

# Espere Kay Newsletter - October 2016



## Great News!

Greetings Friends of Espere Kay, we have some wonderful news!! Moniteca is now here with us at Espere Kay!! Thank you to all who have been praying for her. God has answered your prayers in a big way! For those of you who do not know her story, Moniteca has been living at Loving Hands Orphanage for 8 years. Last February we received word that she was sick. The director took her to the hospital where they said they did all they could for her and they sent her home. They felt that if anything else was wrong with her that it must be spiritual. The director of the orphanage took her back to his house where they prayed over her for a few weeks. She then returned to the orphanage feeling a little better. Soon after, she became sick again, only this time it was different. She began to act out and soon started to talk with people who did not exist. The director had to remove her from the orphanage so she would not be a danger to the other children. He sent her, with a caretaker, to live at a local church where they watched over her 24 hours a day and prayed for her constantly. When we arrived in Haiti in July, we had a chance to visit with her several times. She recognized us a little but was unable to hold a sensible conversation with us. We prayed over her and for her, seeking God's wisdom. Something the caretaker said led us to have her checked by a regular physician for an infection. In the meantime, it was decided to also have her checked by a psychiatrist. The physician did indeed find an infection and she was treated with antibiotics. In the meantime, the psychiatrist wanted to start treating her for schizophrenia. While continually in prayer, we felt led to encourage the director to hold off on medicating her this way until the antibiotics had a chance to really work in her system. About one week after she finished the antibiotic, we took a trip out to Loving Hands. Who was standing there in the yard to greet us but Moniteca! We couldn't believe our eyes! We went over to say hello and she understood every word we said. We were holding actual conversations with her! We spoke to the director and he said she had been like this for a few days. She was doing so well, that they had moved her back to the orphanage. He said they never had to give her the medication for schizophrenia because she improved so quickly. This is such a testimony of God's faithfulness and love. We know there are hundreds of you who have been praying for her for months. She is a walking miracle! We are giving God all the praise and glory for this young lady's healing. The smile on her face says it all. As she turned 18 last month, she was no longer able to stay at the orphanage. Two weeks after we saw her, we were able to move her to Espere Kay. The following Wednesday she started school. Last Tuesday, she was able to go to school in full uniform. This was the first time she had attended school since last February. She was so excited. Moniteca is adjusting to her new life here at Espere Kay very well. She came to us very shy, shaken and a little withdrawn. She is now happy, doing chores, going to school, attending church and worship, and feeling very much a part of the family here at Espere Kay.



Moniteca ready for church



First day of school in her new uniform

Moniteca currently has no sponsors. She is a very bright young lady who hopes to be a nurse someday. If her story has touched your heart in any way and you would like to help support her, please contact us or visit our web page at:

[www.helpinghaitisorphans.org](http://www.helpinghaitisorphans.org) (note: you may have noticed a change in our web address. We were finally able to obtain the .org which is commonly used for not for profit organizations. You can still reach us at the .com address but we wanted everyone to be aware of the change. Our email address has also changed. It is now: [EspereKay@helpinghaitisorphans.org](mailto:EspereKay@helpinghaitisorphans.org)

## Hurricane Matthew



View of our front courtyard during hurricane Matthew

As most of you know, a few weeks ago we had a report that a category 4 hurricane was headed our way. Schools were canceled and everyone prepared for the worst as much as you can in a third world country. At Espere Kay we were praising God that, thanks to our friends in Michigan, we were equipped with a new generator. We were not sure how many days we would be without power so it was a real blessing when the workmen showed up the night before the hurricane and hooked up the new generator to our inverter. We were not sure what to expect with the storm so we gathered together,

worshipped God and prayed. We asked for the Lord's protection over us and our loved ones here in Haiti. The next day, the rain began to fall and the winds began to blow. We were gearing up to help our neighbors if they needed assistance. Many live in cement block houses that could easily become flooded if we received the inches of rain that were forecasted. The other concern was the wind possibly knocking down trees and power lines or blowing the tin roofs off of houses. As the heavy rains came, we could hear singing coming from down back behind our home. These songs were Haitian songs of praise for their Almighty God. As the rains came harder the praises drew louder. It was quite humbling. Needless to say, here in Port Au Prince, we were spared the worst of the storm. We were all thanking God. Unfortunately, the reports started coming in that the Southwest coast of Haiti was hit hard. They had flooding so extreme there were hundreds of deaths and most homes were destroyed along with the farmland and animals. It is going to take years for these people to recover. Please be assured, however, that we here at Espere Kay are doing fine and so are all of our loved ones. We are praising God for His protection and sparing us from what could have been complete devastation for the entire island.

## Bible Study



John receiving his new Bible

We have been having a little fun here at Espere Kay. We had a contest to see if the young adults could recite all the books of the Bible in order. If they did, they would be awarded their very own complete study Bible in English. (Many have a Bible in either Creole or French but most contain the New Testament and Psalms only.) They all worked very hard to memorize the books and, we are happy to say, ALL the young adults are now the proud owners of their very own Study Bible! After they finished learning the Books of the Bible, Dave began preparing them for a study in Ephesians. He started by taking a look at verse one. It states that the letter is written by Paul to the church in Ephesus. When asked, we discovered that all except two of the young adults have heard of the Apostle Paul and none of them know of his importance regarding the Bible. This has caused us to stop and have a little background study. Last week Dave followed up by giving them a brief introduction to Paul and he assigned homework. He presented them with an outline of Paul and scriptures to look up regarding who he is and why he is important. We will discuss what they learn from their reading at our next study.

## Exams



Peterson and Dave making the tablo



Jhonn helping Mirese study mathematics

Dave and Peterson finished making our tablo (chalkboard) just in time. All of the young adults, except Jhonn, have exams this week. They have been using the chalkboard to study. The older young adults have been tutoring the younger ones to help them prepare. We often find groups of them writing down math equations, formulas, etc. and discussing them. Sometimes they meet in this area to help each other with homework and lessons. It's exciting to see them all working so hard to do well in school.

We are also happy to announce Jhonn passed his entrance exam and he has been accepted to University Unika! He has orientation this week and will begin classes the following week. We are all excited for him! He plans to study Civil Engineering.

Prayer Requests This Month. Please pray for the following:

- \* The Young Adults would all do well on their exams this week
- \* Moniteca's continued adjustment to Espere Kay
- \* Spiritual growth for all the young adults as we study the Word of God
- \* For Jhonn's success in his studies at the University
- \* Complete sponsorship for all the young adults
- \* Deb and Dave as we go through the final steps to obtain our Permis de Sejour (allows us to stay and work in country longer than 90 days)
- \* We have begun a 12 week orientation class for new missionaries in Haiti being provided by two local American churches. Please pray these meetings will be fruitful in knowledge and in making connections with both new and seasoned missionaries serving in Haiti.
- \* God's continued protection and provision
- \* We would be successful in sewing seeds of the Gospel and sharing Christ's love

Thank you once again for your covering of prayer. We can not do this without each and every one of you. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful people praying for us and this ministry. We are already seeing the hand of God moving in mighty ways and we are excited to see what He has in store for all of us here at Espere Kay.

God bless you all,  
Dave and Deb