

Espere Kay Newsletter - March 2018



Al Monte Kap!
(Go fly a kite!)

The children in Haiti have an Easter tradition of making little kites and then flying them. As we celebrated Holy Week here, you could see these kites flying up in the air in the beautiful March winds. It is a fun tradition that still carries on today. Here at Espere Kay we spent the month of march getting ready for exams and then celebrating Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross. A lot happened this month that we are excited to share with you!

Crocs and Soccs

"A generous person will prosper. Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25



We received a donation from The Maddie Potts Foundation of soccer balls, a few pumps for the balls, toothbrushes and some Crocs. We added in one hundred small toothpastes and lollipops and gave these donations to Osner (the director at Loving Hands Orphanage) for his village of Campeche Dumay. This is a very poor, rural village, not too far from the Orphanage. He brought the donations to his church and passed them out to the children. He shared Maddie's story and the love of Jesus with them. The children were very happy to accept these gifts and were so thankful God chose them to receive this blessing in memory of Maddie.

Concert for FJM

God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth. John 4:24



Stevenson's group (FJM) held a free will offering concert at Rondez - Vous Christ Church. They held the concert to raise money for the group to purchase some much needed new equipment. Everyone who attended was blessed by the music and the crowd went crazy when they played the song from their video, No Longer Slaves. We were so happy to have Yvette (the founder and owner of Loving Hands Orphanage) come with us. She could not believe how good the music was and she joined with us in our excitement for Stevenson to be a part of this group. It was a wonderful night of worship!! (If you would like more information about what the group needs, please contact us.)

Mama Yvette

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:27



What a blessing it was to have Yvette come visit all of us in Haiti. She came while our young adults were having spring break. While she was here, she spent several days going out to Loving Hands to visit the children and do some work. A few of our girls went with her and they, along with Peterson, helped with cleaning and painting the orphanage. She said it looked very nice when it was done and she was so thankful for the help. All the children and young adults already miss their Haitian Mama now that she has returned to the US.

Evangelism

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19



We would like to thank all of you who have been praying for God to open a door for us to share the Gospel with the people in our community. There are over 60 families who live in the ravine behind our house. They are mostly cinder block homes with tin roofs. The photo on the right shows you a view from our back porch roof. Those are just a couple of the homes people live in. Last Thursday we finally went out! We explained to the people that we live in their community and we have been working on our Creole so we could speak to them in their heart language. We then asked if we could talk with them about Jesus. We are being led to speak with each family individually. Last week we met with 8. Some were Christian already so we gave them Bibles to help them on their walk with the Lord and tracts to help them share the Gospel with others. We explained how we want to encourage them in their faith. One family had a grandma who had not accepted the Lord as her Savior. We asked if she wanted to talk about Jesus and she said, "No!" We told her we would be praying for her and that we hoped she would accept Christ soon as her days here on earth are getting shorter. We encouraged the family to use the items we gave them to reach their grandmother for Christ. Please keep Grandma and this family in your prayers. We also met a young man who knew about Christ but had not yet taken the steps towards salvation. We explained why this was important and asked him if he wanted to pray. He said yes and we prayed with him to accept Christ. We have since then invited him to our church. Please keep this young man in your prayers. We ended each visit with each family in prayer. Our plan, God willing, is to go back once a month until we have reached all the families.

Good Friday Service

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5



We ended the month by attending Good Friday service at our church. Along with videos and a skit, Rendez-Vous had a Gaither-type sing a long in French, Creole and English. We (Dave and Deb) were invited to help lead a couple of the songs! It was a great night of celebration and remembrance of what Christ did for us on the cross.

Peterson



We would like to re-introduce Peterson to you. Peterson is a very kind, loving, Christian young man. He has a desire to learn new things and shows great interest in how things work. He enjoys sewing, gardening, playing guitar, tending to his pigeons, soccer, fixing things and spending time with friends. Peter would like to finish High School next year and go on to study Engineering. We have really enjoyed getting to know him more over the last year and a half. Unfortunately, he recently lost his sponsor for basic needs. God has already provided a new partial sponsor of \$30 per month (Mesi Jezi) but we still need \$140 more. If you would be willing to sponsor Peter for some or all of this amount, please contact us through email. Thank you!

Prayer

- We are excited to see how God is opening the doors for us to share the Gospel here. Please pray for those we have already spoken with and for God to prepare the hearts of those we have yet to speak with.
- We only have about half the New Testament Bibles we need for the 60 families living in the ravine. Please pray for God's provision of 30 more in French or Creole.
- Pray for the young adults to do well with their studies and to settle back into the school routine.
- Pray God would touch hearts for Peterson's sponsorship.
- Continued prayers for the Lord's wisdom, discernment and guidance for us.
- God has been opening doors for Deb share the Word and to help out once a month at the Haiti Teen Challenge Women's Center. Prayers for God's leading in how He might want to use her in this ministry.
- Prayers for the Espere Kay young adults to continue to grow in their faith and embrace the importance of prayer and reading the Bible independently.
- Wisdom for Dave as he continues our weekly Bible Study on Ephesians.

We are so very thankful to all of you for all your love, prayers and support. Please know how much they are appreciated. God's blessings, Deb and Dave