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## 2013 Youth Bible School

Oftentimes the dire physical needs in Haiti overwhelm us, and we don't take strategic action in regards to the spiritual needs. In Acts, we see that Paul was a witness for Christ wherever he was, but he also took strategic action for the furtherance of the Gospel.



This was the goal for the Youth Bible School, take strategic action to prepare the youth to be tomorrow's leaders. From 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, the youth heard God's Word taught and sought God's face through prayer, song, and fellowship. We had 144 youth from over 17 different churches participate.



After the opening songs and announcements, Brother Merzantan spoke on living a deeper Christian life. His humility, love for God, and love for the youth shown through as he used Scripture and personal testimonies to encourage the youth to build their life on the rock of Jesus Christ like the wise man. He showed that the devil's intent is to steal and destroy. We praise God for leading us to contact Brother Merzantan.

Brother Ivan Miller taught a series on salvation. Using Scripture and personal experience, he showed the need for salvation. On the second day, he taught about the new birth experience. Then, on days 3 through 5, he taught what it means to live a life separated unto God and walk in the Spirit.

Brother Andrew Eversole taught "Good Christian Leadership". Sadly, this is a great need in the churches in Haiti. There are few leaders that lead with a servant's heart. Many of the leaders drive the church rather than lead.

Brother Mathew Morhart taught "How the law leads us to Christ". Using a model of the tabernacle and a 60 page handout in color, he taught how the tabernacle and Old Testament sacrifices are types and shadows of Christ.

Purity is a big problem in the churches here in Haiti. Too often, even married adults fall into adultery. The youth lack examples of people that keep themselves pure before marriage. They hear the command, "Don't have sex before marriage", but they lack the power and practical teaching on how to have victory. We separated the youth by gender to specifically address this issue. Brother Jean Claude and Andrew Eversole taught the boys' class. Rebecca and Wendy taught the girls' class.

Shea and Wismith lead the prayer group time. After teaching on prayer, they broke into small groups and prayed for each other and the different churches. On the last day, Shea spoke about the persecuted church. Most were unaware of this, and they were touched to learn of the sacrifice many pay to be Christians.



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## WORK IN MY FIELDS

### .....Youth Bible School Continued

God was at work. Some of the youth opened up, sharing about their own personal struggles in their Christian life. This is very uncommon. A few weeks ago I spoke with Merzantan. He told me that many of the youth have been calling him for advice, counsel, and encouragement. The youth really want to live the victorious Christian life. Let's do what we can to help, equip, and encourage them!

We are thankful to God for making this Youth Bible School a success. Many worked hard to make it happen. Matthew Newcomer organized a time of recreation each day. Michelle worked with ladies from our church to make the food. Thank you to those of you that donated to help cover the expenses. Praise be to God for His Holy Spirit who is working in the hearts and lives of the youth!

**Michael Martin**



Hello, God bless you,

I want to share this note with you and inform you about the work we are doing as a church in Jimani. Five months ago we became part of the community association in our sector, El Invi. At the invitation of this community association, my wife became the coordinator for child protection. I am part of the emergency commission and environmental protection. Every two weeks we meet to address some needs of the sector, and I direct the spiritual part, with reading of Scripture and prayer.

The church has set a great example to the community. Five months ago we began picking up trash in the neighborhood where we live, because there was a big problem and garbage was thrown into the canal that runs along the front of the neighborhood which was contaminating the water. Every Saturday, as pastor and servant of the community, together some young brothers of the church, we went in the pick-up door to door asking neighbors for their trash, while we take the time to evangelize the person. They put the garbage in the truck, and we share a tract of the word of God with them. Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit." With this work and example for the neighborhood, now every week City Hall sends a truck to pick up the trash. The neighborhood is cleaner, the people identify more with the church, our neighbors are more sensitive to the Gospel, and we are accepted in their homes to preach the gospel, and we thank God.

As a pastor and part of the emergency committee, I have helped to transport some people who have had serious health issues to the hospital in Jimani. One of them was the beginning of thrombosis, and another one had very high blood pressure. These people were taken comatose to the hospital. Thank God He has given His love to us to help others. Luke 10:35 says that the Samaritan man had mercy on him. Then Jesus said to him, Go and do likewise.

We also have a small agriculture project on our church property. We are raising corn, beans, and pigeon peas, with the help of some young people from the church.

Recently we celebrated communion in the church and had a jubilee, where we share food with all the brothers and friends who visited us. They brought food to the celebration.

Pray that God will open doors and touch hearts. Pray also for the completion of building for the congregation. Amen.

**Pastor and brother in Christ, Kiko.**

....The fields are white for harvest. John 4:35





## STAFF UPDATE

### **A special thanks to some special staff who have recently stepped into new phases of their lives.**

Mandi, our faithful, former US secretary was united in marriage to Jared Martin, and moved to the cold land of Minnesota. :)

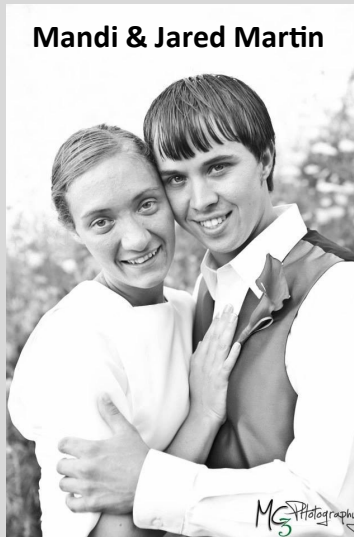
Shea Alexander ended his time on the field as he began a 'special relationship' with a 'special girl'. :)

Also, Hannah Loewen, our very faithful domestics worker and friend to everyone who knew her, returned to her home in Canada in order to continue a 'special relationship' with a 'special friend'. :)

May the Lord Jesus bless each one of these dear people in His special way!



Hannah Loewen



Mandi & Jared Martin



Shea Alexander

## *Prayer & Praise*

- Wisdom and discernment for those on the field (especially the administrators) to make the right decisions from day to day. They face so many.
- That God would continue to provide safety for all those traveling to and from the field.
- For the upcoming leadership seminars to be held again in the mountains of Peyi Pourri in December. Pray especially for Brother Shea as he leads out.
- That the Lord would provide the needed funds for our general operating expenses. With the growth of our discipleship, leadership training, and other ministries, comes many additional costs including airfare for teachers traveling to and from Haiti, additional literature, etc..

- God has called the Pete Garber family from Washington state to fill the role of administrator in Haiti as the Aaron Lavy family finish their 2 year term.
- How God is calling willing young people to serve him on the field. We have been so blessed with staff who keep staying on year after year. Now we have a few openings, because of changes in the lives of a few of our staff.
- A nice I.F.M. board meeting, and a wonderful Ohio Haiti Benefit Auction weekend, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>.
- A very good week of classes at our youth seminar at the Water of Life Church on our compound in Haiti. The young people were very eager to learn and are asking for more.



## LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME...CHILDREN'S HOME UPDATE



Dadou does such a good job of entertaining the little girls when she is not busy going to school. Some favorite things to do with their dolls are playing church, and traveling to the mountains or to the states. =)



Because of Mich's brittle bone disease, he isn't able to play and work outside as much as the other kids. He stays busy by drawing, learning to write his name, and cutting out pictures.



Not only do we have goats, we also have fish and chickens to take care of. We wanted the kids to start learning responsibility and to have some chores to do, and now we benefit by getting to eat fresh tilapia and fresh eggs!!!

IFM Children's Home kids... Lovenie -age 20 months. Veronika -age 3. Edlyns -age 4. Davensky age 4. Michelet -age 4. Wilson -age 5. Dadou -age 10.

Wisky helps out so much around our place. Here Wilson and Edlyns are helping him with the goats... Snowball and Sugar. (you know you live in Haiti when the brown goat is named sugar. =)



## GOD'S YOUNG MISSIONARIES

I spent the month of July at IFM Haiti as a W.A.T.E.R student this summer.

What did we do there? Well actually we didn't have specially assigned tasks, we just tried to help with whatever was going on. So we got in on everything from painting walls and washing windows at the kid's home to making a late night ambulance run and hiking up to Peye Pourri for church early one Sunday morning.

Picking out a highlight is impossible, but I can honestly say I enjoyed every day I spent with IFM. Thanks to all who made my month in Haiti possible.

To the staff, God bless and may you always have an over abundance of cornflakes!

**-RyHanna Beachy**



I really enjoyed the month that I spent with the IFM staff in Haiti this summer. One of my highlights was being able to observe the youth seminar. It was awesome to see the body of Christ working together to make the seminar a success. Another highlight was hiking up to Paperi. The mountains were beautiful! Some things that challenged me this summer were the joyful spirit of the mission staff, even when things were not easy; and also the thankfulness of the Haitians, even though they do not have everything. Those are two qualities I want to cultivate in my own life.

**-Mary Metzler**

### **Jimaní**

I spent one month this summer living in Jimaní, Dominican Republic through SMBI's WATER program. My time there went fast and I enjoyed it a lot. One thing about the Dominican that was a good experience was their culture. The people there were friendly. People sitting in front of their houses would invite me to sit down and talk to them. This part of the culture would be an advantage as a missionary. One thing that took some getting used to was how laid back they are. For example, three o'clock often meant five o'clock. They also like music, good food, and parties. Overall, their culture was a good experience. These people also have a great need for Jesus Christ, and it was good to see the work the church is doing down there.

**-Nicholas Eberly**





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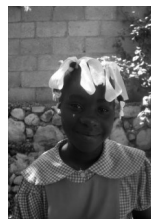


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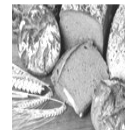
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