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Congratulations Wismith & Rebecca

We are so excited to share what God has done and continues to do in our lives.

First of all for the way he has worked in both of our lives, drawing us to Himself and giving us a vision to serve Him, and for the beautiful way in which he drew our hearts to each other. He has blessed us so much more than we deserve.

Our vision is to help the young people of Haiti by providing solid Bible teaching from numerous sources and giving them hope for a better life by teaching them various life skills.

As we have trusted God He has blessed our vision, and many people have come alongside us and put their hands together to help us accomplish our vision. We really appreciate you!

We also want to open the door

for missionaries to teach in the school and do outreach in the towns and villages around us. We are also planning to offer classes in Haitian culture and language.

As God provides we're working to finish the construction and hoping to open the school within six months to a year.

Please keep us in your prayers as we adjust to married life and seek to glorify God in all we do.

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph

If you wish to help support the work of Wismith & Rebecca's vocational school, please earmark your contribution "vocational school" and mail it to our USA office.



Rear view of the school



Front view of the school

Dear Eddie,

I remember so well the evening you came to live with us. You were sick with fever, vomiting, diarrhea and very malnourished.

I remember watching your mama's face as she handed you over to me. She was sad that she couldn't take care of you but loved you enough to give you away so you could have a chance at life! I remember how your grandpapa prayed for you and for us as we promised to do our best to take care of you.

After just a few days you were doing so much better! I'll never forget the first time you looked at me, smiled and giggled. Something just surged through my heart, and I have loved you ever since! You were such a funny little boy those days. You played with little beetles on the floor, pulling their legs off one by one. You could whistle better than me, and could imitate bleating goats so well that I thought there was one in the house!

Then came the dreaded six month mark. You were completely healthy and had a strong attachment to your parents so we knew it was time to try to transition you back to your first life.

For over a month we let you go on little visits; first for a day at a time and eventually for the whole night. Finally the day came when your mama and papa came to take you home. Matt and I had to cry which in turn made your parents cry. You didn't know what was happening and of course were so happy to go. Matt and I continually handed you over to Jesus because we loved and missed you so much and knew that you had a hard life ahead of you.

We came to visit you often, and you seemed to be doing really well. But after a few weeks you began to shut down emotionally. You were always unresponsive when we came to see you. You wouldn't cry but the silent tears that would occasionally fall didn't go unnoticed by Matt and me.

Your parents said that you quit sleeping, and

all night you cried out, "Matt! Matt!"

Every time you would hear a moto (Creole for motorcycle) you would hopefully ask, "Is that Matt coming for me?"

You kept losing weight because you were too sad to eat. We knew we had to do something, especially since your parents were asking us to take you back into our family.

I'll never forget the day Merv said we have to go get you and bring you back to keep you from dying. I was so excited.

Your parents were as happy as we were the day we came to get you.

When we got home the first thing you did was go running to our room to look for your little bed. When you saw it was made up for you, you just smiled and smiled and then little tears fell on your cheeks again.

You immediately started gaining weight and the empty spot in our home was filled with sweet, funny, little Eddie.

Now you are such a big boy, talking and doing so many things by yourself. You love to sing to Jesus. Your favorite songs are "Will You Come, to the Fountain

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Welcome and farewell!

With much anticipation we welcome Aaron & Wendy Lavy along with their three children, Rylan, Kenslie, and Jayla as staff to IFM.

The Lavys are from New Carlisle, Ohio and attend Cornerstone Dunkered Brethren Church.

Aaron is a professional computer networking engineer, and Wendy is a housewife and homeschooling mother.

The Lavys will be house parents and general administrators in Haiti.



We want to extend a heart-felt thank you to Trenton Yoder of Arthur, Illinois. He has been working in Haiti since August, 2011.

Trent spent many days helping Shea organizing the storage depot and shop. Being a medical student, he often took care of wounded people who came to the mission for medical care.

Best wishes as you return to college and study for your long awaited degree (Registered Nursing).



After spending two weeks visiting Haiti, Austin Martin has committed to finishing his brother Keith's commitment in Haiti (Keith was transferred to the USA office).

Austin is from Myerstown, Pennsylvania and attends Harmony Christian Fellowship. He is a licensed state inspection mechanic and enjoys working on vehicles, especially if they have a diesel engine.

Austin will work primarily in Haiti but will spend some time working on vehicles in Jimani, Dominican Republic as well.



After spending five months in Canada for medical care, Julia Bauman has returned to Haiti and resumed her job in the pharmacy at the Water of Life Clinic.

Although Julia still has some unwanted physical restrictions she is happy to be home in Haiti, and ministering the people she loves.

Thank you for praying for her as she waited on God's healing in Canada.



Jones family update... by Bill & Bettina Jones

After visiting Jimani, Dominican Republic over the past four years and Bill serving on the IFM board, our family felt the call to return and live there for at least one year. After working through what seemed to be a never ending list of things to properly settle, our family came to the DR on October 5, 2011. We were blessed to have Tom and Laurie Mohler open their home to our family for a week and a half while we worked on our house. They have also been a real blessing to us by helping us figure out how to do things in our new country.

Oh, what a difference a month can make. In this first month of living in the DR the primary two tasks to be accomplished were to get the house in living condition and to get the language skills to a point where each person could be effective. Both tasks were accomplished; however, the language part of that task is going to continue to be a major priority.

As for the house, IFM rented a house on one of the main roads in town. Next door to our house is a primary school, and across the street is a ball field. Therefore, we are stationed right in the middle of a tremendous amount of activity. Several hundred students pass our house each school day. The school system has a morning session and an afternoon session, so there are lots of children passing our home from eight in the morning until six in the evening. We have been blessed with the opportunity to read Bible stories to some of the children as they get out of school. It is our prayer that the Lord will enable us to

have a meaningful impact on the children. We also have been blessed with the opportunity to meet some of our neighbors. There is a family across and down the street from our house that we have had the privilege of meeting. Again, as with the children, we pray that the Lord would use us to make a meaningful impact with this family and show Christ living within each of us.

Finally, in this first month our family has also become very involved with the local church. The church is in the process of seeing how to best impact the community. Pastor Kiko has been having meetings at the Tuesday night services to determine how the congregation would like to proceed with working to reach "our neighbors". Bill preached his first message in Spanish describing the example that Christ showed in how to choose and make disciples. Pastor Kiko followed up with some practical ideas for everyone to bring to the next meeting for how to go forward. We pray that the Lord will be glorified as the church seeks His face in how to best reach the community for His sake.

We seek your prayers as our family continues to adjust and learn where the Lord would have us serve Him most effectively. There is plenty of work to do and few hands to do it. The scriptures prove true again, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few". Pray with us that we would be able to harvest the plentiful crop that He is ripening.

Prayer requests...

- For the safety of the staff and work teams traveling to and from Haiti.
- Ivan Miller as he begins directing the work of International Faith Missions.
- Aaron Lavy as he directs the work in Haiti.
- Pray for funds to construct a new church building in Jimani, Dominican Republic.
- That God would provide replacement housing for our staff as the lake continues to rise and takes over our current houses.

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Free?” and “Bring Back My Bonnie to Me.”

Your favorite place to be is with Matt. Whether he is working in the hospital, riding the moto, or working in the yard. I happen to know that he likes having you along as much as you like being with him!

You are always such a happy, cheerful little boy and add so much fun and laughter to our home!

We don't know what the future holds for you, Eddie. We don't know if your parents will sign papers so you can have your own forever

family, but we know that Jesus knows. He loves you very much! We know He cares about you and will watch over you every day of your life. We pray that you will grow up to love and serve Jesus with your whole heart.

Eddie, I hope you always remember...

I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always,

And as long as I'm living my baby you'll be!

Your other mama

2010 Earthquake... by Fernand Floriza

Hello, I'm Fernand Floriza, and I live in Fond Parisian, Haiti.

On January 12, 2010 I was in Fond Parisian at IFM mission when the earthquake happened. I had many friends and family in Port-au-Prince. One of them called me, and he said to me, “Come to help me my school fell down.”

Ezekiel and I went to Mike and told Mike what happened. He said we could take the ambulance, and we headed into town.

When we arrived in Port-au-Prince I saw many people on the street. They were crying and asking us to help them, but we could do nothing because we had only one ambulance. There were a lot of people with lots of trouble. We continued on our way to the school. I saw the school had fallen down, and I didn't see my friend. I realized he was in the school. I heard his voice say he was afraid. I lost all my strength and I prayed for God to help me and show me what I can do.

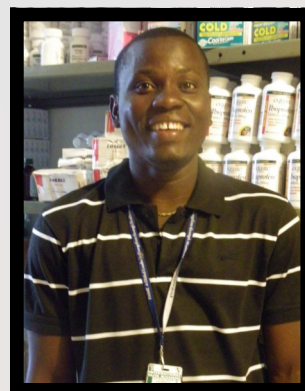
God showed me what I could do, and I found strength. I began to break the wall and I got him out. After I heard other people crying I kept on doing the same thing break the wall, get the people out. I worked all night very hard and did not sleep at all. In the morning I went to

another school where Pastor Voltaire's daughter was. When I arrived at the school I saw it had fallen flat! I asked one of the teachers, “Is Pastor Voltaire's daughter here?”

He said, “Yes, we saved one but we didn't find the other one.” I looked and looked for her but she had already died.

I continued working hard. Then I helped IFM take injured people to the hospitals into the Dominican Republic. We took them to Jimani, Barahona, and the capital. We went back and forth every day. The earthquake changed my life because I see that life is nothing and God is more important than anything.

Fernand works for IFM and is in charge of the Central Supply Room at our hospital. He is kept busy getting meds for the clinic and the cholera treatment center, and taking care of medical deliveries.



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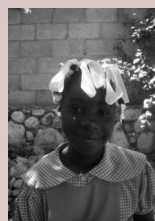
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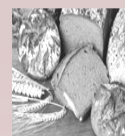
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