



We are so excited about what God has done in the lives of those whom Damou has been able to help over the last year and a half. But things in Haiti are overall, remain largely unchanged. It is frustrating to see people are still living in tents, and on a daily basis we have people coming to the mission house wanting us to take in children. People still dying from injuries from the earthquake, along with cholera rearing its ugly head from time to time. Child trafficking into sex and slavery is going on all around us, so there is no rest at this time. We are looking forward to and praying about what God has in store for us to help out in these situations in days to come.

We have come to a point that we are ready to start phase two of the Family Life Center. Thanks to the folks at Arcadia Christian Church, we should be ready to move several of the children into the first building in July. This is a big help, but that still leaves us with several children at the mission house and even more that we have had to turn away because we do not have the space.

We are approaching the next phase differently. We will build them as 2-story townhouse style which is a more efficient way to build. Because of the shared wall, they will be less expensive to build. This will save us in both material & labor costs. Each townhouse will house up to 8 children and we would like to build 4 of them. The cost for these town houses will be \$200,000 dollars, which while it is a lot of money, it will house up to 32 children and 12 adults. We certainly couldn't build something like that in the U.S. for that amount. It is so needed also, like I said we have people on a daily basis wanting us to take children. We are also connected to the welfare department and we are on their list to house children that are in these trafficking rings. If you would like to be involved with this please contact me or when you send your donation in earmark it in the memo section for Family Life Center. Another way to help is to sponsor child for \$45.00 a month. This money is used to pay for schooling, food, clothes, shoes, and other needs and for the babies; diapers, formula, clothes and for all of them salaries for care providers.

Village of Hope II: It has been a long time since we have talked about the Village of Hope. The second building of the new Village of Hope II is well nearly complete with the group in from Angola providing the much needed muscle to help finish the roof. We have started the 3<sup>rd</sup> building of this project with a group in from Louisville. We still need help. The groups bring in much needed muscle and funds but there is still more to do in order to finish these buildings before September. We need to do this before September in order to save the over \$6,000 for the annual rent. Rent is paid on an annual basis in Haiti, not monthly. The new facility will also accommodate more of our elderly in the area. So many families lost working family members, as well as their means of making a living. Families that were previously able to care for their elders now do not have enough to feed them. Sometimes the elderly have outlived their children and have no one to care for them. It is the very young and the very old who go without. Please help to finish this project. Building 2 will require \$10,000 dollars for completion. For building 3 we will need another \$15,000 dollars and for building 4 we will need \$50,000 to start and finish and also will need help from groups coming in.

Original Village of Hope: People have been asking why we do not move the elderly people back to the original Village of Hope and we have looked at the area and have decided that it could be better utilized for a medical clinic for children. This is a future project that we will share with you, but we need to finish these other two projects before we move on to this one.

Before I close I just want to thank all of you for the support over these last 18+ months. We have had over 360 people come in and help us rebuild Haiti. The rebuilding has not only been with homes and other buildings but it has been with souls that have been touched by so much generosity and affection. Dozens of families have started coming to church because of the kindness of all of you that have come and given your time to serve God. Our hope is that hundreds more come each year to experience Haiti and to serve God on the mission field. God bless all of you and please let me know if you have any question. Also give me a call if you would like me to come and speak at your church, Sunday School class, small group or other organizations.

For the Love of the Haitian People,  
Charles Heinold



Hello everyone! I am so excited to move into my our home. It is coming along great and looks very nice. We should hopefully be moving in the end of June or beginning of July if all goes well. The children that will be moving with me will be Landy, Michelle, Daniella, Rosalina, Sarafina, Shirley, Christna, Annika, and Phillip of course.

They are all excited to move to the new house and watch movies on the big TV and have movie night. We will have all of the kids over for movies and have popcorn with our popcorn maker my grandmother brought in for me.



*Jessica & Phillip*

I want to thank everyone for their support and prayers on the new building. I am truly pleased with the outcome of the house. I would never have thought when I first came down here, a year ago June, I would be committing my life to helping the people of Haiti. But I tell you what they have helped me in my life and my walk with Christ more than I can ever help them, and for that I am deeply indebted to them.

Love,

Jessica Perrin

*Jessica is Tina & Chuck's niece-helping with the children.*

*The first phase is nearly complete—see the pictures below:*



## Mission Trips

We have already had several groups this year, with every upcoming month already having at least one group booked. I try hard to update my (Chuck's) Facebook while I am in Haiti. This includes pictures, stories, and even a video like the one post on 3/6/2011 from Dr. Chad from Whiteriver Christian Church in Noblesville.

Groups have built 3 houses this year and last year 24 houses in all. Not only have we had successful building projects, but individuals have become very close to our Haitian brothers & sisters, and sharing their faith with them. To me that is more important than 'building a building' because they are planting a spiritual seed that has eternal impact. ***If your church family has not been to Haiti or you would like to take a trip, or know more about it please call me as soon as possible at 317-691-7792. Or, send us an email to [damoumission@gmail.com](mailto:damoumission@gmail.com)*** and we can answer questions you might have as you think about what God might have in store for you.

With few exceptions, those who go to Haiti or on any mission trip will tell you, it is life-changing, and you receive more blessing than you can ever hope to contribute. Consider growing in your faith, stretching out of your comfort zone, and join us as we help meet the spiritual & physical needs of our Haitian brothers & sisters.

I had some life-changing experiences when I was in Haiti. My heart was broken while I was there and I would like to share some of my experiences that changed my life.

For one week I lived with my team members at an orphanage that housed 25 children and is run by Tina and her niece Jessica. The construction team completed a house in the Village of Hope that will house a few elderly people. The medical team, which I was a part of, worked at Pastor Roro's medical clinic in Peredo. I had the opportunity to help with Tina's formula program, which provides one can of formula a week to families in need of assistance.

Day 3 at the medical clinic began just like the day before: Dr Jim, Dr Randy and the two Haitian doctors were in patient rooms, Laura was taking people's blood pressure and talking with them as they waited to see a doctor, Diane was with Okie and his dental team in the dental clinic room, Destiny and his optometry team were in the eye clinic room, and Erin and I were with Marie, the Haitian nurse, in the pharmacy filling prescriptions. We were caught up with prescriptions and I wanted to take some pictures, so I walked around the clinic for a little bit. I came out of the dental clinic after observing Diane assisting Okie pulling out a girl's molar and went to the pharmacy to talk to Erin. Instead, I found Erin outside of the pharmacy feeding formula to a teeny tiny little baby using a syringe. I found out that the mom, Cristella, had walked 2 hours from her home in the mountains to bring her 18 day old baby to the clinic because she knew it was his only chance of surviving. Her husband was a victim of the cholera epidemic and passed just less than a month before Josiah was born. He was the main breadwinner and without him Cristella surely had a hard enough time feeding her 2 other children, ages 1 and 5, let alone herself. Without getting the proper nutrition she was unable to produce milk and could not feed her baby. She asked Tina if she would take care of Josiah because she knew that it was his only chance to survive. Tina agreed to take Josiah and he became the 26<sup>th</sup> child at the orphanage.

This really opened up my eyes to the extreme poverty that so many people are living in. It made me want to do something, anything, to help. So that is why I am returning to Haiti on July 15<sup>th</sup> to live in the orphanage. I will be helping Tina and Jessica take care of the kids. I may also help out with the formula program and with mission teams who come and stay at the house. I am unsure of what exactly God has planned for me when I get down there but I am putting my complete trust in Him. I also do not know how long I will be staying there but am thinking 4-6 months.

I have to pay \$200 a month for food and housing in addition to my airfare. Fortunately my church has been able to provide for me financially. So all I am asking is for your prayers and support as I follow God's plan. If you have access to a computer and would like to hear updates I will be blogging (an on-line journal) while I am there. The website is <http://maryruffinhaiti.blogspot.com>

Thank you so much for your support! It means a lot to me.

In His name,  
Mary Ruff

*Note: Since Mary wrote this, baby Josiah did pass away due to respiratory failure. As always, the very youngest are the ones who suffer the most in cultures that experience this kind of poverty. Despite our best efforts to care for him, God called him home. We know that God knows best in all situations, and we are thankful that we were able to help his family in their time of need.*



*Mary & Jonathon*



*Greg Rathburn with Daniella*

I came in with a team of 18 to build a house, and the ladies of the group to help with the children at the mission house. On our way there from the airport, the destruction we saw and the buildings down-it was heart-breaking to see, and to think of all the lives that have been lost. We built a home for Maydean and her son. We were helped by a Haitian man named Anderson. He showed us how to build the Haitian way, which is different than what we are used to. We helped to do repairs on his home as well.

What we were about to see touched all of our hearts deeply. We went to the tent camp. Dr Jim was with us, and told use the children with red-tinted hair meant they were malnourished. It would have been easier to count the ones with black hair. As we walked around, it was like we were in their living room-I felt about an inch high. They would look at you like, 'are you going to help or take pictures'. The tents were around 20' by 40' with 5 to 7 families living in them. We would not let our animals live that way here. No person should have to, as we are all God's children. We need to do something about it.

We found out that the hurricane was headed our way. Our flights were canceled. After the hurricane passed, we found out what God's plan was. We went back to tent camp to find that half the tents were down. You could see defeat on the faces of the people. They were already down, and now it's like they got kicked again. Our team started to help raise the tents. After the first two, the people started to help too, and you could see their spirits lifting. We raised 8 tents and fixed some others. It gave us all some satisfaction that day knowing we showed them some love that comes from God. We showed them that we were not just there to take pictures. It's not just money they need, it's love from God's children they need and to know that we care. I decided to come in May stay until November to love on them, and help build their homes and lives. I will then go home for 3 weeks then come back for as long as God needs me. It's in God's hands.

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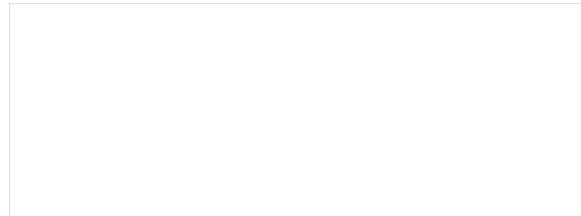
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