



OFFICE FOR HAITI

FROM THE ZACHARY FAMILY JULY 2000

HEY EVERYBODY !!

WOW!!! Has the newsletter got a facelift or what?!!! This is our first newsletter on our new computer. Some most generous, awesome, and just generally wonderful people from Texas DONATED a brand new computer, hard drive, printer, and scanner. I love you guys. This means we are now HIGH TECH MISSIONARIES!! Anyway, we are sure this will be a HUGE BENEFIT to the ministry here. Mom already has a project list a mile long, so I thought I'd better write you first or you might not hear from us until the fall.

Even though the last newsletter went out in March, it seems like it was just yesterday that we sat down to write and share our stories with you. So much happens though the days, weeks, and months that it just seems impossible for us to explain it all, but we hope that you are able to get a glimpse of God's work and the wonderful people of this beautiful country. We feel so thankful and blessed to know that we are able to share our lives with you - family, loved ones, supporters, and friends. You are a great strength and support. Once again, thank you for your interest in Haiti.

Since the last time we wrote, we have had 17 more new kids come through our care (bringing the total to 31). Many of these have been malnourished. Dad and Mom came back to Haiti on April 19. Thanks for all the hospitality and love you gave to them while they were traveling around the States. We had two work teams (a total of 20 people) from April 24 to May 11. Casey is spending his summer vacation with us here in Haiti and arrived May 9. A professor from Indiana Wesleyan University came to visit May 14 and 15. A group of 13 students from ORU (Casey's college) helped us for a week during their month long stay in Haiti. Dad has preached at several crusades and church services. The current crusade is averaging 3500 people a night. We have been keeping busy and striving to serve the Lord the best we can. Your prayers are very much needed for the work, people, and country of Haiti. Don't forget this littler island in the sun and the EIGHT MILLION of God's creations living here on it. God bless you!!

GOD IS IN CONTROL!



The Betor Wedding

Enoch and Licia are pleased to announce that they were united in marriage on Friday, June 16. The wedding was beautiful and the reception was a huge success. There were some minor complications though. Some of you might have heard on the news or paper that Haiti has been having some political problems. Such was the case on the wedding day. Because of road blocks and burning tires the wedding party arrived late and many of the guests couldn't even get to the church. Despite all this, the ceremony was magnificent. The newlyweds are doing fine and wish to thank each of you who came, sent cards and gifts, or simply remembered them in your prayers.



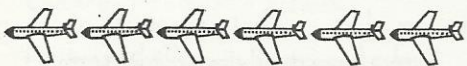
CLINIC NEWS

The past months have brought more and more people from distant towns and villages. In May, we saw 2325 patients in the 14 days we worked. Averaging 166 people a day, mom commented, "No wonder we are tired!" In June, we served 1574-11 work days-average 143 patients per day. That amount of patient load has really pulled our resources to keep the shelves stocked with needed medicines and supplies, but God is faithful to provide even when we don't always see it with our natural eyes. Please continue to send any medicines and supplies our way. We are so grateful and appreciative of all your donations and prayers.



Update on Jn Pierre

We have told you all about Jn (John) Pierre one of our burn children. He came into our home on June 6th of 1999. Lori treated his burns for over 10 months without much progress. We were all discouraged and not sure what to do. But as always the Lord did. :) We met a very special lady at our church here in Haiti. She was just visiting over the weekend and we were telling her about Jn Pierre and his burn. She listened to our story and said she would try to see about getting him to the States to get some skin grafts. Many, many people say they are going to check on things for us and we never hear anything. She called about 2 weeks later and said she found a hospital to do the surgery (Shriner's in Ohio). We were all really excited and praised God for His goodness. Jn Pierre left in early April to go to the States to get care we were unable to give him. He has translators, school, new friends, loving caregivers, free clothes and toys, and - most importantly - good medical care to give him a normal life. This is a child that was near death with infection the day we brought him home, a child the devil thought he had. But our Savior had a different plan for this young man of God. I thank you all for your prayers and love for Jn Pierre. You will be BLESSED!!!



Jesus is not terribly impressed with religious commercialism. He is concerned not only whether we're doing God's work, but also HOW AND WHY we're doing it.

--Jim Cymbala--

Precious in His Sight

As missionaries trying to communicate our life and ministry by newsletter, we often find it difficult to convey our experiences on paper. We like to share stories of success and victory, but such is not always the case. Recently, we have lost five children. Words can't express our emotions. Four of the children, age 6 months to 4 years died of a combination of malnutrition and diarrhea. All were full of worms (even the 6 month old baby) and all suffered much pain before death. Another child was a sweet 10 year old girl in heart failure (with 3 bad valves) who died in the hospital before we could get papers processed for her to go to the States for an operation. All were precious in His sight and we loved them each dearly. Three of them died in our clinic, surrounded by love and comforted the best we could as they passed on. The death of a child can never be explained or understood by our earthly minds. The pain of that loss never fades. There is some comfort in knowing they are in heaven - healed and looking into the face of Jesus. The funerals must be done the same day here. We were able to have tiny caskets made and with help found white clothes to bury them in as is the custom. This was a sad and difficult experience for us, yet it is making us more determined to bring more education, help, and hope to the area where God has called us to serve.

John 10:10 is played out daily here.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

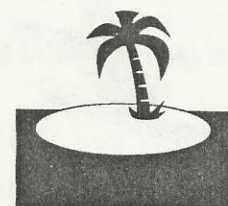
But Jesus then promises,

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Right now, we have 5 children and 1 adult who need to come to the States for medical care and treatment.

- *adult - kidney tumor
- *child - Wilms' tumor (kidney)
- *child - hole in heart
- *child - heart problems
- *child - both sex organs
- *child - old burn causing deformity

It is not an easy process to obtain all the papers, funds, housing, transportation, and free treatment. We appreciate your prayers to make the way straight, the lines short, and favor from those who can give approval. If you are interested in possibly sponsoring a child, donating funds, housing a child, or providing some transportation while in the US---PLEASE let us know!!!! If you know a doctor or hospital that might be interested in donating their time and services in changing the life of a Haitian---PLEASE let us know!!!!



"MERCi ANPIL"

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

From Zach and Gretchen

Yes, we're still here working and ministering on this little island in the sun. I'm sure some of you must be wondering about us. Folks, we can't very well express anything we want to say in words-but we'll try - we've let paper and pen sit idle for so long. We've gotten ourselves in a real mess with a backlog of thank you's that we need to write in a number almost too high to count.

We were back in the States for 2 months raising funds to build a mission complex. The response was supernatural - we are still in awe of all God did through you as we raised half of what is needed for Phase 1. We know many people and churches gave sacrificially to help us meet our goal. We felt so loved and welcomed everywhere we went. In small groups of people and various sized churches, God opened hearts to join with us in fulfilling the vision He has given our family for Haiti and the people here.

As we look over the givings, we see there are over 100 individuals and families who contributed to our goal, as well as 16 churches and Sunday School classes. Others fixed delicious meals and opened their homes for us to stay. There are also faithful supporters who give every month. Many have sent packages of medical supplies, children's clothes and items to help the Haitians and to bless the children as well as for us personally. Some have given stamps to help us keep in touch. We see we have an impossible task of writing "thank you's" for your great generosity and compassion.

Forty-four people have visited us here in Haiti these last two months. What a blessing each one was to us. Praise the Lord for doctors who helped us see patients and performed minor surgeries and people who carried in medicine and needed supplies. Some helped with everything from auto repairs, child care, washing dishes, and cooking. Two pastors came and preached at two crusades and some church services where over 870 were saved to the Glory of God. These dedicated people helped us count and label over 200,000 pills and put 60 gallons of liquid medicine into individual containers. A very

much needed shelter was erected for our patients to sit under in the shade while they are waiting to be seen and a wall completed to enclose the orphanage properly. Visitors planted flowers and helped us paint and clean getting ready for Enoch and Licia's wedding. They completely cleaned and reorganized our medicine room which would classify as a disaster area. Now it is perfectly organized and we can find items quickly. These people prayed with us, encouraged us and joined daily in ministering God's love to the Haitian people.

We continue to see that 90 orphans are fed daily and have a feeding program at clinic for 124 malnourished children. Our work load and responsibility continue to increase in ways we couldn't have imagined just a few months back. As we are faithful, God is faithful to grow and provide for our needs. Our work days are getting longer and our "desk time" is shrinking.

We said all of that to say this. We so desire to write to each one of you personally to thank you for your part in what we are doing here. We enjoy writing you personally and sharing details of our lives that we think you will find interesting, but right now we don't have the time. We have a little package of "thank you" notes that expresses to each of you our thoughts. It says.....

WE COULD NEVER
REPAY YOU FOR
YOUR KINDNESS. . . .

SO WE'RE ASKING GOD TO!!

That sums it all up. God knows what you did-and are doing-to help and He knows your heart. He will reward you in wonderful ways that are always precious. He knows us better than we know ourselves and He delights in blessing and fulfilling the desire of our hearts. Hallelujah! He is a good and loving Father. We thank you and we thank Him for sending you into our lives.

Whether in Creole.....MERCi ANPIL!!!!!!!!!!
or in English.....THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!!!!,
know that it comes from the bottom of our hearts.

It is not doing the thing we like to do, but liking to do the thing which we have to do, that makes life blessed.

--Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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OTHER CLINIC NEWS

from Lori

It's going to be hard to tell you all the emergency stories from the last few months, so I'll just try to give you a few highlights. A doctor from Ohio taught me how to take off cysts and minor skin growths. I've done 3 so far and have others interested. The nearest hospital (over a hour away) charges \$75-\$100, so I am happy to save the patient some money. I have not had many burns recently. Maybe the education is starting to work!!! There have been 4 or 5 minor burns - feet or hands. Last week I had 3 major burns. One was a baby burned on the chest and upper arm. The area was small, but deep. Another was an 8 year old girl who spilled hot water down her right calf. Another was a 4 year old who tipped over a pot of boiling milk. He is burned on the left side of his face and head, both arms (down to his hands), chest, and left shoulder. His face is not healing well, but hopefully it won't have a bad scar. I had another ax cut to the lower left leg. The man walked over an hour to get to us. He had much blood loss, but I got an IV started and he healed fine. Another bad blood loss case was a 20 year old guy who was working in the gardens and almost cut his little finger off. We had two tourniquets on his arm and it was still bleeding. He passed out, but after his IV was in, he was fine. It was difficult to sew him up, but he healed well. Another 14 year old boy was walking without shoes and somehow got a pair of long scissors stuck in his foot. It entered between his big & 2nd toe and exited on the outside edge of his foot just in front of his heel. Ouch!! Well, these were just a few of the cases that came through in our "Third-World ER".

If God seems far away, who moved??

Needs List

- ☑ Items for kids that we care for in our home--pumpkin seat, infant walker, children's table, car seat, swing playpen, stroller, cribs, high chair, diapers (all sizes), items for physical therapy(burn kids) and play--small trikes, Hot Wheel, bike, trampoline
- ☑ Adhesive white computer labels
- ☑ Stamps
- ☑ Baby scale
- ☑ ACE bandages
- ☑ Blood pressure cuffs and/or parts
- ☑ Eye glasses
- ☑ Soap, shampoo, cream, TP & TB
- ☑ Fetoscope-to hear babies heartbeat for prenatal check-ups
- ☑ File cabinet and hanging file folders
- ☑ Any kind of dressings-4x4's, telfa, adb pads, cling, kerlex
- ☑ Crutches, canes, walkers
- ☑ Plastic grocery sacks
- ☑ Film containers & pill bottles
- ☑ Anti-itch cream & Bacitracin
- ☑ Children's chewable vitamins
- ☑ Pain meds-tylenol, motrin, aleve
- ☑ Infant and children's clothes, shoes, socks, and underwear-birth to size 5
- ☑ peanutbutter, powdered milk, and powdered baby formula
- ☑ Canned meats
- ☑ Insect Repellent

PRAYER NEEDS

- Safety - during elections, while traveling
- Good Health - physical and mental
- Family & Ministry Unity
- Favor with authority & community
- clear Vision & Plan
- Future mission complex
- Peace, love, and joy



SUMMER HELP

April 26-May3	Church on the Rock Carroll, Ohio
May 9-Aug 5	Casey Zachary
May 3-May 11	Church on the Rock Carroll, Ohio
May 14-May 15	Dr. Doris Scott Marion, Indiana
May 29-June 6	Oral Roberts University Tulsa, Oklahoma
June 14-June 23	Pastor Brad & Joan Brizendine Anderson, Indiana
June 14-Aug 1	Carrie Schooley Anderson, Indiana
July 11-Aug 9	Briana Posey Sumner, Washington
July 22-July 30	James Avenue Baptist Church Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas
Aug ?-Sept ?	Grace Covenant Church Laurel, Mississippi



We are still in
desperate need of eye
glasses that are in
good shape.



What are
we here for?
To have a good
time with the
Christians or to
**SAVE
SINNERS?**



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