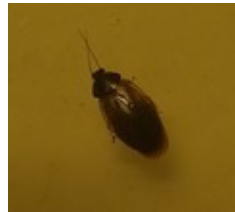


# Espere Kay Newsletter – December 2017



Dear Friends: We pray your celebrations were joyful. December at EK was filled with exams, sharing in remembering the joyful birth of our Savior and some much needed down time. This month we have a lot to share with you. For those of you who did not already see the post on Facebook, it all began with decorating the tree.....

## Steps to putting up your Christmas tree in Haiti!



1. Get out the box that has your tree.
2. Take the box outside because you hear something moving in the box.
3. Proceed to open the box with much fear and trembling.
4. Take out the three tree sections shaking vigorously as you frantically step on all the ravèt (giant cockroaches) that have nested in the box over the last year. To be really festive, step on all the babies because you know all those babies will grow up only to have more babies for next year.
5. Proceed inside to put up your tree.
6. While assembling, try not to scream (although you probably will as I did) because you missed a roach or two that are now escaping inside your house, one of which is crawling up your arm!!!
7. Finish assembling and plug in the lights thanking the good Lord and knowing it was all worth it as you see the smiles on the young adult's faces while they help decorate or just admire the tree.

## Church Celebrations



One Sunday in December we had a great surprise at church. We had met with a young man in our neighborhood a couple of times and answered his many questions about the Bible. We had also shared with him where we attend services. He decided to come! He enjoyed the service very much and we know he heard the Gospel. Please join with us in praying for salvation.

After exams were finished we could finally begin to celebrate. We attended a wonderful children's program at church the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve and then a beautiful service on Christmas Eve day. The month ended with three morning services of fasting and prayer during the week prior to New Year's Eve. What a great way to bring in the new year!

## Christmas Celebrations



Christmas Eve dinner at Espere Kay

Deb and the girls made fried chicken, plantains, beet and potato salad and rice with beans. Yum!



Christmas Day party at Loving Hands Orphanage



On Christmas Day we all traveled out to the orphanage and celebrated with the children and staff. For our young adults this was like going home. Everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship. Osner (the director) blessed the meal and thanked God for sending us our Savior, Jesus.

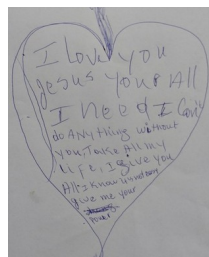
## Happy Anniversary!



On December 19, we celebrated 30 years of Marriage. We are so thankful for the years God has given us together and now the ministry he has placed in our hands. We pray the Lord will use our marriage as an example for the young adults of what a Christian marriage looks like lived out according to the Bible.

## Bible Study Update

***Isaiah 9: 6 For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders, and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***



Posts on our scripture board this month

Dave finished the chapter on poverty, looking at what the Bible says about using our finances, time, and talents to help others in a constructive way. Around Christmas, one of the young adults wrote,

“Thanks Lord for the Christmas,” on our scripture board. This prompted us to end the month by discussing the question, “What does it mean for your life that Jesus came to earth as a baby?”

## Prayer

### Reflection:

As this calendar year comes to a close, it is a good time for reflection. We are so blessed to be able to see God’s hand working in this ministry. We have watched the young adults begin to take steps in their faith and in their independence. We have a great church where the truth of God’s Word is being preached and our young adults are being challenged in their walk by messages that are applicable to their lives as young adult Christians in Haiti. We have been able to hand out many Bibles and tracts and to encourage others to find a relationship with Christ. There have been great discussions in our Bible Study times. We have encouraged the young adults to share Christ with others. We had a wonderful outreach through our VBS this past summer and have been able to help support a few other outreaches to the community since then. Living here has made it possible for us to go to the orphanage more often and to bless the children there as well as encourage them in their faith. Jhonn and Myrese are now in university. Stevenson’s music group has been meeting here weekly and they have finished with the production of their music video (No Longer Slaves sung in French). Finally, we are so grateful to have our many wonderful and faithful sponsors. God has provided for all our needs and blessed us beyond measure.

### Requests:

Although all of our young adults are currently being sponsored for education and basic needs a rise in fuel and food costs and a lower exchange rate has resulted in higher expenses. We are therefore looking for sponsors who would be willing to cover these costs at a rate of \$20 per young adult per month. The amount given for basic needs also does not include the young adult’s portion of the rent and utilities. For the last year and a half we have been blessed by general donations to cover these costs. Would you please consider making a general donation to Espere Kay? We know we serve a Mighty God and all things are possible with Him. Please join with us in praying for His continued provision for these young adults and this ministry.

Please pray for the young adults to grow in Christian fellowship with one another as well as reaching out to the community around us.

Pray for God to continue to work in their hearts and lead them into a deeper relationship with Him and to a deeper love of God’s Word.

As the first part of the school year comes to an end, please pray everyone would be successful in school this year. Jhonn and Myrese at university. Peterson, Denise, Jesula and Moniteca at secondary. Myrlande to pass the 9<sup>th</sup> grade state exams and for Stevenson to pass the final grade state exams and graduate.

Please lift us up for wisdom, strength and discernment as we continue to mentor the young adults and encourage them to grow in their faith.

Join with us in praying for more opportunities to share the Gospel and for Espere Kay to continue to be a light here in Haiti.

We know Jesus is the hope of Haiti. Please join with us in praying many would give their hearts to Christ this year, including Moniteca and Myrlande who have not yet made public declarations of faith.

May God bless you in this new year!

In Christ,

Deb and Dave