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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior! May we all have a Holy Christmas Season.

The past month has been very busy with three medical teams here for three weeks in a row. I worked at the hospital with them helping the Americans serve and the Haitians recover. It was amazing to be a part of that and keep up my medical skills. I am always the prayer warrior (which I love!) and always pray that the teams go home BOLD in their faith and prayers. So many illnesses we would never see in the states and some you can't even imagine. I took a 28 year old woman to Port au Prince for a CAT Scan and it appears she has about an 80 (yes eighty!) pound parasite called echinococcal disease. The doctors were going back to the States to decide where she will go for surgery. She has had this abdominal growth for 8 years.



My friend Dale Moyers said that our orphanage accepts the broken that nobody else wants. The physically handicapped are easier to take care of but the children who have been abused or lived on the streets are such a challenge. One of our 11 year old boys has been very disturbed, stealing cell phones, fighting and lying. Last night I took him to the police station and had him put in jail for about an hour just to have the experience. The policemen were very cooperative and counseled him. Revelson is one of the schools best students so I kept him home today and tomorrow to show him he can be taken out of school for his behavior. I had him spend the day with our pastor who does physical labor as well as Spiritual counseling. I just can't give up on him and send him back to his father!



I have begun the process of getting our orphanage licensed as a CRECHE, which means we will be registered with the Haitian government and social services and our children can be legally adopted. This will take over 6 months to complete and cost about six to eight thousand dollars. To begin I am having the parents come to the orphanage with four passport photos and their Haiti ID. Then we proceed to the courthouse with the child's birth certificate and their paperwork where they sign a document giving their children to our orphanage. I am drawing all of their blood in the morning and will take it to the lab at the hospital where I sometimes work. They all need an HIV test, sickle cell anemia and blood type. This is just the beginning of what needs to be accomplished. Social services has many regulations, home visits, interviews each child privately and even surprise visits to our house. Just like in the states they have many rules by which you must abide.

A team from Nebraska came for eight days to fix wells and stay at the orphanage. I love entertaining teams and asked them to each briefly write about their trip. Here are just some of their comments:

Bon Samaritan takes children who would normally be ignored or shunned and give them love, security and hope. This place is truly a lighthouse in a sea of despair. - Peggy Mason

The spirituality of the orphanage and everyone involved is just amazing. I have total serenity when I am here. These are amazing people for the things they are doing and the most selfless people. - Kevin Bykerk



Your hospitality and faithfulness is an ongoing example to be third: God first, others second and me last. - Pastor Dan Cosson

The Cup runneth over at Annie's home! I pray for many blessings to come. Best Caribbean vacation ever! - Nancy DeBoe

Haiti, the Orphanage and well fixing are an amazing combination. I encourage anyone who can to experience this. This place is filled with the Holy Spirit. - Troy Stickels

If you would like to also experience Haiti just let me know. It is a life changing experience! It is hard to describe the life here: the washing clothes by hand, ironing with hot coals, walking everywhere, the outdoor market to purchase just what you need to survive and the way of life that isn't even close to how we live in the States. Christmas is a day of worshipping ~ about 6 hours on average ~ and just a nice dinner (nothing like how we pig out) and no gift giving. Most people are just blessed to have a nice meal on this day to celebrate our Savior's birth. Why not do a Christmas of giving and helping the poor and needy instead of all the silly gift giving that we do?



Dear Jesus, Name above all names, grant us the faith and courage to confess you boldly with our lips and our lives. In YOUR Holy name, Amen

Because of Christ,

Ann



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