



*Since May of 2010, I have been searching for the words to use to tell everyone what changes have come in my life, and the sense of urgency to do something to make a positive change in people's lives. I have gone from thinking I can take on the world and change it, to anger because people who are at such a low point in their lives are being taken advantage of. There is also frustration because no matter how hard I have tried to express myself, I have come far short of what really needed to be said. I ask that you please read this through before making any judgment on what I have written. The end result of what needs to be done is what I want to convey, but in the process many different feelings and emotions will come out.*

On that day in May, a group of Christians went to a camp of almost 1,200 families in Jacmel, Haiti. It was not the first time that I had been there nor was it the last time over the last 11 months. This time was different, our group was delivering needed food and formula to people to whom it had appeared world had forgotten. During the unloading process, one can of formula fell out of a box and landed on the ground. Immediately two men grabbed the can and started asking the other to let go, saying that their child would die if they did not get the formula. It was a sight that tore open the hearts of everyone present. Order was once again restored and things were going smoothly.

About that time, a young girl of 10 years of age came up to me, took my hand and asked for 25 Goudes, or what is the equivalent of about 7 cents. I started to reach into my pocket to give her the money but soon realized that I had hundreds of eyes watching me and if I gave her the money I would have to give everyone standing there money. She was a beautiful young girl, very skinny and you could tell by her hair that she was very undernourished. Her once-black hair was a rusty red and her clothes hung loosely on her. I looked at her and told her I could not give her money and instead of the expected continued begging, she looked at me with her big brown eyes that made my heart drop with sorrow. It was all I could do to let her go but it was time to leave and we headed back to the truck.

Once inside the truck, Tina and I had a conversation that centered around the fact that something had to be done. She was in full agreement and quickly started putting things together. She was able to secure land for a new community, church, and school and has built a relationship with the Mayor of Jacmel which will allow us to do many things. Despite her effort however, things are not moving fast enough to help the wonderful Haitian people out of their situation. Since the earthquake these people have suffered so much besides the earthquake itself. During the summer an average of 5 people were dying a week due to heat exhaustion, dehydration, and other illnesses associated with the living conditions. The living conditions are so bad that a Lieutenant from the Argentina military told us that no one deserved to live like this. Old military tents (12'X20') with 8 to 10 families living in each tent, with no floor in them and most of them have nothing but sheets dividing the area for each family, the average family being about 5 people.

In addition, troubling situations exist beyond the living quarters. Military from different countries supplying needed relief were using the relief items as ways of getting sexual favors from the women at the camp. The military was asked to leave, but there was still a gang of thugs left, that keeps on terrorizing the camp. They take the supplies as soon as they are dropped off. They have sex with the women, and use sex as an act of initiation for young men and boys that want to get into the gang. One example was a 10 year old boy having sex with a 2 year old girl. This particular incident was reported by a brave lady (director of the camp named Charlotte) to only have the police tell her that it did not happen. The mother of the child involved threw a stone at her and hit her in the head. The stone hit her hard enough to cause her to require 29 stitches in the head.

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Not only are they having to deal with their own people taking advantage of them but the weather is a constant problem. When it rains the entire camp becomes a mud hole. The residents have attempted to re-route rainwater with trenches dug out around their tents, but it offers little protection and the floor of their tents becomes a muddy mess. During the last hurricane about 40% of the tents were blown down. At the request of the new camp directors, the camp residents had taken shelter elsewhere. While they were gone, the gangs mentioned previously came in and took what little possessions they had left behind. A group from Angola Indiana (here for a short term mission trip with Damou) arrived the next morning to help set up the camp, and found the women crying because what few possessions they had, were either taken or was soaked and wet from the hurricane. Finally, adding the last insult is other organizations reportedly there to help, reporting that these people *want* to live like this and deserve what they get. They are remaining in the tent camp to take advantage of the 'handouts'. After reading this, would you want to live in these conditions? Would you think anyone would want to live in these conditions? The answer is no, they do not. We have developed relationships with many, and they do not want this for themselves or their children. They are simply people who had very little, and the earthquake destroyed what they did have. They have no means to earn a living to replace what was lost. They have no prospects of work, in an economy of 80% or greater unemployment.

What needs to be done? Well first we need to look past some of what is being said about the people of Haiti, and understand that the Haitian people are a loving, kind group of people who are as deserving as anyone to have a chance at a better life. They want to make a different life for themselves but have been kept down by a government that has kept them uneducated and living in fear. Beyond that, there is a religion that lurks in the background that takes advantage of their lack of education and also thrives on keeping them in fear. Voodoo cripples the people by keeping them dependant on the local leaders for their answers to their illnesses and general life problems. They have to come to realize that their hope has to be in God! They have to turn away from the evil teachings of Voodoo and turn to God for their salvation. To accomplish this, there needs to be a movement of Godly men and women to come and share the gospel with them. New churches need to be built and manned with strong Christian leaders who are not afraid to stand up for God and speak out against Voodoo.

Education is also so very important. We have seen the huge difference in how education affects people. It gives them a new sense of freedom & dignity and gives them the ability to read and learn about God for themselves, and make a decision on their own to follow him and not depend on someone else to tell them what they should do. With education there come expectations that they will be able to support themselves & their families. Despite this, we have had several graduating classes and see a large percentage of our graduates unable to find a job. They go to school for as many as 15 years only to find no place to work. Many students are asking what is the purpose of doing all of this studying to find themselves sitting at home or only able to find a job that can be done by someone with no education, making the same low wages. The youth need hope, and to know that all the hard work they put into school has meaning. My fear is that if they do not find this hope they will stop seeing education as a needed part of their life and stop going to school, which plays into the hands of the government and Voodoo.

And so my challenge to you! I want to see us raise 3.5 million dollars over the next 3 years. Those funds will be used to build new homes, new churches, schools and also importantly-- start up businesses in our area. (Jacmel and Cyvadier) My hope is that you and others will join me in this campaign of **Building Lives**.

The campaign goes like this: Once a month I would like for you to put \$5.00 aside, half of it to go to Damou Christian Mission and the other half to go to a local need. (God has placed on my heart that we as Christians need to take care of the needy in our own backyards as well. For example, in our Lebanon IN area we have elementary students that do not eat at home, come to school in the same clothes day after day, have no winter coat, and some are living on the streets with their mom or dad.)

You might say that \$2.50 a month will not do much, but if you belong to a church that has 100 adults in it then your \$2.50 turns into \$250. If multiply this by all of our current individual supporters, that would be about 400 X \$2.50 = \$900 dollars a month. Take the \$900 and multiply it times 12 and you get \$10,800 dollars. Add in churches that already support us, and new people getting involved due to your efforts, and the goal is attainable.

Please join me in prayer for this to happen. It would allow us to physically help thousands of people and at the same work on their spiritual side also. If you have any questions please give me a call at 317-691-7792 or email me at

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For the Love of the Haitian People

Charles Heinold

With the start of a new year it was time for our group from Cicero Christian Church to go to Haiti to see what God is doing in Haiti through Damou Christian Mission. We left the cold, snowy Midwest for the Haitian heat, where we were welcomed into the mission at Cyvadier, near Jacmel, "Miss Tina's house." What we found in this place was an incredible woman, Tina Isenhower, who has devoted her entire adult life to reaching out to the people of this area with God's love. We were overwhelmed by the courage and compassion of Tina, Chuck Heinold, and Tina's niece, Jessica Perrin, as they pursue their calling by rescuing babies and children from physical and sexual abuse, prostitution, and the threat of being sacrificed to the voodoo gods, from malnourishment, servitude, ignorance and lack of adequate hygiene, from homelessness, and from neglect. In these children's lives, Tina and her team are providing a safe, loving, secure environment in which they learn about God and His love, and in which they are educated, fed, clothed, and loved. We were moved by the stories of some of the individual children who were living at Miss Tina's and encouraged by their progress. The mission is using their limited resources in amazing ways to address the daily needs they confront.

On the regularly-scheduled day for providing baby formula and rice to mothers of babies in the area, the line to the distribution point stretched down the stairs and into the school yard with young mothers and babies waiting for their turn to receive the needed formula and rice. Some of these mothers and babies had traveled on foot for hours, and a few even for days, to receive the food. The system Tina has implemented to provide accountability for the use of the formula to ensure it is used for the babies and not taken from the mothers was one more opportunity to see how Tina uses her local experience to distribute the resources wisely. On this particular day, Tina brought home a small malnourished baby who had scabies. While the mother had tried to give her baby to Tina, Tina's goal with this baby was to try to keep her for a month or so to improve her health, and then to help the mother learn to more adequately care for her, to rescue the baby so she would survive.

We enjoyed making the acquaintance of five young college students who were home for the Christmas break; these students were graduates of the school, and they were back to spend time with Miss Tina and to work alongside the men in our group in the construction projects. The education and mentoring they had received from the mission is evidenced by their growth into young leaders with good moral character who plan to return to improve their community.

The singing at the church was incredible, where those of all ages sang songs we knew (and a few we didn't) with great volume and enthusiasm. I was struck with the thought that once we all meet in heaven, we will be able to sing together without the language barrier, and maybe then we American worshipers will also turn up our volume and enthusiasm in concert with the Haitian believers!

Working in Haiti, in a man's world where women rarely even drive vehicles, Tina has courageously persisted in the building of a school, where over a thousand students are educated and learn about God's love; her home, where more than 20 youngsters are presently being cared for, and which provides a place for visiting teams to stay; the Village of Hope, which Tina envisions becoming a clinic to provide care to medically needy children in which their families can stay with them during their treatment; the current construction project of cottages for the Village of Hope, which is being relocated following the devastation of the hurricane; the family life center, which is being constructed to provide a home for the older children as the population at Miss Tina's increases; and a settlement of homes, presently under construction in collaboration with IDES, to provide homes for families in the tent city in Jacmel. In this man's world, Tina has developed positive relationships in the community and is warmly greeted everywhere she goes. As a single woman in this environment, Tina chooses to be courageous rather than fearful, as she takes seriously God's promise, "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4.

Yes, God is at work in Haiti, and His presence is tangible at the Damou Christian Mission. We were inspired by the energetic work toward their vision that Tina, Chuck and Jessica demonstrate; they tirelessly expend their time and talents to address the needs they see. While the challenges in Haiti are great, Tina, Chuck, and Jessica are wisely using the resources that are provided to be God's hands and feet, to make an enormous difference in many, many lives, pointing the way to our Lord and Savior, providing rays of hope in a dark place.

Kathy and Tony Cook



**STAR Missions is partnering with doctors and hospitals to provide compassion, hope and a second opportunity to the people of Haiti who need Saving, Treating, Aiding and Redeeming.**

Star Missions is an organization started by teenagers of Lebanon Christian Church to offer our friends and family in Haiti a second opportunity. I went to Haiti over the summer and met a little girl named Esther in a tent camp. Esther suffers from hydrocephalus, an impossible medical condition to treat under the circumstances, but relatively simple in the U.S. It was really hard walking away and not being able to do anything to help her. Her situation so bad, simply because of where she was born. Since then, STAR has made connections with doctors to make the surgeries for children actually happen. Recently STAR has traveled around to conferences to share our story and raise money. We have also registered with the state and started the paperwork for our non-profit status with an attorney. We have seen God opening many doors & making necessary connections.

Thank you so much for the prayers and support! —Jessica Faust

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I went to Haiti, much like everyone else – not knowing what to expect! I was blown away. The Haitian people are some of the most extraordinary people I have ever met, living on an island of astonishing beauty. Both are a testament of God's infinite splendor and endless creativity. And yet, the vast extent of poverty and despair, are a testament to the destruction and death that Satan bring. Spiritual warfare is alive and well in Haiti, and millions of souls are at stake.

Now I have been back home for about a month, I'm still trying to wrap my head around the faithful determinedness of Tina Isenhower and several others. I'm still at a loss for words in what God has accomplished through a few committed individuals in the last 26+ years. As I look back at the pictures of the orphanage, the school, the Village of Hope, and so much more, I see the reality of Jesus' words – "with God, all things are possible!"

And yet again – mixed emotions surface for me...

- I am proud...to have been a small part of something phenomenal that God is doing in our corner of the world.
- I am ashamed...to not have been involved before now.
- I am overwhelmed...by the size of the task ahead.
- I am determined...to continue to make a difference in Haiti, by the unstoppable grace of God, through ministry partners like Chuck and Tina.
- I am afraid...I may not fulfill the commitments I made to the Haitian people, our missionaries in Haiti, and our God!
- I am excited...to return, and encourage the new friends I have made in Haiti!
- I am troubled...by the hold Satan still has on so many Haitians...
- I am encouraged..."Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world..." And "if God is for us, who can be against us!

*Thus, I have resolved..."Whatever it takes, where ever it takes me, as long as it takes, whatever the cost..."*  
*I went to Haiti – not knowing what to expect. I've returned from Haiti, not expecting to know, what God will do next.*

Serving Him Together,  
Tom Hess



*Kelly Reeves & Katie*

Arriving in Haiti I had no idea what to expect, and what I saw there was beyond anything I could have dreamed. The poverty was unlike anything I've ever seen. The tent cities were absolutely heart breaking. We were able to see lots of amazing projects. We saw houses being built, the Damou school, the Family Life Center (homes where orphans will live with a couple of adults to recreate a more typical family environment) and the Village of Hope (houses and a clinic so that families with sick children can stay together), but the real story of Haiti is that of the people living there. Tina and Chuck are phenomenal people, and I have the utmost respect for them. The children at Tina's all have remarkable stories.

In particular I was touched by the story of a boy named Daniel who will be two in April if he makes it that long. Daniel was already at the mission house when I arrived with my group. Daniel's story goes something like this. Daniel's mother brought him to the mission. Simply by looking at him, Tina could tell something was wrong. He was stiff. He was alert, but abnormal. Daniel would sleep for 10-20 minutes at the most before waking up and crying. On the third day I was in Haiti, I had the opportunity to ride along with Tina, Chuck, Frenel, a member of our team and Daniel's mother on a trip to a doctor. The first place we went was another orphanage called Hands and Feet where an American doctor lived and worked. He examined Daniel, asked questions that had to be translated to the mother, and spoke to us in English about what was wrong with Daniel. Through the doctor's questions we learned that Daniel had been hospitalized twice already, but no diagnosis had been made. His mother was willing to give him up so that he might have a chance to live. The mother's love for her son was inspiring. We left Hands and Feet with a diagnosis of tumors in his digestive system and probably brain and retinas. The tumors were most likely cancerous. We left Hands and Feet with instructions to go to the hospital to get x-rays, a CT or an Ultrasound. We went immediately to a near-by hospital run by a group of Cubans. There, the doctors examined Daniel again and we left with the same diagnosis. I remember thinking that it was terribly unfair that this little person should be deathly ill, that a wonderful mother should have to give up her son to save his life, that we spoke about the probable death of her son twice once in English and once in Spanish neither of which his mother could understand, and that the disease had progressed to this point even with his mother's best efforts to get him help.

After we returned home, Tina packed two weeks of supplies with the promise of more to come as long as Daniel needed it and drove him back to his family so that he could be with the people who loved him most until the time came to say goodbye. Daniel's story really got to me. This is what I see when I think of Haiti. I see a country of warriors constantly working to survive, facing impossible circumstances. I cannot help thinking that if Daniel were born in the U.S. he may have had a chance. I hope to return to Haiti. I fell in love with the people and their struggle.

**For more on recent trips, visit Jim Ingram's blog at:**

<http://drjimingram.blogspot.com/>

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- Wisdom & direction, God's divine guidance for the decisions that must be made on a daily basis
- Those who have lost loved ones due to cholera, and pray that it can remain under control
- The political process in Haiti, that God will raise up leaders who will honor Him and will serve the people of Haiti
- The flow of necessary resources, for both relief & rebuilding but also for expanding the ministry and touching more lives

### Please thank God for:

- His continued blessings & provision. His power displayed, the hope of eternal life He offers to all.
- The work He has done in the lives of those who have traveled to & from Haiti, the changed hearts
- The salvation of many in Haiti through the hope displayed by fellow brothers & sisters in Christ



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