



# Helping Haiti's Orphans

## July/August 2019 Newsletter

### Summer Vacation in RI



Dear Friends of Espere Kay, two months have passed since our last newsletter, so we have a lot to share with you. Once Jesula and Peterson finished their government exams in early July, we took the young adults to the various places they would live for a month, we packed up, closed up Espere Kay and headed home to Rhode Island. What a blessed month we had catching up with friends and family, visiting churches, going for walks in the woods and just sitting on the beach. Mesi Jezi! (Thank you Jesus!) It was exactly what we needed.



### Family and Friends

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another - John 13:34-35*



What a joy it was being able to spend time with family and friends, some of who are sponsors. We had not been home in seven and a half months! We missed everyone so much. We would like to take a moment and thank all of you who took us out to eat or invited us into your homes for a delicious meal. A special thank you to our parents who opened their homes to us so we could rest and enjoy our stay in comfort. Thank you also to those of you who listened to our stories, shared your own, laughed, cried and prayed with us. Precious moments, precious times. Our lives are so rich in knowing all of you. We are truly blessed!



## Church Visits

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching - Hebrews 10:24-25*

This summer we were honored to visit with our brothers and sisters at First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist, Church of the Apostles in Coventry, Perryville Bible Church, First Baptist in Hope Valley and our home church, New Hope Chapel in Richmond. Many of you were having special events (like VBS at first Hopkinton) but you lovingly fit us into your busy schedules. We are so thankful for the opportunities we had to update you all on the ministry, to find out how we could be praying for you, encouraging you and for the ways you encouraged us. What a blessing the Body of Christ is! A huge thank you to the many churches who support us through sponsorship and prayer. We couldn't do what we are doing without you. We love you all!



First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist



Church of the Apostles



Myrèse's birthday

Dave helps Peterson with a computer screen



## Returning to Haiti

*"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" – Jeremiah 29:11*

When we returned to Haiti, we not only picked up the seven young adults who normally live at Espere Kay but we gained two more! Olivier and Kasalineda came with us from Loving Hands Orphanage. They are fitting in great! As far as the rest, for now, we are back to normal life here. For example, Dave took a moment to teach Peterson how to replace a computer screen. We celebrated Myrèse's birthday. Jesula and Peter took retakes on parts of their government exams to bring up their scores. Jhonn, Myrèse, and Stevenson also took exams for their universities. We are now awaiting everyone's results. Please pray all are successful in passing.



We currently need \$50 for Olivier and \$55 for Kasalineda monthly towards basic needs and \$60 each for education. If you are interested in sponsorship, please contact us by email or go to our web page for more information.

## Haiti Teen Challenge Clean Up

*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you - John 13:14-15*

Once or twice a week, Deb will go outside of Espere Kay and clean up the trash in the street in front of the house. This gives her an opportunity to talk with people in the neighborhood. When asked why she does this, she tells them that she is doing it for the community and for Jesus. The idea behind this is much like Jesus washing the disciple's feet. They couldn't believe their Lord would do such a lowly job. In Haiti, many people assume we have money and therefore a higher status in society. It is believed once you reach such a status, jobs like picking up trash are too good for you. Deb is trying to show them that, as a Christian, she is not too good for any task. It brings mixed reactions, but she is often encouraged to keep up the good work. After we returned from vacation, one of the leaders from Haiti Teen Challenge saw Deb outside picking up the trash. She asked Deb if she wanted help. This sparked the idea of having the girls from Teen Challenge come and clean up not only in front of Espere Kay but the whole street. People in the community were very impressed that the girls were doing this for free and for Jesus! The girls didn't stop there. They also came inside and straightened up the yard at Espere Kay. It was a fun morning of "washing feet" together.



## Bible Study and Transition

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens – Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Our Bible Study in August focused on the scriptures presented to the young adults in the Agreement for the new Espere Kay Program. For those of you who missed our presentation while we were in the states, Espere Kay is going through a transition phase. After much prayer and discussion, we have decided not to live with the young adults anymore. It is not good for them to live in an American home and we have great concerns about the dependency this lifestyle is causing. Thus, we created the new Espere Kay Program. In September, the four youngest will be moving to a new home with a Haitian house mother. In October, the five high school graduates will be given rent money and a budget to live on their own. Everyone is required to abide by the Espere Kay Program Agreement including attending church, Bible study and mentorship meetings, community service, required conduct, requirements for education and use of their budget. We will continue to live in Port Au Prince but in a much smaller home. If you have any questions about the new program, please contact us and we will be happy to provide more information. In the meantime, please pray for us as we go through this time of transition. **Thank you! God bless, Deb and Dave.**