

Hello from Haiti

June 2002

BONJOUR! We hope and pray each of you are doing well. We are so thankful for this time of the year. In the states, things are starting to warm up and summer is on the way. (But then you never know in Indiana!) Here in Haiti, the rain started to fall in April and the gardens are beginning to sprout up. We are grateful for this for many reasons.

Hopefully, it will mean a decrease in our cases of malnourished children. In the past months, without rain, the percentages of severe malnutrition have been steadily increasing.

All the children who are malnourished are sent home with milk, peanut butter or other supplements. Much of this was given last summer by churches and individuals and sent to Haiti on a container.

| Month | # Malnourished | % Patients Treated |
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| January | 340 | 55% |
| February | 302 | 59% |
| March | 319 | 61% |
| April | 293 | 59% |

With the increase in malnutrition comes increases in other sickness too. The lack of rain has widespread damage on many aspects of living in Haiti. The last few months have shown record cases of typhoid and malnutrition. The rain is good for the gardens, but it can be difficult for some in the poorer sections of the city. Drainage ditches are full of trash and sewage so the water just sits. This causes an awful smell and increases the mosquitoes and malaria. This spring there has been protesting everyday against the government. Please continue to pray for the Haitians and for God to touch their souls.

Good News Zach seems to be progressing well in his recovery. He is still in Indiana with Gretchen and will probably remain there for several months gaining strength. We encourage you to continue to remember them both in your prayers.

More Good News Casey Zachary and Briana Posey are getting married on July 27th in Tacoma, Washington. After their marriage, they will reside in the Seattle-Tacoma area. Casey's current address is: 16715 31st ST. E., Sumner, WA 98390. We'll pass along their new address as soon as its known.

Our Next Battle Over the last several years we have told you story after story of how malnutrition destroys and devastates the human body. We are beginning to make progress and many people are starting to give their children the proper nutrition. Though this battle is far from over, our next battle is already becoming clear—AIDS. We have known the horrible affects of this disease on the population in the larger cities, but now it is moving into the rural mountainside. Whether it is a 40 year old mother of six, a newborn baby and his mother, or a 20 year old pregnant woman, the end will be death for each of our HIV+ patients. We have found a clinic that administers AIDS tests for free and the clinic also gives counseling. Many of the patients are still in denial and have not changed their lifestyle. This is sure to bring death to many more to come.

In Haiti, if the person is not sickly and wasted away, they do not think that they can have AIDS or spread it to other people (including the health professionals). We will always lose in the individual battles against AIDS, but our fight will come in prevention and education. Pray for us—open ears and understanding minds for our patients and strength and patience for us. Collect information and educational items like posters and pamphlets. It will not be easy. It will take many years to convince people to believe us and we will never convince everyone. Please join us in this next battle

Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of the thousands you meet,
and it will become an indelible masterpiece none can ever forget.

Thomas Chalmers 1820

Our Kids

At any given time there are a number of children who are ill and in critical need of care. There is often no other place to take them so we care for them.

We presently have five children staying with us. Even though we are trying to move to the clinic, it is difficult to turn away any child in need.

We already have 8-10 kids on a waiting list for the Rescue Center

PHILOMENE is a six year girl who was burned in January when her clothes caught fire. She is slowly healing and should be ready to go home in a month or so.

LOUIMENE came to us on April 16th. At the time she was so dehydrated, infected and weak that she wasn't able to walk.

Only 6 years old, she had been burned when her clothes caught on fire. After we administered IV fluids and daily antibiotic shots and dressing changes, she is beginning to heal well. Her burns cover her left arm, armpit, chest, stomach, hip and bottom.

She is recovering and running around with Philomene. They make great playmates.

*The fruit of the spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience
kindness, generosity,
faithfulness,
gentleness and
self control.
Galatians 5: 22*

NOUE is a 3 year old boy who came to us April 4th weighing just 13 pounds. The normal weight range for a 3 year old is 30 to 38 pounds.

He was severely dehydrated from prolonged diarrhea. We tried to start an IV, but couldn't because he was so far gone. His mother refused to go into town with him to seek other treatment, so she took him home to die.

We gave her medicine to stop his diarrhea and an oral rehydration drink. We hoped he would live, but knew his chances were slim. He came back a few

weeks later swollen with kwash. The diarrhea had stopped, but his kidneys were already failing. After a few days with us, eating a high protein diet, the fluids started coming off and his appetite increased. He is now up to 20 pounds and doing great.

MIRELLE is a 22 month old girl who first came to us in November with Kwashiorkor. She was so swollen that all of her skin peeled off. We got her better and sent her home, but after a month she was losing weight and started to swell up with kwash again. We took her back and plan to keep her for several more months. Her mother lives close and comes to visit her often. She loves her, but just doesn't have the money to buy food.

KEMBERLIE is a 13 month old girl that came to use swollen with kwash. We increased her nutrition, she is doing great now and will probably go home to her family in a month or so.

Interested in Adopting a Haitian Child?

There is a great need for permanent, loving homes for orphaned and abandoned children. *God's Littlest Angels* is a nursery caring for 25-35 babies and toddlers at any given time. Many are up for adoption. If you are interested, please contact the nursery.

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The Rescue Center

Question: Why do you need a rescue center?

Answer: Recently we had a 10 month old girl named Mura come to this clinic. She weighed 7 pounds. Her mother had carried her almost 6 hours in order to find help and hope for her child.

She had diarrhea for two months and looked like a skeleton. She barely had the strength to cry as I poked her head searching for a vein in which to administer the life saving IV fluids that she so desperately needed

I put a tube through her nose in order to give her the medicine to stop the diarrhea because she was too weak to even swallow. We talked to the mother and she reluctantly agreed for us to take her to another missionary nurse, Dixie Bickel, who specializes in a Rescue Nursery for ages birth to 2 years.

The mother was unsure of us and did not trust us to care for her child. Her husband didn't even want her to bring the child to white people in the first place. The mother didn't want us to take the little girl into town.

Through much coaxing and talking she reluctantly agreed. Mura died after 12 days after coming to the clinic. After telling her mother that she had died, the mother had no reaction.

Then, going out of the clinic gate, faced with the fear of explaining this reality to her husband, she collapsed and thrashed around on the ground. She broke her head open while rolling on the ground.

After we sutured her injury, she tried to leave several times, but ended up staying the whole day.

She could hardly handle the thought of her husband's punishment for trusting the Americans.

The mother had no body to show her husband because we had to bury the child the day after she died.

In his mind, the father believed we took his baby and killed it or sold it for parts. This is just one example why it is so important to start up the Rescue Center in Cazale. The Rescue Center will allow us to give care and show concern every day. We can strengthen the trust and improve the care.

Many people that come down from the mountains have never been to a city, nor would they trust the doctors and hospital there.

This distrust causes the families to avoid seeking care and so children die every day.

Some parents would rather believe in the village witch doctors or their grandmother's herbal potions.

Question: Besides young children who else could you help?

Answer: We need the rescue center to house abused women and children. Last week a lady walked five hours over mountains after having a miscarriage. She told her husband she had an appointment with us and she would be back following the appointment.

In reality, she was never going to return. After getting care at the clinic she was heading to the city to start a new life. Her husband beat her and abused her. This is common for women in the rural areas. There is no escape for these women and their children. In fact, this woman had to leave behind four children in order to save her life. Will the husband turn on the children next?

We also have adult patients in need of in-patient hospital care. Patients with AIDS, stroke, Typhoid, burns, head injuries, and more, are sent home with medicine. These patients would have a better chance for recovery with supervised care, which we could give them at the rescue center.

Question. Why do you want to run a rescue center?

Answer: We have been working in the rural zone of Cazale since March 1998. The people are starting to trust us, our medicine and our ways. It is very important for us to continue moving forward and take this next step of service.

The Rescue Center is a dream that God placed in each of our hearts. The need for this type of a facility is great. We have already saved over 200 children from malnutrition, kwashiorkor, and burns. This has all been done in our home with no full time workers — just us. We have used our personal funds for food, medicine, water, etc., We want to expand this ministry so that at any time we can care for 15-20 children and 3-5 adults.

Question: What will you need to start?

Answer: We have already rented a two story house right next door to the clinic. We will live in the upper level and have the kids on the ground level. We will have to hire round-the-clock caregivers, two cooks and a lady to wash the clothes. The food, water, and housing costs will increase with this expansion of care. We never charge money for taking care of a child.

GREAT AND
MIGHTY IS THE
LORD OUR GOD!

Mirana's Miracle

UPDATE

You may remember that Mirana traveled to the United States for much needed surgery in March. Her surgery and recovery was fantastic, without complications.

Though Mirana is biologically female, she is unable to have children. While she was in the states Mirana was examined by doctors who found several health needs.

Doctors found a minor heart murmur, and diagnosed Mirana with Turner's Syndrome. It was also discovered that she has only one kidney.

She was able to rest and strengthen herself before returning to Haiti on April 26th.

Upon her return she stayed with us for a couple weeks in order to make her readjustment to Haiti smooth.

Mirana has received visits from her parents and also Dr. Tim and Debbie Alford, the family that arranged the much needed surgery and provided housing, food, care and love to this precious little girl.

Mirana has returned to her natural family, but she will never forget her loving extended family in the United States. Thank you to everyone who made her surgery possible and her visit to the states unforgettable.

New Friends

We are excited to tell you about a couple that have been in Haiti for a little over a year, Dave and Jackie Copus. They have spent time in language school and are beginning to expand into different ministries.

One area that they are working in is malnourished children. They have a heart for older malnourished kids and have started a home in Port-au-Prince to help care for and love the children of Haiti.

They have beds for 20 kids and they have 13 children at present. All of these children have come from our rural area in Cazale. We are happy to work with them and ask you to pray for them.

Ministering to the most neglected and needy children in the poorest country in our hemisphere can be discouraging and frustrating at times. But those of us who are called find strength and patience in the One who called us to care for His precious little children.

Recently Dave had to go to the states for emergency IV antibiotics to treat a severe case of cellulitis on one of his feet. Please pray for his health and recovery.

Psalm 32:6-7

Therefore let everyone who is Godly pray to you while you may be found: surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Contact Info

To send a letter or to be put on the mailing list:

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☐ Yes, I'll pledge to faithfully pray for the work in Haiti the Zachary and Betor Families.

☐ Yes, I'd like to give \$ _____ to support:

_____ Clinic & Medical Needs

_____ Pastors & Churches

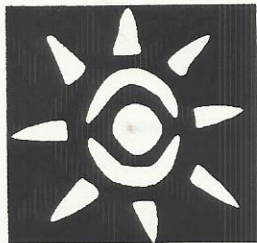
_____ Feeding Program

_____ Davis & Gretchen Zachary

_____ Enoch & Licia Betor

_____ Lori Zachary

The Clinic Rescue Center and Mission Needs



The needs are simple but your help can be great.



Nutrition Needs

Peanut butter
Powdered Milk
Powdered Infant Formula
Chewable vitamins

Recycle These In Haiti

Pill bottles
Plastic grocery sacks
Film Containers

Medical Supplies

Alcohol
Peroxide
Triple antibiotic ointment
Anti-itch cream
Icy Hot (muscle soother, available @
Dollar General Store for \$1.50 per jar)
Ace Bandages (all sizes, new & used)
Silvadene Cream
Anti-acid and ulcer medicine
Asthma inhaler (Proventil,
Albuterol)
Antibiotic pills and
suspensions
Anti-fungal Creams

Furniture For The Children

High Chairs
Child-size furniture

- Youth beds
- Dressers
- Table and chairs
- Double-decker cribs
- Plastic drawers and organizers-preferably with wheels

To Improve the Life of Kids and Adults

Tooth brushes and Toothpaste
Sippy cups
Plastic kids dishes
Baby bottles
Children's clothes, shoes, socks, underwear Size 0-10 Years
Maternity Clothes—no shorts or slacks
Batteries-Size AA/C/D
Combs and Hand mirrors
Hair barrettes and hair accessories —for children and adults
Small sewing kits
Baseball-type caps
Matchbox cars
Dolls
Sturdy toys for infants and toddlers (Fisher-Price type)

School Supplies

pens
pencils
paper
scissors
glue
notebooks

An important event for your church

PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY

- Who:** Your church, Bible school class, community service group, friends and family
- What:** Important Donation to The Rescue Center of Cazale Haiti
- When:** Stage a donation drive for one Sunday and collect jars of peanut butter.
- How:** Encourage every member of your church to bring in a jar of peanut butter as a donation to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Cazale Haiti
- Why:** Peanut Butter is an inexpensive but powerful source of recovery for kids and adults suffering with malnutrition.

Malnutrition is often fatal and every month children in Haiti are dying because they are not receiving the proper nutrition.

A teaspoon of peanut butter every few hours for a number of days will bring a child out of malnutrition and make that child strong so it can physically overcome sickness and death.

- Call:** Davis and Gretchen Zachary to notify them of your donation, phone 317-903-9689. All donations received by October 1 can be sent on a boat container to Haiti.

The need is simple but your help can be great.
Praise God by helping his children grow strong.