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Children of Haiti

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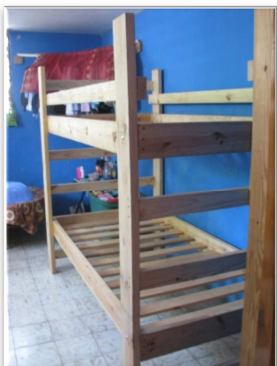
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Missions Trip

The week in Haiti was absolutely amazing. The team (Jake & Monika Walton, Dave Reed, Allison Christiansen, Tia and Autumn Godfrey, Kayla & Alex Rawlin) left Watertown, NY to head to Haiti on the first summer trip(June 27, 2017 – July 5, 2017). It was very hot and humid so extra care was used to ensure everyone stayed hydrated and safe. As usual, God not only worked through us but in us in some amazing ways.

Led by Dave Reed, the team built four sets of sturdy bunk beds. These new beds will last for many years to come. Currently, we have 15 sets of bunk beds that sleep 42 children and staff. As the children grow, we hope to build enough beds for everyone.



Thank You Mr. Dave “and yes we plan on building more during our next trips.



The team started a new tradition; we are calling it “Daily Snack or Treat”. On the way to the orphanage each day, the team stops at the market to purchase a snack or treat for the children. This is something that normally the budget does not allow, but through sponsorship, it was a fun treat the teams were able to share.

Our first-time visitors were truly blessed by the experience and are ready to go back to visit the children and help them continue to improve their facilities thru a little hard work. Thank you to all who were apart of the mission trip.



My Haiti Experience

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Blue Barrel Project

Feeding the Orphans

Through food donation, we were able to fill six blue barrels and send them to Haiti. The community filled the blue barrels with peanut butter, canned meats, pasta and many other different foods. The barrels were then loaded onto a truck and drove to Brooklyn, NY on May 26, 2017. The opportunity to ship barrels of food was a true God led event. Through a new relationship in Brooklyn, we were able to ship the barrels for \$150 with NO weight limit. The barrels were delivered to the door of the orphanage four weeks later, in perfect condition. A true answer to prayer, as this is the first time the complete shipment was delivered with NO stolen items.

The barrels provided a large amount of food and protein to fill the pantry of VCCH. The children were SO excited. It was like Christmas in July.

Thank you to everyone who helped us fill these Blue Barrels! A special thanks for supporting this project: Filling the Barrels- New Life Christian Church, Air Port Christian Fellowship Church, South Jeff Central School (Spanish and French Clubs) organized by Sam. It was a huge success!!!



We are sending the second round of blue barrels in November.
Please help us fill them!!

School Tuition Raffle

During the month of August, VCCH conducted a raffle to raise school money to send older children to School. Our goal was to raise \$5,250. We were able to raise over \$6,000!!

On behalf of the children and the VCCH staff, thank you to everyone for supporting this great need by purchasing raffle tickets.

The winners:

- 1st Prize (Hot Tub) Nancy Horning,
- 2nd Prize (Best Buy Gift Card) Bruce Lehman
- 3rd prize (Visa Gift Card) went to Doug Mattingly.

Congratulation to all our winners!!!

Water Well Project

Clean Water for the Orphans in Haiti

ability to raise chickens, goats and other livestock! Please pray for the campus, construction and the Water Well Project. Please consider helping us raise the remaining funds. Feel free to contact us, if you feel lead to be a part of this amazing endeavor.

Clean well water for the new campus is still ongoing. Although children do not live on the new campus yet, the well will provide an easier and cheaper way to water the gardens that currently reside on site. The children and staff planted gardens on Labor Day. These gardens are growing vegetables and fruit for the kids. Trees were planted for much needed shade in the warm weather of Haiti. The Children were able to harvest 30 watermelons and enjoyed them with huge smiles on their faces. The Glenville Rotary Club sponsored the planting of the gardens at the new campus. **THANK YOU!!**

At this time, we are required to ship water to the campus. This is a huge extra expense. Unfortunately, some of the plants and trees died from lack of water.

The well cost \$7,550 to complete the construction. As of today, we have raised \$4,132. **THANK YOU** to everyone who sent their prayers and generous donations. We hope to drill the well this year, allowing for a garden next year to be planted. Maybe even having the



GOAL \$7,550



DONATIONS

Please Contact Jake Walton, if you are interested in donated to the Water Well Project

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My Haiti Experience

by Allison Christiansen



My experience with Haiti started early this year when I attended an event called “Elevating Haiti”. It was also during this time that I was in the process of painting my house and had Monika helping me. One day we were painting and we got talking about an upcoming trip they were planning and without really thinking, I told her I wanted to go. During this time, I had a lot of personal things going on and all I could think was getting to the day of the trip.

I didn’t get nervous until the day before the trip. God reminded me to “go be brave”, something He first whispered to me months before when I was facing a tough situation. I wrote this on my arm with marker, not knowing that this wouldn’t be the last time on this trip that I received a marker tattoo. (One day while we were there, the kids were making cards and decided to then draw on us visitors.



I never thought I was going to make a difference, to be honest. My intentions were pretty selfish, I needed a break from regular life, I needed to see things, I needed this trip to do something within me, to change me, I needed God to change something in me. I didn’t know what exactly, but on the flight there I just prayed that this trip would change me. I also started to think about my own experience, losing my mom as a kid and how maybe God could redeem that situation and use what I went through to relate to this kids, many who have lost one or both parents. Thinking of this just filled me with love and compassion and a desire to make at least one kid feel loved.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”
(Romans 8:28, NIV)

On the surface, I usually tell people how hot it was (we did go during June/July) and how much I got bit up by mosquitos, and how I barely slept because of the heat. On one of the last days we visited the kids, I felt depleted. I was exhausted from heat, lack of sleep, barely eating (anyone who knows me knows I am a super picky eater), constantly being around people (I’m an introvert through and through). It was tough being in a country where you don’t know the language (working on it now though).

On the way there that day, I prayed to God.

“you gotta fill me up, because I have nothing left, nothing to give these kids”.

My prayers usually come from a place of desperation. That day was Sunday and we were privileged to be able to attend church with the kids. The kids run their own church. One of the children is the pastor and another is the worship leader. I am so used to church being this orchestrated event, where everything is techy and this was just very raw and pure. It was so wonderful. The kids know some songs in English and so we were able to worship along with them. It was such a blessing and it renewed my

strength. I felt loved by God and so I was able to love on the kids.

The hardest part of the whole trip was the last day we visited the kids. We knew it was the last day but they didn’t and my heart was breaking. Somehow I had managed to bond with a couple of the kids, even though we didn’t speak the same language. I tried to hold back tears. I just held on to them so tightly that day.

I know my life is different. My outlook is different. My motivation to keep pressing on is for these kids, so they can have a brighter future.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)



VCCH

Our next missions trip is scheduled for the end of February 2018. If you are thinking about joining us on this trip, please feel free to contact us. Airline tickets are cheaper the earlier you purchase them. Normally we travel on Thursday and return on Tuesday. So, if you are considering traveling to Port-au-Prince, Haiti with us, make sure your Passport is valid and you will see for yourself what VCCH is all about. It's truly an unforgettable and life changing experience.

Every other Monday night, we meet and discuss what is happening with the organization, the children and in Haiti. We plan events and talk about the needs and how we can help change the lives of the 42 orphaned children in our care. We

pray for the children, the staff and the country. It's a large task that we have taken on and God continues to bring people into our circle as He provides for the needs of VCCH. Please consider becoming a part of this mission, Ask God what he wants you to do... Listen to Him and where your heart leads you. We have heard Him Loud and Clear..... Help these special children!

Special Thanks:

New Life Christian Church

Air Port Christian Fellowship Church

South Jeff Central School (French & Spanish Clubs)

New York Air Brake

Joel Berthet, Sam Larkin, Chrys Andreozzi, Allison Christiansen, Doug Deir, Chris Trow

Missions Team: Jake & Monika Walton, Dave Reed, Allison Christiansen, Tia and Autumn Godfrey, Kayla & Alex Rawlin

And all those who sold raffle tickets- Great Job!

