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Passing the Torch

As Moses was leading the Israelites He came to a point where God said it was time for him to pass the leadership position to Joshua who was to continue leading God's people into Canaan. After thirty-one years of directing International Faith Missions, I feel the time has arrived to pass the torch to younger men who can with greater vitality continue carrying on the Lord's work. As of January

2012, The IFM office will be moving to Shreve, Ohio, and the work will be directed by

***WE ARE MOVING
To
Shreve, Ohio***

Ivan Miller.

As a board we trust this will be a positive move and will increase the potential to impact the lives of more people in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and perhaps beyond. I will continue serving on the board, and helping with decisions as we move into this phase of God's work. Please pray for Brother Ivan, and the Board as we make this move. Also, pray that our God, who is faithful and true, will continue to prosper His work.

Moving forward for Jesus,

Merv Sommers

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Mary Ann & Came Suze



Came Suze... My sweetheart

By- Caregiver Mary Ann Yoder

This is Came Suze, my favorite nine year old girl in the whole wide world! I love to tell her this, and her eyes just sparkle. She is one big sweetheart full of giggles and love. Everyone who meets her falls in love with her open responsive friendliness. Because Came Suze has Cerebral Palsy and is very spastic there is not much she can do on her own, but she is one of the most contented people I know. It is a rare day indeed when she doesn't wake up with a

smile and giggle and go back to bed at night with a smile. She is so appreciative of everything. Just chatting with her or telling her little jokes is enough to invoke belly laughs. Of course she has days when she feels quiet and can be quite stubborn, but, all in all, she is a great girl. Came Suze loves music. She dances when no one is watching. She can do it in perfect timing! She is crazy over water: swimming and bathing. Bath time is probably her favorite time of the day.

Sometimes she gets so excited she almost jumps out of the tub. She even tries to eat the soap! She loves watching good movies, especially when there is plenty of action and singing like Cedarmont Kids! She is definitely in touch with her feminine side: she loves to wear pretty clothes, nice hair, and use girly soap and lotion. Also, she is very sensitive to the feelings of others and cries when she sees somebody hurting or sick.

Nidel and Naika... Cholera Patients

This picture of Nidel (bottom left) was taken just after he arrived at our Cholera Treatment Center. He came via the World Vision ambulance from his mountain home two hours away. As you can see he is very dehydrated and ex-

tremely lethargic. If Nidel's family would have waited a few hours longer to get help he would have died! Naika (center left) is Nidel's younger sister. She arrived at our CTC one day before Nidel. She looked like Nidel when

she arrived. Only one day later, after receiving IV's, you can see she is sitting up and has a lovely smile on her face. Notice her orange hair; this is because she is malnourished.

Our Trip to Haiti... By Guests: Gwen Martin, Heather Troyer, and Leanna Graber

We want to first thank God for making it possible for us to go to Haiti. He was with us every step of the way. Right away we fell in love with the children. We played games with them and had them teach us a few words in Creole. They are so starved for attention. One day Wismith took us up the mountain to the

house he is building. He has a water well where the village people can come to get water. They were so happy to get water that they would carry big buckets of water on their heads as far as one mile! Sadly, at home we take for granted the blessing of running water.

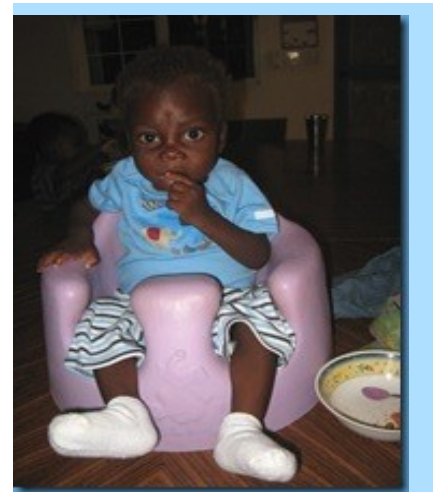
Mike & Joanna have a sweet

family, and they do a great job with their boys. All the staff do an incredible job with the people they are working with. When we went to the CTC it was overwhelming to see all the sick people lying on cots. They were not feeling well, but they always had a smile for us.

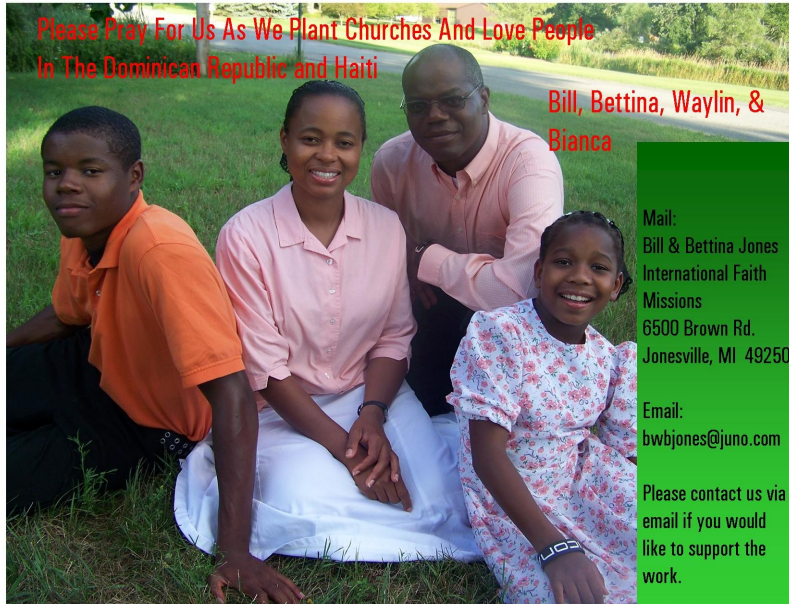
Meet Julien...

Julien is the latest addition to our family at Water of Life Children's Home. He is about a year old and weighed only 12 pounds when he came to our house. We knew at first glance if we didn't take him he would soon die. He was weak, sick, and did not open his eyes. He was limp and slept a lot. After mamma Sulley gave him a good dose of TLC and he had some time to adjust to all the white faces, he is doing great. It just makes one's heart sing to see such a pitiful, lethargic heap turn into an alert, responsive little man! His needs are met

and his heart is happy!! Please pray that little Julien will have a smooth transition when he goes back to live with his biological family in a few weeks.



Welcome Aboard!



We are thrilled to welcome Bill & Bettina Jones, along with their son Waylin, and daughter Bianca, as staff to the Dominican Republic. The Joneses are from Lowell, Michigan. Bill was CEO/President of the School of Missionary Aviation Technology. He has also been serving on the IFM Board of Directors. After spending several days in the Mohler's home while making some much needed house repairs, the Joneses are settling into their new home. Bill & Bettina will be personal workers in the church planting project in Jimani. Please pray for The Joneses as they face many adjustments to life in another culture.

Praise Announcements

- ~ Dadou's leg is healed, and she has been released from the care of her doctors.
- ~ For safety, as we had a lot of staff traveling the past few months.
- ~ The guys new dorm is under construction.
- ~ The buildings in the earthquake housing project are finally receiving paint.
- ~ The 2011 Haiti Benefit Auctions are completed, and have proved to be a huge blessing again.
- ~ Keith Martin has been transferred from Haiti to work in the USA office.

Prayer Requests

- ~ Continued safety for the teams working on the construction of the guys new dorm.
- ~ Safety for the staff who will be traveling this month.
- ~ That God would continue to provide our financial needs.
- ~ Ivan Miller, the new Mission Director.
- ~ Wismith & Rebecca as they plan to get married November 26, 2011.
- ~ That we would see beyond people's present physical needs and meet the deeper spiritual needs of their heart.

Hunger of the Children... By Shea Alexander

Many of us hear people talk of the starving children in Africa or the hungry children of the slums of an inner city, but we must understand there is a difference. To starve is to die or become weak through the lack of nourishment. Hunger, however, is a strong desire for something well-known to an individual. If it is not known to you, you cannot be hungry for it. In an impoverished country it is not uncommon for a child to be starved or malnourished; bloated stomachs, discolored hair and skin, weak and stunned. These children know no other life. Their lethargic bodies take whatever the elements bring upon them. One in this state is not going to be hungry. If one meal a day is all you know, then your body is adapted to that state. It is unaware of the need for nourishment. Often malnourished children have little or no appetite. The desire to eat is just not there. You cannot desire the unknown. Your body has gone so long without food that it has ceased to desire it. Hunger, on the other hand, is a desire for what is known. Most North Americans cannot go more than four to six hours without the urge to eat. It is a feeling that your body has put in place to keep you healthy. The more regular your eating habits, the easier you will feel hungry. This is what our Lord was saying in *Matthew 5:6* "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." One that hungers after the things of God knows the things of God. You long to read your Bible when you read it several times a day but neglect it one morning, not when you

have gone days without reading. You hunger after God's Spirit when you know Him so intimately that the moment you step away from Him you know what you have done. Seeing such instant concern for the starving of this world, I have asked myself. "How many of God's children are starving? How many of us live outside His presence and neglect His Word to the point we no longer desire it?" We no longer feel the pain of our lack of nourishment. How many of us are allowing our spiritual bodies to be carried by the ebb and flow of life? We are simply existing, not thriving. And yet, we are God's children, those called to live out His love to the nations. How can we fulfill that calling if we have starved ourselves of His Word, of His presence, of His love?



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Please use the enclosed \$ _____
to help relieve the suffering in Haiti
following the earthquake of 2010.



Children's Home

I wish to give for the oper-
ating expenses of the Chil-
dren's Home

\$ _____ monthly

\$ _____ one-time donation



School Sponsorship

I wish to sponsor # _____ children at
\$15 per month/\$180 per year.
I am enclosing \$ _____ as my
initial payment and understand that
I will receive a picture and more
information.



Dominican Republic Outreach

This \$ _____
is to help take Christ
to the Dominican Republic



Medical Relief

I would like to help those who cannot
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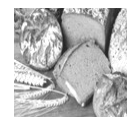


Food Pantry

I wish to help stock the church's
relief supply for the poor within the
church.

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\$ _____ one-time



Hospital

I would like to help provide quality medical care in Haiti.

\$ _____ construction

\$ _____ operating expenses

\$ _____ where most needed

\$ _____ cholera treatment

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