



NEW BROTHERS AMONG THE MAASAI MARA OF KENYA (PG. 7)

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Happenings in Haiti Post-Quake

It has been a long 23 months in Haiti post-earthquake. We are asked all the time how things are going and if the country is seeing progress. It's a difficult question to answer as it is yes and no. There are projects being accomplished and new buildings being put up, but as anyone who has been through a disaster knows, people take time to heal and many of the people of Haiti exhibit signs of post-traumatic stress. However, we don't have the option of slowing down, but as everyone else in Haiti is, we go on, one day at a time. Taking advantage of every opportunity that is presented to help others and share that yes, there is a God, and He cares for them.

Completed Projects

In the neighborhoods heavily damaged by the quake, one great need Caleb and other leaders identified together was to rebuild schools as quickly as possible. While personal homes might take longer for many reasons, providing the structure for schools would immediately impact a high number of students, providing them classrooms and the structure of attending classes. To date, Hosean has finished constructing seven schools impacting over 1500 students in the community of Croix des Bouquets associated

with a variety of area churches so they can effect across the entire community. Another school is to begin in coming months thanks to some Canadian donors. We look forward to its completion.

Now almost two years following Haiti's 2010 earthquake, life and work are moving into a new reality for all of us. The shock of initial loss has passed but we are looking towards many years of helping to rebuild a nation and its people ravaged by need.



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What God's done this year . . .

We wanted to give you a quick update of what God has done in and through HIM this year...

- College de la Grace currently has 1,100 students enrolled in Pre-K through 13th grades.
- 100% of our graduating seniors passed the national exams in May!
- Camp de la Grace (Retreat Center) hosted 2 women's conferences, 2 children's camp outreaches and 1 week of youth camp and pastor's training during the summer of 2011 (Total: 4,000 attendees)
- Disaster Relief Warehouse being built has finished first phase with foundation completed.
- Second story of family/couple's dormitory at the Camp is nearing completion.
- New computer lab facility completed, members of First Baptist Church of Pekin, IL are completing the desks at the end of



December 2011.

- Caleb's new office space completed at the school campus.
- Total of 12 kids now living in ministry's foster home.

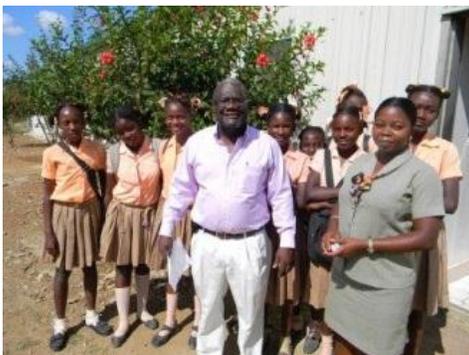
Thank you for all of your prayer and financial support. God is doing amazing things in Haiti thru your faithfulness. Please continue to pray for us this upcoming year.

WANT TO HELP?

We are always looking for volunteers; to see our latest projects list and available dates, please call our stateside office (501-352-7700) or e-mail: mail@hosean.org

Why We Go On . . .

By Caleb Lucien



Caleb with students and staff at College de la Grace in Pignon, Haiti

It has been quite a year, full of challenges and blessings. Sometimes we wanted to give up, but we kept our eyes on the cross and remembered all the good things that God has done for us and we keep moving ahead. Sometimes we also tried to remind ourselves why we are doing what we do, and we can't help but remember some of the exciting stories of lives that have been impacted. When things have gotten hard, these are some of the reasons I continue. I want to share some of these with you.

First, I think of 16 year old Johnny who went out one morning in early 2010 to help his family. He'd been sent to his father's farm to get some coconuts for his Mom who makes small coconut candies to sell in their neighborhood. As he climbed the enormous tree on his errand, he suddenly slipped and fell. Friends rushed him to the local hospital but they could do nothing to help his resulting paralysis. Paralyzed from the chest down, he was sent home to manage as he could. For 6 months, he was immobile in bed and developed bedsores.

Then in September 2010, his family heard of the nearby physical therapy clinic Hosean had opened up with the help of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee, FL and Rotarian friends. Johnny's family brought him in. For a month, all our staff could do was to clean the bedsores and help them heal. Finally, after 4 months of working with Johnny, he regained a lot of strength. Johnny learned to use a donated wheelchair and even to shoot baskets with his friends. Life is beginning to have some enjoyment again as he and his family learns how to live with his disability. Johnny and many others have been blessed by the opening of the physical therapy clinic.

I remember Ti Claude who was living 2 hours away and trying to walk to school every day to become the first person in his family to attend high school. Seeing the effort he was making, we offered him a place in our foster home so he wouldn't have to make that trip daily. The next year, he was joined by Danyo, his younger brother. They lived with our family for over 10 years. Not only did they finish high school, but went on to university. Claude now works for our local church overseeing their micro-loan program.



Johnny visiting Camp de la Grace with a family member

I think of Geral who came to our school as a 7th grader. He was very bright and was given the academic scholarship we give to the top students of each grade. He won the scholarship throughout high school and once he graduated we offered him a scholarship for university. He completed degrees in business and education. Now Geral has returned to our community and is the principal of our elementary school.

I remember Renel, the son of a witch doctor who came to trust Christ while attending our school. After graduating from high school we sent him to university on scholarship. Now Renel is the computer technician and programmer at College de la Grace, our ministry school.

Like everyone who visits Haiti, sometimes the needs seem insurmountable and never ending to me. When I feel that way, I remember the difference God made for me and the differences He is allowing all of us to make in the lives around us.

At right, Renel Bopaille, CDG's computer guru



Meet Geral Joseph, elementary school principal at College de la Grace



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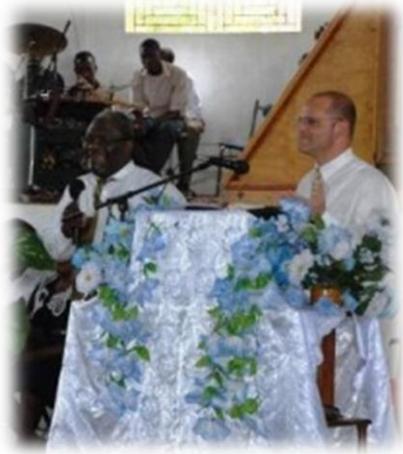
MN Lutherans hard at work!

Members of Lutheran church of Moorhead began the foundation for the disaster supply warehouse in January 2011. Important first steps!



First Baptist of Pekin, IL team

A committed group of men also joined us early in the year to assist with construction.



Translating for Special Guests

Caleb had the joy of having one of former classmates, Joe Talone, visit from Mahwah, New Jersey. It was great to share all the progress of past decades with Joe and his team from Fardale Trinity Church.



While projects are important, it's really the personal touch that makes all of our outreaches a success. Here, a visitor from Irving Bible Church, Irving, TX takes time to love one some kids at the camp.

Outreaches 2011 and beyond

We had many welcome visitors this year that came to encourage and work alongside us in the various projects Caleb had scheduled.

Construction

Team efforts this past year were either helping us finish the family dorms at the camp or placing the foundation for the enormous disaster relief supply warehouse. Both are key projects that will help us be in the best possible position to help others in the future. The second floor of rooms at the camp are now ready to house 150 more people at the retreat center. The foundation of the disaster warehouse is complete and we are hoping to start the next phase with the help of teams this coming year.

Retreats/Camps

We had over 4,000 attendees at the various retreats and scheduled camps this past year. While we weren't able to have all of the camps we wanted (the demand was there), we were able to have a series of outreaches to all facets of the surrounding communities including children and women. The lady's conference was a highlight as always. (see image below)

Caleb continues to believe that revival will come through the prayers and work of these committed women. We were especially grateful for the continued willingness of women from St. Mark's Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR who came and taught at the women's conference this past summer. Pictured below is translator, 16 year old Charissa Lucien with members of that team.



The children's and youth camps were also a success in reaching out to area kids with Bible teaching, food, games and activities. We are hoping for some teams that would be willing to come and help us fund and lead more children's camps in 2012. Young people continue to beg us to have more for them but we need a few good groups to help.



Would you and your church or group like to come and help? If so, we are already praying for you....please heed the call and get in touch and we'll tell you what dates and projects are still open to volunteers.

Call Anna at: 501-352-7700

Volunteers make the greatest impact

We said on the previous page what a great help volunteers are to us. We've had the pleasure of having several return visitors this past year and several long term (over 1 month) workers as well.

This past summer, Chicagoan, Lacy Fletcher joined us again to use her expertise at teaching English as a foreign language to bless many campers and students.



KaRon Branch of Little Rock, AR arrived in the fall of 2011 to begin teaching English to the students at our school campus. She has been hard at work this fall semester and is now on a break in the U.S. We are very grateful for her to come and share her years of teaching experience with our staff and students at College de la Grace.



A second volunteer was Carmen Labao from Brazil. (Image to right) We were thrilled when Carmen agreed to come and spend the summer with us to utilize her great skills in teaching and communicating the gospel creatively. We are really excited as Carmen hopes to come for a two year commitment to continue the impact she had this past summer! Please be praying that she can raise the needed support to meet her arrival agenda of the summer of 2012.



Testimonial from previous volunteer

By Priscilla Shirer, Bible Teacher & Author

One of the most seminal and impactful opportunities of my life was traveling to Haiti to assist in the efforts of Hosean International Ministry. Their team of passionate members worked tirelessly to impact the people of Haiti and their stirring compassion made an impression on me that I will never forget. In the years since my visit, I have remained in awe of their faithfulness to God's call on their lives, devotion to Haiti and their love for the people there. Not only have many thousands of Haitian people been influenced by God's work through them but I, an American teenager with much to learn, was transformed in a way I never anticipated. My personal spiritual growth and public teaching ministry has been shaped in part by this great ministry and their mission.

Please be praying for our present and future volunteers that they would find the support, both financial and spiritual that they need to come and work along with our 150 plus member staff here in Haiti!

Your prayers and giving make a difference!

School started again...with generous gifts

This fall semester it was with excitement that we were able to hand out the generous school supplies donated by Great Hills Baptist Church in Austin, TX. When so many families in our area are struggling to survive it makes a huge difference to students and teachers when the kids have what they need. Please see the pictures and rejoice with us for the Lord's goodness to our students!

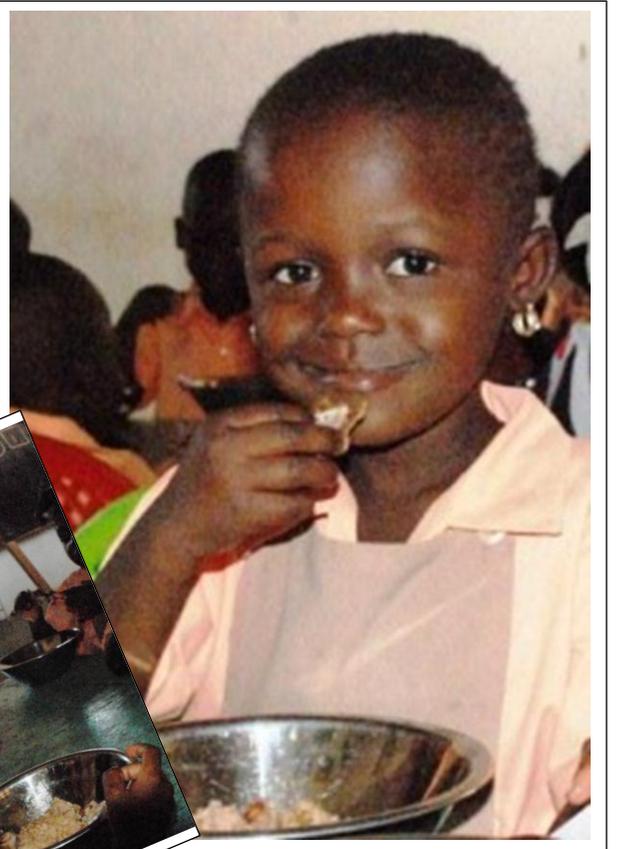


School Lunch Program Appreciated but needs support!

On another note, please be praying that we can continue to provide lunches for all of our students. This very popular and much needed outreach continues to be a challenge to maintain due to the expense. We currently spend \$6,000 each month to feed our students but it is a month by month step of faith to see what donations come in to continue. Thanks for praying!

**\$300 can feed 1,100 kids
at our school for a day.**

**Please consider
donating!**



National Director travels to Africa

Caleb Lucien, HIM's long time national director was given the opportunity by a donor to take part in a three week trip to Africa. As this has long been a dream of his, he jumped at it whole heartedly as he does all things. Traveling to Uganda and Kenya, Caleb was astounded by the need but also by the response of people to the messages he was able to preach (through two translators). He even found a namesake in Jinja, Uganda (see photo at right) He chuckled that everyone thought he was West African (from where most Haitians are descended) and bought a cow in Kenya to leave as an investment which means, you guessed it, he plans on returning as possible. Anyone who wants to go on a "Safari with a Purpose" please contact him for planning. When asked, "Why Africa?" Caleb's response was: " God said Go!"



Special thanks to churches/groups that not only gave but came as well via HIM in 2011

Faith Lutheran Church of Moorhead, MN

First Baptist Church of Pekin, IL

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship of Dallas, TX

Fellowship Bible Church of Little Rock, AR

First Evangelical Church of Memphis, TN

Fardale Trinity Church of Mahwah, NJ

Irving Bible Church of Irving, TX



Most Importantly...Prayer Requests

We meant it when we said our most important need was for prayer warriors and we are asking God for 1,000 people who will bring the ministry's needs before Him.

Current needs:

1. Financial support for the school ministry (\$15,000 needed each month for staff salaries)
2. New replacement vehicles for ministry which were so heavily used in relief work.
3. Health & Safety for staff

4. Provision for teams and volunteers who want to come for 2012 outreaches.
5. Spiritual revival and growth among our students and staff

Thank you for your prayers and support! We could not be working without your prayers!



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