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(Below)

Early morning Flag raising ceremony at College de la Grace, Pionon, Haiti.

God's Provisions



Merry Christmas all the way from Haiti! We hope you find yourselves amazed at the grace and provisions of the LORD this holiday season. Caleb wanted to share how the Lord has answered our prayers this past year!

***Provision for the school feeding program**-from September-December 2006, 855 students and teachers have received one hot meal every school day.

***New elementary classroom building first floor completed**, through Summer Street Church of Nantucket, MA the Lord provided \$13,000.

***Return of one of our former students on staff**

*HIM hosted the following outreaches:

* two weeks of **women's outreach camps** in 2006: (450 women in June and 120 in August)

***Spiritual Life week** for secondary school students took place in spring 2006.

*2 day outreach for our **men's ministry**

***New school desks** built for 100 elementary students by Moose Lake, MN church

*Local women (Dorcas) continue their outreach through their **soup kitchen** once a week.

*Provision of **Lindsay Downham** from Indiana to teach English for two years.

*God's provision of a **used truck**

* God's provision for building a **new house** for the Caleb Lucien family

***Kara Emerson's** desire to continue serving in Haiti, providing administrative support for another 2 year term.

***Success of our students** during national exams, 9th graders....92% passed 12th graders....72% passed, and 13th grade....82 % passed!

***Safety during travel** for Caleb throughout this year to the U.S., Dominican Republic, Jordan, and throughout Haiti.

The Lord is gracious!



Area children receiving donated Christmas gifts from Minnesota & Florida!



Imagine the first time you ever saw a trampoline? One donor's special gift is a big hit at the school!



Florida volunteers help serve lunch at a summer Bible school, beans and rice! Ummmm!



Caleb stands on our new front porch! Estimated completion summer 2007



Minnesota linesmen volunteer in February 2006 to place poles for electrical service in Pignon, Haiti. Notice the crowds watching and Haitian workers alongside! We hope to hook up 300 more homes in January 2007!



Area school children helping unload donated food for a Rotary International project that Caleb oversaw.

Prayer Requests for the New Year!

While we are grateful for all of the Lord's provisions, we do want to let you know about some critical needs we have. Please join us in seeking the Lord for the following:

1. Safety and protection of all our staff here in Haiti.
2. Provision of Teacher's salaries, \$8900 per month is needed.
3. A new truck (4X4) \$32,000
4. Construction of the 2nd story of the 12 classroom building.
5. Safety of our teams traveling to Haiti during the 2007 year.
6. Ongoing Ministry Outreaches:
 - Schools
 - Men's outreach
 - Dorcas Ministry
 - Radio ministry
 - Preaching/Teaching
7. Pray for a greater network of supporting churches.



New Missionary-Lindsay Downham

Hi, I am Lindsay Downham from Lafayette, Indiana. I am 23 years old and a recent college graduate. This fall I moved down to Pignon, Haiti to work for H.I.M. for the next two years. I am an elementary English teacher at College de la Grace. I'm also helping to teach an adult English class a few nights a week.

I have been to Haiti several times in the last six years, but it was about a year ago in the fall when God really put it on my heart and gave me a great desire to serve in Haiti long term. Not long after that, I ran into Pastor Caleb in the States and he told me he was looking for someone to come and teach English. I then began considering the position and eventually started preparing for the move to Haiti.

In the short amount of time that I've lived here, it has been amazing- both challenging and rewarding. I love teaching and I love the Haitian people. I cherish the friendships that I have already started to form. As I live and work along side these people, I continually grow in my faith because of their faith in God.

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Lindsay Downham



Lindsay Downham in action at College de la Grace, in Pignon, Haiti. Please be praying for her as she adjust to life and ministry to Haiti and seeks to serve the younger students by teaching English! All of us have already been impressed by her servant's heart!



Haitian Holidays-from an American's Point of View

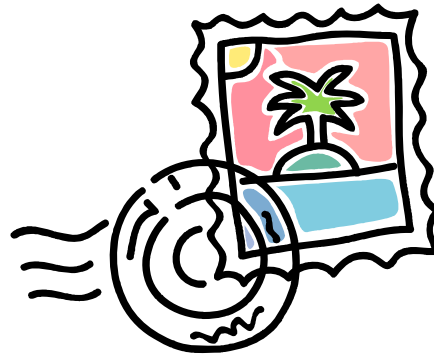
So, you want to know what the holidays are like in Haiti. There are many differences but some striking similarities as well.

Main differences; let's see, the temperatures are one, it's about 85 degrees here in December. We live away from the main cities, so few people in the country side exchange gifts. It's actually quite refreshing from the busy pace of shopping, etc. that one finds in the states.

Most holiday celebrations in Haiti center on church services that go on throughout the week between Christmas and New Year's. New Year's is actually a bigger holiday in some ways here, as it's also the day of Haiti's independence. You may hear some gunshots commemorating the revolution in the distance, and some children may be lucky enough to find some sparklers. Strangely to Americans, once they light them, they don't hold them, they always throw them a distance off, to imitate the flying fireworks they see or hear about in other countries. The holidays here are a time of going to visit families and especially to give your respects to the older generation. Every January 1st, younger folks are expected to go and visit the older generation and greet them with, "Bonne Annee!"

Then the older generation will sometimes give a gift or "étrenne". This may be cash or just candy. We usually set up bowls on the counters filled with both commodities, waiting for the expected visitors. All the area young people get dressed up and go and wish everyone a "Happy New Year" in the hopes of receiving some present. It's rather like a cleaned up version of Halloween and trick or treat. For this reason, I've always thought of the holidays in Haiti as a mix of New Year's, 4th of July, and Halloween, all in one!

One thing that is similar is the Poinsettia, which grows in the wild here in Haiti. Since it's a difficult plant to kill and grows without much care, it seems to spring up in the oddest places. Much like the joy that springs up here despite the lack of gifts and parties. It's kind of refreshing really. I wonder if a poinsettia grew in Bethlehem.



Sponsored Children say Thanks! Spread the Word!

One of the joys of working here in Haiti is being able to see first hand the joy of donor's gifts and generosity. To the left you see Rodolson who is sponsored by a donor living in Nebraska. He just received a Christmas care package from them and was SO excited to get matchbox cars, a ball, and play dough. He attends the pre-school division of College de la Grace here in Pignon. He wasn't quite able yet to write a thank you note, but I think his sponsors will understand by seeing his smile how happy they have made him.

If any of you who are reading this have the desire to really make a difference, please consider sponsoring a student here for a year (or more!). It costs \$1/day or \$30/month to provide school tuition/uniform/some books/ 50% medical care reimbursement from our local hospital. Thanks for your consideration!

One other challenge for you: like most small non-profits, Hosean receives the vast majority of it's donations from individuals, not large grants, etc. *If each of our friends would consider "spreading the word"; it would make a HUGE difference for us.* **Can you recruit a friend or family member this holiday season to support Hosean's ministries here in Haiti?** Please point folks in our direction as an example of a ministry that is making a difference! Merry Christmas to all of you! Joyeux Noel!

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