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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

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Tonight I was explaining to my husband's cousin's son, Christopher, that I did as the Bible says. Imagine something so big that could never happen unless God has His Hand in it and does it all. He replied that it's too bad we don't do that all the time in everything. I totally agreed.

That is how our new orphanage is being built. We are moving in by the end of this month. NO MORE RENT!!!! I'm not a contractor and don't know much about building, electrical, plumbing, solar power etc. So when you see these photos you know it is truly God. He sent an awesome plumber, Lukas. God truly spoke to me and told me to hire Lukencia for my manager and I obeyed not even knowing her husband, Elio and what an awesome electrician he is. Our security guard, Oscar, is a great cement and stone builder and has done all of our building (except our five earthquake proof little cottages). Francois, a Haitian who has lived and trained in the United States, left his business card for me when I was in Michigan is now building our rocker (the tower to hold 18 solar panels) and moving all of our solar equipment. We still have a more to accomplish but we sure have enough done to move in and finish the rest later. I just sit upstairs on our second floor above our kitchen and depot and look down at everything in awe thanking God over and over. We are excited!!!! The kids are really working hard and helping. Such good responsibility for them.

I came home November 16th and return December 17th to make all the final preparations for our move. Four of our boys have no families to spend Christmas with and the nannies and managers have time off for Christmas, so I will stay with the boys and do something special with them. I am blessed to be able to be with them. Imagine, no family to spend Christmas with.

The kids and I have been doing a Bible study almost every night where we sing, pray, read the Bible, practice our Christmas program, talk about the best part of our day and laugh a lot, too. Most days doing that with them is my favorite part of the day. Lukencia and Sawrens, one of the orphans, continue in my absence.

Our orphanage is so full of the Holy Spirit now and just doing better than ever. We are extremely blessed beyond what I ever imagined. We still have our problems with 18 kids and 6 employees but things are easier with Jesus.

I have a wonderful family here in Michigan that totally understands what I am called to do and support me, help me and I couldn't do this without them either. Then there is my board of directors that put up with me, my Haitian legal advisor



Lorens has CP. He doesn't walk well but when he pushes this stroller, it helps him immensely with balance. He goes way ahead of us.



The Euchre Club on Saturdays



Our managers Lukencia and Elio adopted Eunice. She was abandoned with her twin brother at St Marc hospital. He went to heaven. Eunice is a huge blessing at our orphanage and the kids love her!

Geteau, my CPA sister in law, Becky, and her assistant Jania, and all of you praying and supporting us financially -- that is beyond what I ever thought could happen.

So thank YOU Heavenly Father, my loving family and friends and supporters!!!!!!! I am extremely blessed beyond what I even dreamed of and it just keeps getting better.

God bless you all,  
Ann

Samuel, the hydrocephalic boy who was thrown in the trash, has made remarkable progress. He can now sit up in a chair by himself.



Volunteers helped paint the cottages. The doors are made of the best wood in Haiti.

Mark Hume sent down door knobs from the US to Haiti for installation.

The tile which is used in all of the cottages is broken. It is much cheaper than whole tile and is very attractive.

The stone wall will be our dining room/ study hall. Plus the slightly higher wall in the back hides the bathrooms. It will have a cement flat roof so one day we can add a second story. One day we could screen it all in, also.

The next photo shows it complete, with the roof. Look in the background and you see the blue cottage.



The picture above, of the dining room/study hall under construction helps show how the buildings are situated in relation to each other. On the right is the bathrooms. If you look to the right in the back you will see cottages. Then, if you look to the left, you will see other cottages. To the very rear is the back wall. Located near it is the water tower, hand pump and the well which is run by the generator.



The blue house will say "BUILT WITH LOVE BY GRACE FOR HAITI -- NEBRASKA" when our artist-painter returns.



These two cabins are on the right in the photo of the dining room under construction. Note the shutters.



This is the kitchen building with the bathrooms to the left of it. The upstairs room is now complete and is reached by the stairway on the left of the building.

Some of the older boys will be sleeping there when we get everything moved.

For now it is used for storage.

Even now it makes a nice place to sit and watch what is going on.

Before I left to come home, we had another earthquake which shook all of Haiti. There was a first tremor, which I didn't recognize. A little later came another one, which was unmistakable.

The kids, who had been through earthquakes before, recognized it immediately. Some of the older boys grabbed their old mattresses (all of the mattresses have been replaced with new ones as part of our certification process) and took them through the gate to one of the new cottages -- which are earthquake proof.

My managers and I had been talking about the possibility of building our 2-story houses out of concrete because of the cost, but this changed our minds. The houses will also be earthquake proof.



Sean, our Vice President and a director, his wife, Holly, and their son Braden were here for 4 days.

They are standing by the cottage they dedicated to Guerlande.



The kids are holding a dress rehearsal for their Christmas Pageant.

Everything is so difficult in 3rd world. This water tank had to go on top. They had to do it manually. They still have work to do.

The generator powers the well pump to push the water up to go to the outlets in the showers, bathrooms and kitchen. If for some reason, like lack of diesel fuel, the generator can't be used, we have the hand pump.



Our new well they had to dig by hand.

Note the tiles on the cover. The boys are doing laundry. We would like to put a roof over the top to lessen the heat when using the well and to keep the water cooler. This is down the wish list.

We have made a lot of progress in a year, thanks to all of our supporters.

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