

## HEY EVERYBODY!!

Well, here we are again in Indiana. Though we all 5 hadn't planned to be in the US at the same time, I guess God had a different plan. We will explain the cause of this unexpected trip home for the girls later in the newsletter. What the devil plans for evil, God is sure to bring it around and turn it to good for HIS Glory. Dad & Mom arrived April 4th and Lori & Licia arrived April 26<sup>th</sup>. We were able to drive out to Casey's graduation at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A group that ministers & equips missionaries around the globe, International Missionary Center, has free housing for missionaries. We were able to stay in one of their houses during our 5 day stay. We were blessed to meet some of Casey's friends, a missions professor, and their families. God so marvelously placed people in his path to help him grow in Christ and be formed into the young man God is calling him to be. We were so happy to celebrate this time with him and his friends. Their hard work and dedication to seeking God and His Will has caused this class of over 700 to have such potential in their families, work place, and around the world. God is looking for willing vessels, clean hearts, and ready hands. Many of these young men & women were open to the call and prepared for the challenges awaiting them.

Oh, to have that zeal and fire for God and the readiness and eagerness to drop our desires and plans to follow Him. Lord, give us a hungry heart and a burning desire to passionately seek Your face under any circumstance. May our total focus be wholly on knowing You and making You known to the world around us. We pray that you awake within us a yearning for that completeness only You can fulfill. And may we search You out in true humility, not before men to please their eyes, but before You alone and from the very depth of our inner core and being.

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**Investigate my life, O God,  
 Find out everything about me;  
 Cross-examine and test me,  
 Get a clear picture of what I'm  
 about;  
 See for yourself whether I've  
 done anything wrong,  
 Then guide me on the road to  
 eternal life. Psalm 139:23-24**



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## Haiti Update

It's those unexpected twists and turns in life that make it so interesting. We may not see all the bends in the road of life, but God sure does. He sees and knows and allows these unforeseen circumstances to occur. Sometimes His purposes are revealed. Sometimes they are not. But our faith cannot waver and our trust cannot be shaken. No matter how God chooses to work, we must believe that He is doing just that – working. Working to establish His plans and purposes to be fulfilled.

It is with this in mind that we want to let you know about some recent developments that have come to pass in Haiti. Dad & mom planned to come to the states in early April for Casey's graduation, speaking in churches, and gathering supplies. Enoch, Licia, & Lori stayed in Haiti to continue the clinic and mission work. About a week after dad & mom left, we started having some trouble. Some of you might have heard the details already, so I'm not going to tell it all again. To make a long story short, dad & mom's house was robbed at gunpoint by 15 armed men. Everyone was up at Licia's



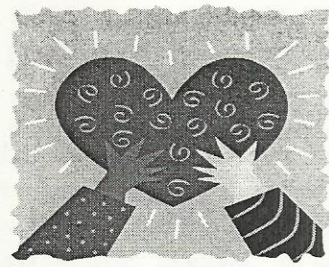
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SHARING & SHOWING  
 THE LOVE OF GOD

Isaiah 58 : 6 & 7 ~ The kind of fast I want  
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 share your food with the hungry and  
 bring right into your homes those who  
 are helpless, poor, and destitute. Clothe  
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house, but Enoch & Wilkens (Enoch's brother) went down to check on things after seeing 3 trucks. As soon as the robbers saw Enoch & Wilkens, they made them lay on the ground at gunpoint. The men had already climbed over the wall and started beating the door in with a sledgehammer. They made Enoch unlock the house and were taken inside and moved from place to place as the robbers stole anything that might be sold on the black market. Enoch & Wilkens were then locked in a bathroom while the 15 men escaped with many items. They had no just cause to enter, only to rob and harass. Enoch & Wilkens broke out of the bathroom and came back to Licia's house. We went (with the 6 kids we were caring for) to another missionary's house where they graciously let us spend the night. We were followed by different people at different times throughout the next weeks. We thought it was best to leave the country for a few months so all would be safe. There are dangers in any country, even the USA. Haiti is no different. Not all the people are bad and corrupt. We are called to serve in Haiti and we will not let this circumstance keep us from answering God's call in our lives. This is just one bump on our road. And for those of you that have visited Haiti, you know that the bumps are many. God never promised our journey to be perfect. Without these struggles, we would never grow, never step outside our comfort zone, and never strive for the high calling of sharing His Love with the world. We only ask Him to give us the strength to endure, the patience to wait, and the wisdom to continue. We don't want to be one step out of God's Will. Please continue to pray for our family, the safety of Enoch & Wilkens, the Haitian police and government officials. Please pray. God will hear the cry of our hearts.



*People may excite in themselves a glow of compassion, not by toasting their feet at the fire, and saying "Lord, teach me compassion," but by going and seeking an object that requires compassion.*

~Henry Ward Beecher

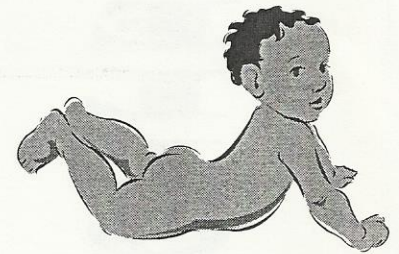
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### Current Activities

So what are we doing while we are all here in the states??? Getting ready to go back!!! We are trying to better prepare ourselves spiritually, physically, and financially to be a stronger family and ministry. We are speaking at churches and other groups informing them about Haiti and our work there. We are constantly collecting supplies and donations – packing and labeling them as we receive them. We are exploring new resources for needed medical supplies for the clinic. We are looking up information about tropical diseases and malnutrition. We are trying to establish new contacts for help with bringing children to the US for surgery. We are visiting friends and family. We are sorting, counting, and labeling medicine. We are seeking out simple education materials for clinic and schools. We are raising funds for shipping, property fund, building the mission complex, and more. We are going to try to set up a web page. We are going to be

organizing work teams to come to Haiti to start building. So, you see, even when we aren't in Haiti, there is still PLENTY to do. We plan to be busy all summer, but if you would like us to come and speak to your group or church, just let us know. We are always open for sharing the work in Haiti. If you are thinking about doing a special Haiti project or have any further questions, just call us.

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### Our Latest Kids

Because of our unexpected circumstances and trip back to the states, we are unable to keep any malnourished children since we are away. Carmelo is staying with friends in the Cazale area. I will tell you about the 6 kids we were taking care of during those last few weeks in Haiti.

Ernith – We called her "Ninit". She came to us in November. Her mother left her and her dad when she was young. Her father must work in the fields and left his mother to care for her. She was very neglected. At 18 months, she weighed only 12 pounds!! In January, she was ready to go home. We and the family planned for an aunt to be her full-time caregiver. After only a few weeks, she got tired of taking care of her. She handed Ninit back over to the grandmother and she was neglected once again. The father asked us to take her again for awhile. We took her again the end of January until a week before we left Haiti. She was doing well with a healthy appetite. She is suppose to live



with her father now. Please pray that the family will step up to the responsibility of caring for this child.

Carmelo - He is doing well and is as silly as ever. About a week before we left, he lost his first tooth. He has another one loose, but says that he is waiting on mommy to pull it. He isn't in school now. Licia plans on home schooling him next year. They were planning to adopt him, but funds have been lacking. The paperwork isn't completed so he is unable to come to the states. Please pray that he has peace and protection while his mommy and poppy are away.

Joine (Jojo) - This child's mother died in November. The father was with another woman when the mother died. He took Jojo to care for, but her stepmom already had 5 kids and was pregnant. Her stepmom had been taking care of her for 4 months, when she finally decided that it was too much work. She brought Jojo to the clinic to abandon or sell her. She didn't know her age or even her name!! We assume she is around 3 ½ to 4 years old. When we took her in February, she weighed 16 ¾ pounds. She had some swelling with kwash. We tube fed her for over a week. There was much improvement in her activity and responses. But from the very first day she had daily temperatures of 103 to 104. We treated her for malaria, typhoid, pneumonia, diarrhea, iron deficiency, and more. We did tests for HIV, sickle cell, malaria, typhoid, Tuberculosis, etc. All were negative. Her illness stumped all of the doctors and nurses we talked to. We did our best, but about 2 weeks before we left she started going downhill fast. She could hardly even sit up and barely ate. When we had to call for her family to come and get her because of all the

situations we were going through, we recommended that they go into the children's hospital. We gave them a referral letter and money to go. But the last we heard they had not went into town and had no plans to do so. Please pray God's will in this little one's life.

Makedna - This **16 month old** weighed **9 pounds 15 oz!!!** !! She is a real cutie - all smiles from day one. Her mom is 18 years old and this is her second child. Her first one died from malnutrition. Makedna was neglected to the point that she couldn't even sit up. She would always play with her feet and hands and was bald on the back of her head - all signs of neglect. Her mother would leave her with family so that she could go run around with her friends. We were upset with the mother and family, but for the sake of the child we decided to take her. She gained 3 pounds in the first week! Licia was doing marvelous work with this precious little one. We were heartbroken when the robbery occurred and we could no longer care for her. We felt that we could not give her back to the family when she wasn't completely well. We arranged for another missionary nurse to care for her until she recovers. We can't wait to see her healthy and maybe even walking. Please pray that her family will care for her properly when she goes home.

Daniela - This is a 23 month old girl who weighed 15 pounds. She was very swollen with Kwashiorkor (protein deficiency). We fed her high protein foods and the swelling started to go down within days. She didn't want to eat so we had to tube feed her. She started getting diarrhea & became dehydrated. We started an IV solution and ran it for about a day until the diarrhea stopped. She was

getting better, but we were forced to give her back to her mother when we came back to the states. This is her mother's fifth child out of six total. The first four died of starvation and diarrhea. The last news we heard about her was that she was getting ready to die. Please pray that the Lord cares for this precious one.

Witnel - This 23 month old boy weighed 25 pounds, but was swollen with water from kidney failure due to lack of protein in his diet. His skin was peeling off and he couldn't walk and could barely sit up. His mouth was covered with thrush and he had pneumonia. Every time we forced him to eat, his mouth would bleed. We put a nasogastric (NG) tube down and gave him protein-rich milk for almost a week. The swelling was starting to go down and he was taking a few steps. But we had to send him back to his house with a case of milk and medicine. His mother and father can care for him. He was on his way towards recovery, but still had a long way to go. Please pray that his family properly cares for him.



What men want is not  
talent,  
it is purpose;  
In other words, not the  
power to achieve, but the  
will to labor.

-Bulwer Lytton





If you have another creative fundraising idea, we encourage you or your church group to get involved. The same weekend, a church is having a hog roast and donating all proceeds to Haiti. Maybe you could do a huge rummage sale, auction, BarBQ, or some other special project. Get excited about missions and helping those in Haiti.

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OF THE WILL OF  
GOD LEAVES ME  
NO TIME FOR  
DISPUTING ABOUT  
HIS PLANS.

~GEORGE MACDONALD

**Do you have any odd jobs that you were hoping to get done this summer, but need a little extra help? Lori, Licia, and Casey are looking for any type of odd jobs to make some extra money. If you need help with housecleaning, spring cleaning, yard work, child care, or anything, please let us know. We will be in Indiana until the end of August. Please call 765-623-6370 or 765-643-2688 – ask for Licia.**

We are still looking for supplies to ship back to Haiti in the fall. We need baby & small child items such as playpens, high chairs, walkers, clothing, socks, etc, etc. Peanutbutter and powdered milk can always be used. We could always use medicine of any kind. Contact us for more info.

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