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## HIS HANDS FOR HAITI NEWS

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“ Because he has his heart set on Me, I will deliver him; I will protect him because he knows My name. When he calls out to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble.” Psalm 91:14 & 15a

*We should always be calling out to God in our daily walk with Him and not just asking for His protection, but praising Him for all the blessings during this time of trouble...or let's say...this time of togetherness. Even though we are separated from many we are home taking care of elderly parents, our children, our spouses and hopefully counting it as a blessing.*

*I would love for you and your loved ones to be using some of your prayer and praise time to lift up people in places like Haiti. Thankfully their virus numbers aren't high, BUT they are in lockdown...borders and airports are closed. You may not know this, but that means no food is getting in. This is a dire situation. We talk all the time about helping the children and their families with sponsorship donations and we love it when gift money can be sent, donations for the feeding program, etc., but now the issue is getting the food supplies. At this point the larger communities such as Cap Haitian still have some food vendors and small stores open. I don't know how long this will last. PLEASE pray that somehow they can get food into the country that they can't get/grow there. And if you'd love to donate to help purchase food for the Saturday feeding program, medical needs, or anything else, 100% of your donation goes to those projects you wish for it to. Be sure to add a note with your payment which fund you would like it to go to or that you would like us to choose which is best. THANK YOU!*

*It has taken me some time to put this newsletter together as I was not able to go to Haiti this past trip. It's the first time something has halted me in my tracks almost in the last hour, putting the team in a bind. I had faith that they could and would get the job done, but I do not like to shirk my responsibilities even when it's not my fault. They had to be sure to work with all the sponsored children first and then worked with the kids who are still waiting for sponsors. Unfortunately some of the latter were not seen for the purpose of getting to another school on the same day before those children left for the day. I'm grateful for the team of five stepping up to the plate for the children; for Jamie Charles graciously taking over my duties as coordinator. I have to say, not going, was the hardest thing I think I've ever done. For a while now I've had some doubts about staying involved in the day to day duties of a coordinator, but God put it on my heart, while I sobbed just about every day the team was in Haiti, that stepping back now is not in His plan. All the trying to get things done in a timely manner, planning and going on the trips, sometimes the pain we endure from sickness or body aches while we're there, and more stressing...seeing the pain and suffering on the people in Haiti puts a toll on all of us. But, I (and anyone who goes) am drawn to the hearts of people like our gracious, beautiful hostess Marie, all the others who take care of us at the mission house. Daniel, our awesome translator, who works tirelessly even when we're back home and I'm asking him to get answers for us for different situations, for him to get medical help for children in dire need, etc. To the Pastors and school directors that we can see are pained by the situations most, if not all, their children are facing daily. I am so grateful. To God! For His love for His children all over this world! That includes you!*

*I want you to know that Marie Noel, who is facing these dire situations in Haiti, prays for each person who works alongside them in Haiti. But not just us she prays for. No...she also prays for each and every sponsor. She prays for us all that we do not get sick from this virus, that our every need is supplied, and that we love Jesus with all our hearts. That just makes me want to sing praises to God for showing us the absolute faith that she has in her Savior. Thank you Marie (and others) whose faith shows us His love!*

*His Hands for Haiti Program Coordinator, Lorna F.*



On the website soon we will be updating the children and adding more children including those for this new school the team visited in February!

Once the info sheets go out please check the website for updates!

## Institution Baptiste de Garde-Saline

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angles nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any power, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom. 8:38-39.

I was amazed and in awe to see how the love of God and His protection brought us through this trip to Haiti. Being with those I love so much outweighed all the difficulties we faced. Staylande doing so well in her studies and the exciting news of Emmanuel studying to become an Agronomist was such a blessing. So thankful I have had the privilege of being a part of their lives. Becoming a sponsor has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. Looking forward to my next trip to Haiti.

Team member Lorraine M.



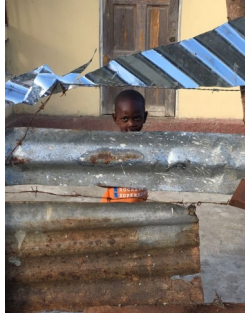
Lorraine and her beautiful sister-in-Christ, FiFi, and the team taking a walk to FiFi’s church in Terrier Rouge.



After having to postpone our October trip to Haiti and then reschedule it for early February, we lost several team members who had initially planned to make the trip. Then at the last minute, due to health reasons, program coordinator, Lorna Faircloth, was also unable to go which created a lot of challenges for our team. We tried to follow the daily schedule of visits Lorna had painstakingly set up well in advance but each day we had to look at the schedule and assess what would realistically be possible for our small team of 5 to accomplish. Because of this we had to visit at least 2 schools each day and only update the information on the sponsored children at whichever school we chose to go to first so we would have enough time to leave there and arrive at the next school before the children left for the day. It was challenging to say the least, but we did our best and focused on the sponsored children first so their sponsors would be able to receive updated information on their sponsored children. Adding to our difficulties was the fact that we had several electronic devices stolen which hampered our ability to document the children properly but we had one remaining iPad, as well as paper forms, and we managed to make it all work. (Stand-in) Coordinator Jamie C.



Director Adony Séraphin from Phaeton, Pas Jodelin from Savane Carrée & Ferrier, Pas Vicelot from DuHaut, Pas Francilot from Welsh, and Pas Colas from Phaeton, all met in Savane Carrée to pray for the team.





Team member Lorri with her very first child she sponsored. Rosenie is now a nurse in Cap Haitien! When you think you are not making a difference please check back here and see that you are! You may not always know how or what your children grow up to do with their lives, but know that God does!

Team member Wallace, with his sponsored child, Woodensly, in Romeo.



Lorri and her sponsored child, Samentha, in DeRac.



*We were honored to be able to serve as part of the team that traveled to Haiti in February. It was our first visit. Our hosts, at the mission house and at the schools we visited, were very generous as well as appreciative of our efforts. We loved visiting the schools and meeting the children!!*

*It seemed to us that Haiti is lacking the infrastructure needed to serve its citizens. We were impressed with the ingenuity and spirit the Haitian people showed when completing everyday tasks in the absence of resources that we Americans take for granted. (Resources such as, for example, running water and electricity.).*

*We were humbled by the gratitude shown for the support His Hands for Haiti provides. One of our biggest "takeaways" from the trip is that the HHfH child sponsorship program makes a lasting, positive impact in people's lives. Team members Lorri V. and Wallace L.*

I have been to Haiti 13 times serving with His Hands for Haiti. My husband and I currently sponsor three children. It's a blessing to know that we are helping these kids not only for today but also their future and the future of Haiti. This mission trip (as well as many others) was a time when I knew that God was totally in control. He put a team together that worked in unity and harmony no matter what got in our way. Things like transportation difficulties, school schedule changes, and other issues didn't stop us from accomplishing much. I saw love flow from our team to the children in each school that we visited. I am so very thankful to be a part of a mission that not only helps physical needs but also shares the love of Jesus. What a true joy it is to serve the Haitian people. They are a blessing to me. God has placed a love in my heart for these people like I never thought possible. I pray that God will continue to allow me to go back when the next opportunity comes.

Team Member Ellen J.