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God is at Work!!!

Well, truly God is at work in Haiti and He never ceases to amaze. Since I wrote last quarter, the Mission House is on its way to being completed. The foundation was laid, up went the walls, roof, ceiling, tile floors were laid, and much of the electrical work completed thanks to construction teams. As I write this article, many other things are being done; painting, plumbing, lighting, and the AC projects are scheduled to be finished by mid-year. So far, we have teams from Texas, Virginia, Tennessee, South Dakota, North Carolina, Arkansas and West Virginia scheduled to go, serve and work over the next several months. We are still raising funds as solar, water and electrical infrastructure will need to be completed. In addition to the Mission House, God has provided a van which is being shipped to Haiti.

Even more important than the Mission House are the people of Haiti that are being saved, disciplined and cared for. Danny Ponder and John Spore from Mountain Home will be leading a medical team to Haiti, which will touch the lives of several hundred Haitians. Pastor Ben continues to reach the lost through the HRCH Church. He is able to preach from God's Word and expound upon His Goodness. There are several additional weddings planned. Matt and Cara continue to promote God's covenants of Salvation through faith, baptism and biblical marriage. Please pray about being a sponsor for biblical marriage, which is \$50 per couple for the legal paperwork. Truly Christ has called us to awaken the souls of Haitians through Praise and Worship. *"If I am lifted up, I will draw all men to myself"*.

All of this is only possible through the sacrifice of every person giving their time and finances to see the Kingdom of God increased. Many of our supporters may never set foot in Haiti, but they faithfully continue to pray and sacrifice. God calls each and every one of us to be faithful with all that he has given us. "Thank You" a million times over for the support, prayers and financial sacrifice. May God open up the windows of heaven and pour out His Blessings upon you and your family!!!

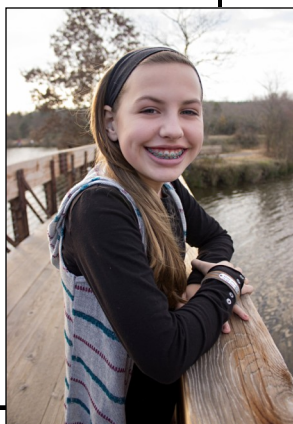
Remember, God is at work in you: *"To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"*, Ephesians 3:20.

Robert Hill
HRCH President

MK Corner...A New Challenge

As many of you know, Kaylea was diagnosed with type 1 Diabetes last December while stateside. There are many challenges to living the life of an MK, but this new challenge for Kaylea is just that; a challenge. Of course, this deals directly with her health, so that makes it somewhat different. Kaylea is a trooper though, and is handling things well. She tests a minimum of 7 times a day and takes insulin shots a minimum of 4 times a day. "The hardest thing to get used to is that there aren't as many snacks available in Haiti that I can have and it's not always easy to find diet drinks" Kaylea says. All in all, things are going well for her.

The Smithson's would like to send a special "Thank You" to Mountain Home Christian Pharmacy for donating a year's supply of Kaylea's insulin and supplies. What a blessing this has been! God is good!



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Stirring It Up...Lessons Learned From A Home-School Science Class

"As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so the Lord led him."
Deuteronomy 32:11

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend two weeks in Haiti helping Cara out while her foot was healing from her unfortunate injury. While there, Kaylea and I were "roomies" and I got the chance to listen in and watch her Home School Lessons. For the entire length of my stay (TWO WHOLE WEEKS) Kaylea's science lessons were all about birds!!!! Who knew there was so much to learn about birds?

For instance, did you know that when it's time for baby eagles to learn how to fly the mother eagle takes away all the padding in the nest to expose the thorns and allows the baby eagle to rub against this to make the young eagle uncomfortable so they will be motivated to fly? Without this discomfort, they would probably stay there forever waiting on their mother to feed them and never learning the majestic power of flying. So, therefore, the eagle must stir up her nest.

And then it dawned on me...So it is with us as children of God. There is a danger of becoming too comfortable, stagnant, and never fully realizing our potential because our nest is too comfortable. The thoughts of being away from home for two weeks honestly brought on feelings of apprehension and uncertainty. But, I quickly realized God was stirring up my nest. He thankfully taught me these valuable lessons while in Haiti:

- God will hover over us. While we are learning how to make it outside of our comfort zone, God is not going to leave us. He is always close by while we are gaining confidence in learning to fly.
- He will spread His wings over us to provide an updraft. Once we get the courage to take off, God will provide the inspiration and uplift to keep us going.
- When we are tired, He will carry us. The mother eagle's wings are so strong and expansive that they can carry their young if they have to. Every now and then in life when we get tired and it seems like we are not getting anywhere, God will come in and carry us until we get our strength back. The bible tells us that when we wait upon the Lord, we will renew our strength, we will mount up with wings like eagles, we will run and not get weary, and we will walk and not faint.

Dear God, I thank you for stirring up my nest and getting me up and out of there! I never would have left had it not been for You and Your gentle nudging. Now I ask that you please uplift me and give me courage so that I may fly higher. Amen

Allison Davis,
HRCH Director



T-Shirt Contest Winner Announced

Denisa Marian Duriskovci from Rimavska' Sobota was our 2014 T-Shirt contest winner. The new design is available for purchase at our HRCH website and comes in children and adult sizes. They are also available at the HRCH booth at FBC Lavaca. The cost is \$20. Great job, Denisa! Thanks to all of you who participated.



Hope Pod...We need your help!

Building Hope Rising's first Hope Pod and providing ongoing care for the orphaned and abandoned children in Haiti is going to be a God-sized task. The needs are many! We need the financial partnerships of hundreds of people just like you.

Hope Pods will provide safe and secure living quarters for the children in our care. This will be the first time many of the children will have had a solid roof over their head, a soft, clean bed to sleep in, and a caretaker nearby during the night. Our Hope Pod will be approximately 1800 feet and will provide housing for 12 children. The cost of our first Hope Pod is \$40,000. So far, we have raised \$9,100 towards our goal.

Together by God's grace, we can make a difference in Haiti one child at a time. You can donate online to the Hope Pod at www.hrch.org or by mailing a check to PO Box 200, Lavaca, AR 72941.

2015 Hope Teams

April 6-11: Wesley Chapel, Ridgeley, WV

May 3-9: Regent University Team, Virginia Beach, VA

May 31-June 7: East Rogersville Baptist Church, Rogersville, TN

June 5-June 12: Union Valley Baptist Church, Beebe, AR

June 26-July 3: Connection Church, Spearfish, SD

July 8-July 14: Manley Baptist Church, Morristown, TN

July 10-July 17: Wynne Baptist Church, Wynne, AR

July 14-July 21: Green Pines Baptist Church, Knightdale, NC

July 19-July 25: First Baptist Church of Fordyce, Fordyce, AR

July 25-August 1: Northpark Baptist Church, Van Buren, AR

July 30-August 3: First Baptist Church of Lavaca, Lavaca, AR

Please be in prayer for these upcoming teams. We thank them for their willingness to answer the call to serve!

With the completion of the Team House, we will be able to accommodate MANY more! It's not too late to book a date! LOTS of dates still available!! Contact Allison at 479-965-6163 today to find out how you can make a difference in Haiti! Have you thought about vacation plans? What would be better than serving together in Haiti as a family?