

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ **MERRY CHRISTMAS** ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ **FROM HAITI** ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

DECEMBER 1999 -- BY THE ZACHARY FAMILY

HEY EVERYBODY!

We hope and pray you and your family are being blessed during the holiday season. We wish you all a very joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please remember to keep the focus of the true reason for all the celebration during this time of the year. Without God's greatest gift to all of humanity, we would have no cause to rejoice. He has given this gift freely-all we have to do is receive it. Please take time out of the hustle and bustle of the parties, shopping, and dinners to share the gift of Jesus with friends and family. In the spirit of the season, please remember those who might be without - whether it be presents for their kids, food on their table, or just a friendly visit to someone who is lonely. Give your best, share your heart, spread God's Love to the world around you. You will never be disappointed! ♥

♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

IF I'VE LIVED TO HELP

If I have proved a friend
 To someone in need today,
 If I have helped another
 In a special kind of way,
 If I have cheered one lonely
 In a lonely little place,
 If I have shown by giving
 That I take my Christian place,
 Then this day has been well
 spent.
 I've shown God walks with me;
 I've lived to help my fellow
 man,
 As God intended life to be.

-author unknown

♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

Made Free In HIM

By Zach

One thing we don't have to worry about while being a missionary is being bored. Everyday brings new challenges, problems, blessings, mountains to climb (naturally and spiritually), valleys to cross, and heart wrenching experiences. Words can never express all that God has allowed us to experience. We give God thanks for ALL of it. A ministry that I have been involved in for 3 years is going to the prisons. Hundreds of lives have been permanently changed through the Love of Christ.

Last Saturday, Dec. 4, we held a baptism service for 7 women and 6 young boys inside the prison. Hallelujah!! There were about 200 in attendance: 100 women prisoners, 40 boy prisoners (age 11-18), and 50 people from our church and 10 prison guards. We sang and praised God. Two young boys (once imprisoned there) gave testimony of what God has done in their lives (brought tears to my eyes). Both are faithful church goers and living for Jesus now.

As each person was baptized, I looked into their eyes and was overwhelmed by emotion-that God would allow me to witness such a beautiful and precious sight. Though they were still behind bars they were free spiritually and walking in the Victory of Jesus. Praise His Name!! We were able to feed everyone in attendance salad, rice and beans, a piece of chicken and a drink. It was a big day

for everyone and all were blessed. Thank you for your support and prayers that allowed us to do this ministry. We are praying that God will touch hearts to give \$300 a month for this ministry. It involves 4 prisons in 3 locations. It is some of the most fertile ground I have ever seen. ♥

IF YOU DONT HAVE EVEN A
 CUP OF WATER YOU CAN SAY
 THE SAME THING AS THOSE
 WHO HAVE MEAT; "THANK
YOU JESUS YOU WERE BORN
ON EARTH FOR ME". THEY
CANT SAY MORE.

- Prayer of a Haitian

♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

WILL YOU STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

By Gretchen

Before God called us to Haiti we ourselves really had no idea of a missionaries life. We had little preparation, only a willing heart to serve God. Jesus gave us eternal salvation and changed our lives from sin and darkness to joy and light. Because of His love, mercy, and grace; we prayed and told God we'd go anywhere and do anything. We always welcome questions about our work and the country of Haiti. We are trying to help those who are interested in missions and in our work know more about what we do.

God has set a high standard and a broad vision for us to follow. We need to tell about Jesus, preach the Word, hold revivals and crusades, give Bibles, help pastors and build churches. We need to feed the hungry, clothe

the naked, help the sick and injured, and visit people in prison. We are doing all of this, **but God wants our family to do more!**

If you could - and you can (JUST THROW OUT ALL THOSE EXCUSES) come be with us a week. You would see the need, you would fall in love with the people, and you would make a difference. A Christian cannot see a need without putting action to it. Together we can make a difference in the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of lost, but lovable people. Zach has said many times-you can live for 3 weeks without food, 3 days without water, 3 minutes without air, **but you cannot live 3 seconds without HOPE**. This is what we, along with our partners, take to the people of Haiti. The **hope** of Jesus Christ and God's love that has saved us.

What can you do? We ask that you **PRAY FOR US**. We are on the front line of battle in a country dedicated through voodoo to Satan. We desperately need a covering of prayer to face challenges each day, make good decisions, and remain Christ like under pressure.

What else does a missionary need? Yes, we need **FUNDS** - to minister, to get around country, to buy supplies, help with operations, schools, churches, etc. Because of lack of finances, we have very seriously thought about coming back to the States, taking jobs and supporting someone else here. But that is NOT what God wills. We know giving is a sacrifice and we are truly thankful and humbled to live on donations. Next month, we will be sending a letter **projecting our vision** and what it takes to accomplish the work God has called us to do. We are ready to **buy land and build a mission base, orphanage and rescue center**. We're going to

need a lot of help. We sent a letter out several months ago again asking for support ranging from \$2.00 a month to help a school child to funds for a 15 passenger van to transport work teams. **Out of over 350 letters sent out we received 2 responses.** This might have discouraged us, but friends we are more encouraged than ever before. God has given us such a beautiful peace and great joy in serving Him here. We know the God we serve and in 6 years, He has **NEVER failed to supply our need** - often in miraculous ways. Please pray about how you can be a help to us for in the coming year. Could you make a **commitment** for one year? Could your Sunday School class do a **fund raiser** to help? Could your church sew some funds into a fruitful ministry? We trust you see the seriousness of this. The Bible says your treasure is where your heart is. These precious people did **nothing wrong to deserve being born in Haiti - just as you did nothing right to be born in America**. They deserve to hear the Good News just as you did. Pray and ponder what you could do to help advance God's kingdom here in Haiti. ♥

+++++
Although we lack a dress to wear to church, Lack food at home, and have only two cents in our pockets: **THE GRACE OF JESUS IS ENOUGH!!!!** With this Grace, we are rich. -taken from a

prayer of a Haitian

+++++

A Week To Remember

By Licia

Hey to everyone!!! First, I want to **thank Jesus for putting me and my family in Haiti**. I could never experience the joy and happiness I have right now unless I was right here in His Will. I wanted to share with you an **update on two of the burn children**. We had the privilege of having **Roselene and Kaline** (the 2 burn girls) back with us for **a week**. They met us at the clinic. Both were **quiet and withdrawn** for the first few minutes. As soon as we got in the car, they **let go - yelling, laughing and being silly girls again**. Both had stories to tell us about their time back home. They had told their parents that **the white people sleep on water (waterbeds), they have little people that live in a box that sing for them (radio), and that there is fire on the ceiling (lights)**. Oh, **what their parents must think!!!** Of course, they talked a mile a minute all of the way home. Both had lost weight in just the short time they were back home. Their requests were **bananas and eggs**. So, we stopped on the way home and got a bunch of bananas. **They were finished before we got home!!** Once at home, they spent a long time in the bathroom - washing their hands and flushing the toilet - **just enjoying indoor plumbing again**. Lori and I put up **Christmas lights** all over our room - the fast blinking kind. What fun it was to see their faces as they experienced this for the first time. They were afraid at first - then just sat and giggled as they watched them. Lori sewed them each a bag to carry their goodies home in. We had so much fun packing

Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ Φ

Father, They say we are the poorest
country in the world. Thank You, Father.

May we also be poor in spirit, that we may inherit the kingdom of God.

-taken from a Haitian prayer

Orphanage Update

By Lori

We became involved with the Good Samaritan Orphanage a few years ago at a time when they were desperate for any type of help. Since then, we have helped in several areas. Many work teams have held **Bible schools and shown God's Love** to these orphans. There are 90 children presently. The number changes with a constant turn over from those being adopted out and more being abandoned. *Church on the Rock in Carroll Ohio* have been faithfully providing funds to purchase food for these children and those who care for them. Earlier this year, they raised funds and sent a work team down to **enclose the sleeping area of these kids**. An eight seat, 30 feet **outhouse** was also completed this year thanks to funding from several groups. These have been tremendous blessings for the children.

We spent a day in November visiting them. We **weighed** all of the kids and **assessed their health**. We found that most had good weight gains and only a few were sick (skin infections). We were

also able to fit them all with sandals that someone from Indiana had donated. Each child had their name written on the side to keep them all straight. They were so thankful for that special gift. We were also able to leave some soap, shampoo, and various medicines for the kids. While we were there we were told of another need - toothbrushes - something each of us Americans take for granted. These 90 orphans had only 12 toothbrushes between them. A simple need, yet overwhelming to supply due to their financial problems. We were able to give each of the children new toothbrushes due to donations from many of you. A pair of new sandals and a new toothbrush may not seem like much during this Christmas season of expensive gift giving and purchasing the "perfect" present. *But, please remember, to the majority of this earth's population it would be quite a treasure indeed.* But they know their True Treasure is in Christ Jesus!! Thank you to all of you who helped make 90 smiles!! ♥

The only way we are ever going to ensure peace on this planet is to adopt the entire world as "our family." We are going to have to hug them, and kiss them. And dance and play with them. And we are going to have to sit and talk and walk and cry with them. Because when we do, we'll be able to see that, indeed, everyone is beautiful and we all complement each other beautifully and we would all be poorer without each other.

-Stan Dale

JUST A THOUGHT

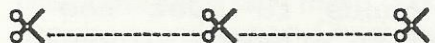
I am Yours Lord, You
have wonderfully made
and equipped me. I
was created to walk in
faith, so I will
always trust You. I
am a product of Your
Love, so I will love
even under the most
trying circumstances.
I will endure because
Jesus lives in me.
Jesus is Lord of my
body, my words, my
thoughts, my actions,
therefore I will
respond to all
circumstances in
purity, gentleness,
patience, self control
and love. I am not my
own and as long as I
have opportunity I
will serve Christ
through serving
others. The Lord
lives in me and
through me. He uses
my hands to meet the
need of others. I was
born for this purpose
and I dedicate my life
to reaching out beyond
myself to the need of
others. Thank you
Lord for equipping me
for this purpose. I
am what You say I am,
I can do what You say
I can do.

-author unknown



★GIFTS★

This is the **season of giving** when we are **a little more open to remember those in need**. As you Christmas shop, or better yet, go to some **after Christmas sales**, remember the need we have here. We need small gifts all year long for our health classes, schools, Good Samaritan Orphanage and just to bless some of our patients as they come through our clinic. We recently had an emergency clinic in Port-au-Prince approach us for toys to put in the hands of traumatized children. Right now we are **totally out of toys and many hygiene items**. If you sent some things to bless the Haitians in the last few weeks, **Praise the Lord!!** We'll be so happy to receive them. If not, get a box and from time to time purchase sale items. When the box is full, send it our way. You will be a **huge help to us and a blessing to the people here**. We will try our best to get pictures so you can have feedback of where your gifts went. Here are some ideas. . . . ♥



combs	small mirrors
soap	shampoo
cream	toothbrushes
toothpaste	infant clothes
matchbox cars	black dolls
yo-yo's	jump rope
wrapped candy	barrettes
hair ribbons	whistles
small rubber balls	pens
pencils	crayons
socks	children's underwear
harmonica	balloons
notebooks	folders
erasers	paddle ball
stickers	sunglasses
small purses	necklaces
hair pomade	baby powder
small picture books	hats

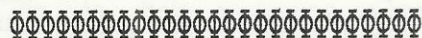


♦♦♦♦♦CURRENT NEEDS♦♦♦♦♦

****Slivadene cream**
ace bandages
4x4's, kerlex
any antibiotics
Triple Antibiotic Ointment
Fungus meds(pills cream shampoo)
****Rocephin**
high blood pressure meds
*** *anti-itch cream**
****soap, shampoo, cream**
vitamins (kids chewable & adults)
blood pressure cuff
seizure meds
blood-glucose testing-machine
microscope
pregnancy tests
Advil, Tylenol, Aleve
insect repellent
kid's antibiotic suspensions
education posters-health care
powdered milk
slings, crutches, walkers
****peanut butter - for malnourished children**
canned meat
non-refrigerated boxed cheese
****stamps**
****plastic grocery sacks**
any size of ziploc bags

these are a great need

****these are more urgent needs**
need met THANK YOU !!!! ♥



Agape Flights asked us to remind those who send boxes to pack them full and tape them very securely. **THANK YOU!**



Licia is requesting that you keep your eyes open during the "After Xmas Sales" for **Purple Xmas Lights**. They are planning to decorate for their wedding using them.

Thanks so much!!!! ♥



THANKS to ALL

SUPPORTERS, PARTNERS, AND WORLD CHANGERS. . .

We want to thank you so much for the **donations** we received for the month of **November**. We are continually blessed and encouraged by your **financial support**. **Thank you for giving your best** to help advance the Kingdom of God here in Haiti. The battle is fierce at times, but **ALL** things are possible with God. We appreciate you remembering the Zachary family and the people of Haiti in **your giving an prayers**. **May God bless and prosper you in the coming year.** ♥



???Who What WhenWhere???

☞To send letters, packages, or☞
☞boxes.....☞

Davis and Gretchen Zachary
PAP Haiti - Agape Flights Inc.
7990 15th St E

Sarasota, FL 34243

E-mail WBCHARLES@maf.org

☞To send donations or receive☞
☞info on work teams.....☞

Grace International
World Outreach
P.O. Box 1952
Laurel, MS 39441

ph. 601-649-1978

E-mail giwo@c-gate.net

Directors - Darrell and

Denise Hutto