

Esperre Kay Newsletter – July 2017



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With
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Orphanage!**



Greetings Friends of EK,

We would like to begin our newsletter this month with a special thank you to all of you who make it possible for EK to be a reality here in Haiti. As we read in Colossians 4: 7-18, Paul had many people come along side of him in ministry. He knew full well that he could not do the work he was doing without the support of many. We at EK know that is true for us as well. We would like to take a moment to spotlight some of the many who support us here. Thank you to our HHO Board Members, our many sponsors, the prayer warriors who continually lift us up this ministry, our web designer and so many more who have encouraged us through donations, fundraisers, emails/cards, phone calls, etc. Together we are the body of Christ, each doing our part in helping to spread the Gospel.

Beach Day!

Sometimes living in the city, we forget Haiti is on a tropical island in the Caribbean. Our annual beach day is always a pleasant reminder. Every year we get to enjoy God's gorgeous creation. Not only do we have the pleasure of taking in the beautiful sights with our young adults but we also get to spend the day with the staff and children from Loving Hands Orphanage. It is like a big family reunion! This year all the children enjoyed swimming together, playing soccer, eating good food, taking photos (a favorite for our young adults) and Stevenson even took a boat ride. It was a great day!

Annual Church Convention



One of the many ways we here at EK can help promote the Gospel is by being an encouragement to the local assembly in the work they are doing. This past Sunday we had the pleasure of celebrating with our brothers and sisters in Cabaret at the end of their annual combined church convention. We were honored guests of Pastor Martinez and his wife Madam Emma. Pastor and Madam currently have a church in Port Au Prince and several others in the areas of Cabaret and Marbiel. Each church was represented in some way at the convention. We enjoyed hearing various singing groups, watching some dancing, worshipping together and, of course, sharing some delicious Haitian cuisine. It was a very special Sunday indeed.

Neighborhood Soccer Tournament



Another way we can promote the Gospel is by making connections with our neighbors and friends. For the next few weeks, they are holding a local neighborhood soccer tournament at the end of our street. Every night different teams compete for a place in the final championship. They have set up handmade goals, used charcoal to draw lines on the field made of sand, decorated with streamers and set up a sound system to play music during the game. It is some scrappy soccer but that makes it all the more fun! We have been making a point to go out and watch periodically so we can build more bridges with our neighbors. They are beginning to recognize us and some have been coming up to say hello. Please pray we will be the light of Jesus to these new friends and this will pave the way for us to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Praise Report!!



In July we ran a very successful sponsorship campaign on our Facebook page. We are giving all glory to God for His blessed provision for this ministry. We are happy to say currently all the young adults have full sponsorship except one, Jhonn. We continue to pray people's hearts will be touched for this young man and they will feel led to help him finish his education at the University. He is working very hard at school and believes this is God's plan for his life. If you would like more information on Jhonn, you can go to our web page at <http://www.helpinghaitisorphans.org/our-ministries/espere-kay/young-adults> . A donation or sponsorship of any amount would be great appreciated. Mesi!

Prayer

We continue to praise our Amazing God for all He is doing in our lives here. Please lift up the following:

*Preparations would go smoothly for the coming school year in having uniforms made, finding school books, registrations, purchasing school supplies and anything else necessary for the start of school.

*We are trying to coordinate a VBS in August to reach out to the children in our community with the Gospel. Please pray God makes a way for this to come together in His timing and with His leading.

*God's continued guidance for the weekly classes we are holding for the young adults (French Bible Comprehension, Math and Bible Study).

*Traveling mercies for Stevenson and his music group as they travel to Cap Haitien August 12 - 15 to share their gift of music and the Gospel.

*God's covering of protection for all of EK, especially spiritually and when traveling.

*Wisdom in all we say and do in discipleship here, for the glory of God!

*Any other ways the Lord leads you.....

We are praying you all have a safe and blessed ending to your summer. May Our Lord Jesus watch over each one of you and keep you in His tender care.

God's blessings, Deb and Dave