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JANUARY 2000 - FROM THE ZACHARY FAMILY

Hey Everybody!!

We all hope that your Holiday Season was filled with blessings and joy. Though we didn't have a "White Christmas", we were still able to celebrate God's Gift to all mankind. We so appreciate all of your Christmas cards, packages, and gifts. It adds a special touch to know that you all remember us during this busy time of the year. We are so blessed with friends from all around the States. We consider many of you family and so greatly appreciate each and every item you send, financial support you give, and prayers you petition before the Lord. Without your generous help and considerate support, we could do nothing. We have been keeping busy since the last newsletter. We couldn't take any vacation time from the clinic during the holidays and have had 4 more children through our doors plus the 2 boys we've had for several months). We moved the clinic to another building and are working three days a week now (around 400 people a week]. We are getting ready to unload a semi trailer packed with a Suburban and much needed supplies. We are so happy to be in a position to be doing God's work in such a lime as this. It is truly ALL done for HIS GLORY!!!! *

Clinic Update

by Gretchen

We pray God has many special blessings planned for you this year. This month begins our 7th year herethe year of Jubilee and we are expecting great victories and thanking God for all He will allow us to accomplish in His Name.

Since our last newsletter, we have moved our clinic location. We were

working out of a government clinic almost two years. Now we are renting a building which is more secure and suitable for our needs. We are excited and pleased with the facilities. The old place served us well and allowed us to win many friends and the trust of people in well over a 150 villages. We felt like we moved from a place of darkness and oppression to one covered by God's peace. It is called "Grace Health Center" or "Centre Sante de la Grace Du Bon Samaritain" (in French). We leave home at 6:30 Tues AM and stay at Cazale Tues and Wed nights allowing us to extend our hours. We return home Thurs around 5 or 6tired, but oh so blessed!!

There is no way to describe all God has done for us these last few months. We have fresh revelation of how God can open ANY door and how He does fight our battles for us. He simply asks us to trust and obey and love those He sends into our

path.

Patients are walking 6, 8, 10 hours to receive medicine and treatment for wounds, burns, and all types of illness. This gives you an idea of the lack of medical care available. Every mountain has its voodoo priest or witch doctor ("hougan") who takes every bit of money a family can scrape together. But we all know the outcome is death - many times to the body and even more to the spirit. People come on mules, stretchers, wheelbarrows, and beds. hardly able to stand, walk hours with canes or staffs to help navigate the steep mountain paths. Folks, can you imagine looking into 400 pairs of eyes each week who are in need of hope and help? As we've said countless times JESUS CHRIST is the only Hope for Haiti and the people

It has always been our prayer, since God touched our lives, to be on the front lines - in the trenches so to speak. The ministry God has given us is unique and not for the timid or weak in heart. We praise Him daily

for our assignment and the grace to carry it through. God has touched many hearts to join with us in trying to reach the lost and hurting. We are so thankful for each of you. The help and encouragement you have given us along the way is precious to us and to the Haitians we minister to daily. God has chosen us all to complete a special work. The needs here in this third world country at present are endless. We live in a third world country, but we serve a mighty, loving, and merciful first class God. Hallelujah!! We ask you to continue to join with us. Pray for us, the people and the country. Put on your spiritual creative hat and seek God for your part in the work here.

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URGENT CLINIC NEEDS!!!

Because of the increase in the number of patients, there is also an increase in the demand for meds and supplies. These listed are extremely urgent meaning we are completely out or will be in the next week. Please do whatever you can to help us fill these needs.

*Silvadene cream for burn pts.
*Ketamine-anesthesia for burn children

*IV solutions, tubing, angiocaths
*Foley caths & cath bags

*Meds for high blood pressurecardizem, aldomet, verapamil, Zestril, Inderal, any kind

*seizure meds-dilantin, tegretol, phenobarb, depakote, neurontin

*diabetic meds - Glyburide, Glucotrol, Micronase

*thyroid meds-Iodine, Thyro-Block, Dropylthiouracil

*KIDS chewable vitamins
*Meds for constipation

*Fungus Meds-Nizoral (pills and shampoo), Griseofulvin *crutches-adult, walkers, canes

*ACE bandages

*Glasses

*Kids Antibiotic Suspensions

We have had four new little ones through our doors since the last newsletter. One was a two month old baby weighing about 51/2 lbs. The mother had died soon after birth and the father just had no means to care for the tiny infant. We brought him home and took him to another missionary who runs a home with 15-25 children under two who are sick or malnourished. The father is so happy that his baby boy is receiving top rate care. They will probably keep him for a couple of months and, with lots of TLC and prayer, he will gain weight and develop normally.

Another child that came home with us was a 9 month old boy with 3rd degree burns on his left lower back, bottom, hip, leg and foot. During the night, his older sister lit an oil lamp and set it on the bed. The baby rolled over and the oil spilled and caught him on fire. He came to our clinic one week after the accident with a horrid infection and a thick layer of black scar tissue. Being so young, we couldn't keep him for a long time. We brought him home for debriding, strong antibiotics, and

debriding, strong antibiotics, and dressing changes. We were able to give ketamine (anesthesia) shots to briefly make him sleep as we took all of the scar tissue off. We were able to do this in a series of days and he was back with his mom within a week. I gave the mother items to change the dressings and lots of teaching on how important it was that they come EVERY week for dressing changes. I have not seen them again. It is very discouraging, but I am slowly learning that the ultimate choice is

with the patient and I can't force someone to accept my form of treatment or therapy. It is just one of the many challenges we face

here.

The other two are severely malnourished children who are currently living with us. They have a form of malnutrition called KWASHIORKOR. This is when they are deprived of protein. We've had hundreds of these cases and treated the majority of them

successfully. With a couple of tablespoons of peanut butter every day and a few eggs, the swelling quickly goes down. We give the parents education as to which foods to make and how the condition can be reversed. These two kids touched our hearts and we decided to care for them ourselves.

Molo came to us December 22nd. He is four years old and weighed 17 lbs. His body was in kidney failure so swollen that his skin split open in several places and eyes were almost swollen shut. He had not been able to walk for several weeks. Though his dad had a hard time leaving him in the hands of complete strangers, he is glad he did. Within 6 days, the swelling was down. In three weeks, he is up to 22 lbs and running around with the other boys. He will probably stay for a total of two months, though he's such a cutie we would keep him forever if we could.

The other is a 3½ year old girl with the same condition who weighed 17 lbs also. She had two older siblings who died in October of the same malnutrition. Esteléne came January 6th and has greatly improved. The swelling is down and she is walking again. She isn't quite so steady on her feet yet, but she's

gaining strength.

We hope one day to have a Rescue Center for severely malnourished children to come to stay and receive good foods and care to put them on their way to recovery. A main requirement would be education classes for the parents. Please be praying for our new editions and for our continuing work with the malnourished children of Haiti.

DO WHAT YOU CAN
WHERE YOU ARE
WITH WHAT YOU
HAVE

That Could Have Been Me BY CASEY ZACHARY

A starving child who's skin and bone An elderly man who's dying all alone A helpless child who's always abused A pregnant teen who's so confused That could have been me

A drug addict who can't say no
A homeless man with no where to go
A young gang member raised on the street
A battered wife who's just been beat
That could have been me

An orphan who's lost his father and his mother
A person who's never felt love from another
A dying cancer patient going through radiation
A willing young child who's been deprived of
education

That could have been me
Should I forget these for my lack of compassion
I always say I care, to help I must act
Words are cheap, to help I must act
If for nothing else, just for the simple fact
That could have been me

ACTS 2000

January 20th we are starting an Akamil program for many malnourished severely children and critically ill adults with AIDS and Every other week patients will be weighed and given a supply of Akamil. This is a mix of ground rice, black and white beans, corn and a grain called epitimi. Hopefully, we will have milk or peanut butter available from time to time. In December, we had one child after another with or 3rd degree malnutrition. We also had highest amount of our Kwashiorkor children. could not walk or even sit Some were so swollen with kidney failure that the skin on their extremities had split open. One Wed, we'd seen one too many, even for us who are used to dealing with such suffering. After spending the afternoon tears, we determined in our hearts to get a steady supply food to these children. immediately began setting plan in motion. God in His ever-present love, mercy and grace sent the finances through a family obedient to His touch. Oh, the joy of serving Him and living by FAITH. God so faithfully and in a timely way provides for the needs He shows us. one has or can write a movie or TV show as exciting as the life we live. We are truly living the book of Acts. matter the battle, struggle or stress; we can do nothing, but Praise Him, Praise Him, PRAISE HIM!!!

Year In Review - Cazale Clinic

These stats are from 1999..... Number of patient records-Since March 17, 1998)......10,500 Number of consultations......12,402 Average amount of pts seen Monthly......1.034 Daily......115 Number of emergencies (burns, stitches, dressings, etc)......483 Referrals to other hospitals......258 Pediatrics - (birth to 5 yrs) Number of consultations......5,287 Malnourished-given food/milk..2.405 Prenatal Number of consultations.....2,112 Number of postnatal consults.....227 Number of newborns-weighed....270 General Number of consultations......5,003 Malnourished-given food/milk....219 Some Approximate Costs Medicine bought in Haiti.....\$16.500 PeanutButter-malnourished kids.\$983 Soap.....\$1068 Total cost to run the clinic....\$25.500 (This includes the above items, payroll, help with operations, tests, supplemental foods, transportation to & from hospitals, benevolence, etc.) We have 10 employees-9 full time & 1 part time. Seven are Haitian. One of the staff is in his first year of nursing school-equivelent to an RN. We charge \$1.50 for the first visit, then 90¢ for any other visits. For those who are unable to pay this small amount, we see them anyway. This pays for their paperwork, consultation, and all meds. (Some missions charge up to \$4.50 and they give **NO** medicines.) Moneys received help cover costs of payroll. medicines, supplies, and funding for operations. Obviously, we never break even, but feel raising the price would be a hardship to some of our patients. The clinic is only possible because of people like you. Many thousands of dollars of supplies have been donated in the last year. These items have been an enormous blessing to us and to the Haitian patients we serve. Without these donations, it would be impossible to care for the large number of patients we see each week. We are so grateful and thank you with our WHOLE hearts. v

I Have Set Watchman Upon Thy Walls, O Haiti, Which Shall Never Hold Their Peace Day or Night; You That Make Mention of the Lord, Keep not Silence. Give Him no Rest Till He Establish, and Till He Make Haiti a Praise in the Earth. Isaiah 62:6-7

!?!?!?GRANDPARENTS?!?!?!

BY LICIA

I have something very exciting to write about this month. Mom & Dad are going to be grandparents!! Now before all of you begin your let minds wonder.....We have had Carmelo, a burn child, with since us April 8th, 1999. He had a special place in all of our hearts, as we have known him since we worked with the feeding center in Titanyen. Не was burned on almost half of his body, weighing 18 pounds at 6 years old, unable to lift his head. He has endured pain more suffering than most adults. It has been our wish, especially for Enoch & I, to adopt him. His mother came down to the clinic recently (the 1st time since last July). She gave us his birth certificate and letter requesting us to take him. She brought family some members down with her to see him for the last time.

Many mothers have begged us to take their children, but these were just different circumstances. His birth mother has eight other kids (ALL severely malnourished) and has expressed desire to accept family planning. There is no way we could justify him back into sendina this environment. have fallen in love him and he with us. We are still planning to have an orphanage some time after we are married. But he is not our first orphan. Не is our first son & we have accepted responsibility for this upbringing and life. After June, Will begin paperwork here and in the States adoption. Please pray that all goes well on both sides and there is no trouble from his birth mother. appreciate all your for prayers our work here in Haiti.

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STATESIDE SPEAKING

Zach will be coming home from Feb 22nd until April 19th. Gretchen will be in the States from March 23rd to April 19th. They are planning to travel in Indiana, Ohio, Mississippi, and Texas. If you would like to hear more about God's work here in Haiti, let us know. A presentation, Q & A session, preaching, or a fund raiser is possible. It can be done at a church, business, home, school, or just over lunch. Get in touch with us soon to set up possible dates and locations.

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SPECIAL NEED

We are starting this section to let you know about an extra need on expense that someone might be touched to help us with. Our special need for this month is for a good friend and our part time employee. Zaie. Her mother died when she was a young girl and she raised her 3 brothers. Her father helped with some money, but wasn't around much. She is now in her early 30's with three adorable daughters. She regularly attends church, is diligent in her job, and always helpful to those in need. She worked selling small priced food items outside of our old clinic to those waiting. She barely made enough to feed her family, but she was grateful for what she did make. Her bright smile and encouraging words always lifted us during the hard days. Since we have started sleeping out at clinic, we have hired her to make a meal for us and wash some sheets and clothes. She doesn't much, but she wisely spends each gourde. Some that have been down on teams remember her middle daughter, Lovely. She is about the prettiest little girl in Haiti. Zaie has saved enough money to start her own house, but not enough to finish it. She has gotten up a tin roof held up with skinny poles. Woven banana leaves are meant to keep out some of the animals and rain, but don't. There are holes in the walls big enough for kids to crawl through. Though these types of homes are common here, we feel like there might be someone who would like to help buy the block, cement, and additional supplies needed to complete the house of this well deserving family. When we asked her if we could write to you about this need, she was embarrassed, but thankful. She was very conservative in her estimate of the completion cost and even suggested she could just do it in rock and mud if it was too much money. We need around \$275 to \$300 American to finish the house in cement block. If you could make this a special fund raiser or project for your church or Sunday School Class, it would be an enormous blessing and testimony of God's Love and Concern for His children. Thank you for any contribution towards this special housing need.

Last month we told you about a lady who is having many female problems after her difficult Csection and death of her baby. We received enough money for her surgery plus extra. DRAISE GOD!! This extra money went to another lady with postnatal problems. She delivered healthy baby, but an uneducated mountain "midwife" <u>pulled her</u> <u>female organs out</u> After he saw what he did, he pushed them with back in a rag. unbelievable story, but true, I promise. The first. lady scheduled for surgery Jan 20th. The second will go in sometime in the third week of January. Both are such sweet ladiescried and thanked God that He touched a strangers heart to make their "miracle" happen. ALL glory is given to God. He orchestrated the whole world's happenings before we were even born. How great is His omnipresent Grace, Mercy, and Love. v

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Feb 22nd to April 19th:
Zach back in the States
March 23rd to April 19th:
Gretchen in the States
April 24th-May 3:

Construction/Evangelism Team Church on the Rock-Carroll,OH May 3-May 11:

Medical/Construction Team
Church on the Rock-Carroll,OH

Mission Team from Oral Roberts University

June 16: Enoch & Licia's wedding - lots of company

God has not promised skies always blue, Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through,

God has not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God has promised **strength for the**

Rest for the labor, light for the way. Grace for the trials, help from above, Unfailing sympathy, Undying love.

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