the people
- Teams
  - Construction teams (3)

- Medical team
  - Evangelism/Crusade
- Collected donations and loaded pallets to ship to Haiti

## **2012 reaching out**

- Started a sewing school in the mountains
- 5 week old baby found abandoned on the steps of the church in the mountains – brought home, nurtured and took to the orphanage in PAP
- Kids Club – Vwa Timoun Yo
- Teams
  - VBS/home visits
  - Construction (2)
  - Home visits
  - Crusade
- Bunk beds made for an orphanage by one of the teams – we bought mattresses; bedding and quilts donated from the churches (USA)
- Hurricane Sandy (wiped out 80% of the farms and animals in the south) Food distribution – 6500 families
- Monthly visits to the children and orphanages and delivering care packages from sponsors
- Annual pig roast fund raiser
- Golf outing no longer for Haiti – is being used for missions at church
- Working with the ladies at the Bernice Johnson school for handicapped women
- Collected donated items – boxed and loaded on pallets for shipping
- Purchase new vehicle (Nissan Patrol)
- Received 4<sup>th</sup> container of food - FMSC

- Teaching seminar for teachers (lesson planning / evaluation / Biblical authority and responsibility of teaching along with 6 presentations of teaching theory)
- Teams
  - Construction
  - VBS
  - Women's Conf (VDC style)
  - Revival / baptism(s)
  - Home visits
- Kids Club – Vwa Timoun Yo
- Letter exchange (pen pals)
- 10 sponsored children taken to lunch and to buy shoes
- Working with the ladies at the Bernice Johnson school for handicapped women (teaching sewing / crocheting / fellowship)
- Follow-up to the teachers seminar to see if they are implementing the ideas (evaluation test given), for those who pass, received a certificate
- Working with the elderly at the Azile Dorcas Home (fellowship/singing)
- Home visits
- Monthly visits to the children/orphanages and delivering care packages from sponsors
- Annual Fund raiser – Hoedown with Limber Timbers
- Prison ministry
- Eagle Scout project – over 400 pairs of shoes collected
- Collected donated items – boxed and loaded on pallets for shipping
- Received 5<sup>th</sup> container of food - FMSC

## **2013 knowledge is power**

- Received an amazing blessing of a vehicle (for stateside use) from a member in my home church
- Volunteered for packing food at FMSC

## 2014 Moving on

- HCI moves to a new location in Haiti (Charpentier)
- Teams
  - Handy man
  - Sewing teaching
  - Revival
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Women's conf
  - Construction/medical (restored the church in Arniquite)
- Started a 2<sup>nd</sup> sewing school at one of the orphanages (Bon Berger – Cambry)
- Working with 8 additional orphanages
- Started our 2<sup>nd</sup> Kids Club – Vwa Timoun Yo
- Distributed shoes collected from Eagle scout program last year (container finally arrived)
- Monthly visits to the children and orphanages and delivering care packages from sponsors
- Took in a 9 year old girl (Farah) to live with me – applied for guardianship (one of the team members is interested in adopting)
- Letter exchange (pen pals)
- Summer Revival (in the states)
- Annual fundraiser - Hoedown with Limbers Timbers
- Worked with FMSC in Chicago to pack 1 million meals
- Attended the LCMC conference in Iowa (good event)
- Received our 5<sup>th</sup> container of food - FMSC

- Visit from little girl we found in a box on the side of the road back in 2008 – she will be starting 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Continual work with the ladies at the Bernice Johnson school – will be graduating next year
- Fellowship and singing with the elderly at Azile Dorcas
- Collected donated items, boxed and loaded on pallet(s)
- First vacation since 2007 (Arizona)
- Baby left abandoned on the church steps in 2012 - adopted
- Discussions with Miriam – New Life children's home (PAP) about partnering/working together

## 2015 new beginnings

- Teams
  - Medical (puberty and teen talk teachings)
  - VBS
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's conf (inspire, empower, connect, and educate today's generation and the next generation of women through organizational skills, change how you live for a better future and novel frameworks for problem-solving)
  - Pastoral teaching
  - Home visits
- Monthly visits to the children and orphanages and delivering care packages from sponsors
- Farah's first birthday party (10 years old)
- More discussion with Miriam – New Life children's Home about working together – possibly

- overseeing the mountain projects (clinic, schools and feeding programs)
- Letter exchange (pen pals)
- The ladies at the Bernice Johnson for handicapped women are getting ready for graduation
- Continued fellowship with the elderly at the Azile Dorcas senior home
- Looking for new ideas on fund raisers

**Piti, piti, zwazo fè nich li.  
Little by little the bird builds its nest**

**Reflections:**

We have faced many challenges through culture, language barriers and natural disasters. It has been amazing to watch the children grow into teen years and young adults. Helping them to receive the assistance they need to grow and develop into the person God intended them to be.

It has been an amazing journey and I know God is not finished with me yet. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer 19:11)

I feel God has taken the "vision" and moved it from behind the walls and out into the field. Originally I had thought we should have a compound, with a church, orphanage, clinic, depot, missionary living quarters, and a guest-house.

God has/is providing this vision. I am able to visit and speak at many churches in Haiti; we have 8 different orphanages that we work with directly; our home/office also serves as a guest-house to our teams, with a separate room for

storing team supplies, and food; we've been asked to partner with World Harvest (New Life Children's Home) working together to provide a Nutrition center in the remotest area in the mountains and oversee two clinics in this area. The "vision" has been broadened.

We continue to face financial challenges as things change throughout the world. I believe in the promise from God: (Phil 4:19) "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

The earthquake has brought about many changes and challenges for both the Haitians and missionaries. As we work together to overcome corruption and thoughts of entitlement, we work together for one goal and this is seeking to go out and make disciples of all nations.

I thank each and every one that has walked this journey with me, and helped me face all the challenges on a daily basis.



Haiti's Children, Inc., mission statement:

To develop, educate and feed the children, helping them grow in mind, body and spirit in the remotest areas of Haiti; helping them to be who God meant them to be.