

Emmanuel Baptist Church Haitian Mission Team:
 Dave, Vivienne, Briar, Barbara, Ashley and Donna
 ✓ **Answered prayers**

January 15, 2019

- ***Please pray for safe travel as we travel from Bloomfield, ON to Montreal, Quebec, and for one of the members of our group will be arriving via train and shuttle bus from Ottawa, ON.***
- ✓ We all arrived safely in Montreal despite the weather warning, praise God!
- ✓ Our devotion this night focused on the inner joy that is a gift from the Lord our heavenly Father. John 15: 11 says, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

January 16, 2019

- ***Please pray for safe travel and retrieval of our luggage (9 duffel bags) at the airport. The Port au Prince airport is a very rough place and we need to be extra vigilant of our personal safety. Our journey to La Mardelle is about 2 hour drive over and through some very rough terrain.***
- ✓ The airline did not charge us for our luggage.
- ✓ We were greeted at the Port au Prince airport by a Mission of Tears guide and the transition was seamless. At La Mardelle the FEJ compound we were welcomed with hugs and reunions with many of the Haitian staff – God protected us.
- ✓ David and Patricia (Lucian & Gina Duncan's niece) and their three children (Kyla, Niya and Bobo) welcomed us with open arms
- ✓ David has started a recycling program in the community at La Mardelle following through with an initiative sponsored by the Haiti government program.

January 17, 2019

- ***Pray for our group as we connect with the individual children and teachers, we want to let Jesus love shine through all we do and say. "My mouth shall show forth Your praise."***
- ✓ Our day began with the voices of the school children singing, How Great is Our God in Haitian Creole and English – it was very spiritual.
- ✓ Ashley was able to interview 14 children and Vivian video taped the interviews, David and Patricia's daughter assisted in facilitating the translation. Nine of these children are sponsored to attend school by members of Emmanuel Baptist church and five of the children are looking for sponsors.
- ✓ Dave, Barbara, Briar and Donna shared the gospel in story, craft and song with 365 children, Pastor Spencer did the interpretation.
- ✓ We visited Madame Fabian at her home that people from Emmanuel Baptist assisted in building a few years ago, she greeted us with hugs and tears. She not only cares for her own children but many neighbourhood children, eleven children in total!

January 18, 2019

- ***We ask for prayer for a safe travel and wisdom and safety when making the purchases for the orphanage.***
- ✓ We shopped in Port au Prince for items that were needed at the Creche and we were able to obtain all items at only \$5.00 over our budget – praise God for guidance as we made choices and dealt with the money exchange – changing American currency into Haitian gourd.
- ✓ In our devotional today we read John 21:6, “Feed my sheep,” and this is what we did.
- ✓ Thank you to all who donated money, purchased apple pies and vanilla – today your gifts were put into action t, “Feed my sheep.”
- ✓ We travelled over some very rough roads up into the mountains and were kept safe – thank you for your prayers.

January 19, 2019

- ***Prayers for relationships to be cultivated, despite the language barrier, and opportunities to show God’s love and grace. Where the Lord leads we will give Bibles to the staff members.***
- ✓ Today we connected with the Creche staff by their request and it was a day of exchanging stories. Vivienne, Barbara and Briar shared their testimonies and we heard from the staff about their jobs at the creche. One young man, Constan, a Haitian, who had been sponsored to attend school is now a social worker – School Sponsorship success story!
- ✓ Dave shared a gospel illustrated story with Pastor Spencer translating.
- ✓ We wove friendship bracelets together, joined our voices in Christian song and concluded by a social time and a tour of the creche.
- ✓ We were privileged to be able to offer the staff shoes, sandals, personal care items and clothes, there was much excitement during this time.
- ✓ The time spent with the staff laid the ground for very amiable give and take interactions over the next 3 days.
- ✓ The staff reported to Gina Duncan the operator of the Creche that we spoiled them with love!

January 20, 2019

- ***Please pray for safe travel, God's spirit to fill us with his passion and speech and to open our eyes to what He has in store for future vision for Emmanuel Baptist Church missions.***
- ✓ We attended a Hattian church service and were made to feel very welcome during the service we sang many of the old hymns: they in Haitian Creole and we in English.
- ✓ Ashley and Donna gave a testimony about how God has worked in their lives.
- ✓ Pastor Spencer and his wife, Melissa invited us to a traditional Hattian meal in their home, it was very much like a celebration and we were their first guests as they were married in November 2018.
- ✓ On the way to the new church in Gode' hitting the ruts, careening around corners, bumping the roof, luggage flying, food being thrust in the windows we were blessed with a musician and sang Christian songs. He told us that his only hope for the future is Jesus.
- ✓ In the afternoon we travelled to the village of Gode' for the second service with Pastor Spencer and his team. People from the village just kept coming to the service, which is being held in a building on the side of the village.
- ✓ There were about 40 children, with whom we developed a quick connection when the bubbles came out.
- ✓ Pastor Spencer's vision is to grow a church, establish a medical clinic, teach English and music and in the future establish a school.
- ✓ The village of Gode' is a field ready for harvest and in need of a Sheppard. A vision for Emmanuel Baptist Church to consider.
- ✓ During devotional time we read the story of Gideon and how God used him to save his people, even though he felt quite inadequate. Gideon did seek God's will and used a fleece to help guide him.

January 21, 2019

- ***Pray today for the comfort level of the children to us and our team to them as we follow the leading of the staff in providing support. We believe in prayer and want to share God's love and protection with them.***
- ✓ We began the day by connecting with the staff and children in a very relaxed, natural manner. Slowly getting to know the children and understanding their routines and providing assistance where we could.
- ✓ Thanks to a generous donor we were able to give the children a home made knitted teddy bear, which the children received with great joy.
- ✓ Some of us held, sang to, played with and rocked children; there are 42 children in the creche and 10 do attend school for the morning.
- ✓ It was amazing at how content the children were; how they supported each other in daily tasks and the sharing of toys.
- ✓ In the afternoon Dave told the salvation story in an animated way with Pastor Spencer as the interpreter and the children had great enthusiasm with the crafts and bubbles.

- ✓ We walked through the country side (up and down the mountain) to the creche each morning and afternoon. Many of the locals had livestock tied up along the road.

January 22, 2019

- ***Pray today for that the, "Eyes of our heart may be enlightened."***
- ✓ Today we knew our way around and everyone seemed to just go to their niche to assist and support the children.
- ✓ They have a nursery school for children under five where the teacher provides, toys like blocks, us of art supplies and music, along with a morning snack time.
- ✓ In the afternoon we engaged the children in an obstacle course game and the footballs were really a big hit and you could see were a real novelty.
- ✓ When the team members made a connection with an adult, a Bible in Haitian Creole was inscribed personally to them and given out – nine connections were made.
- ✓ Pastor Spencer was given the remaining donated 31 Haitian Creole Bibles to use in his ministry as he leads people to Christ.
- ✓ The day ended with photos being taken with Gina Duncan the owner of the creche – our group was the first one of a new program called: Mother's Heart.

January 23, 2019

- ***Pray for safe travel from Port au Prince, Haiti to Montreal, Quebec, and as we look back on the last seven days we will see God in our experiences and that he will fill us with stories to tell others in Canada of how, "Christ liveth in us," and has blessed us in Haiti.***
- ✓ We reflected on the many experiences we all had experienced each participant had their own stories that spoke to them and times were they felt God was present.
- ✓ It was very noticeable in Port au Prince that they were making a considerable effort to clean up the garbage.
- ✓ On our drive we had a surprise stop at the new FEJ (Foundation Enfant Jesus) office in Port au Prince. After a worldwide contest they (FEJ) were selected as the project recipient of an earthquake and hurricane proof building built with LEED engineering format. The entire facility was donated! The building will be dedicated on January 12, 2020, the 10th anniversary of the earthquake. This is the only LEED building in Haiti.
- ✓ In our reflection of the seven day trip I was reminded of the Parable to the Sower that Jesus told: many seeds of God's word and love were sowed in word and deed and God is in control of the growth!

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