

# International Faith Missions

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# Following The Will of God

As I sit in the office I realize how time flies. It has been 3 months since I got into Haiti and so far it has been a wonderful experience. Many people picture a missionary as a middle-aged man who leaves his job and sometimes everything in America to evangelize and help people in Africa, Central America, Haiti or somewhere else in the world. That's what I used to think until I came to Haiti myself and decided to be a missionary. The simplistic view we have about being a missionary is not the same as when we come here and face the reality.

Each of us receive different calls from God to spread the gospel and do his mission work, whether writing a letter to a prisoner, or going to a foreign land and spread the words of God. That was my call. God called me to come to Haiti and be the secretary in IFM and I am here in obedience doing my work and trying to understand God's purpose.

God has been great to me since I've got here. He's been adding the skills that I need to do my work and to get along with the staff and the Haitians. Most of the time I need to work along with Pete *El Jefe*, and he is a very wise man who has taught me patiently what I need to do in the office and how I need to do it. Please pray for our staff as we serve the Lord in Haiti. We want to be obedient and follow the will of God.

Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak

on my own.

John 7:17

Carlos Abreu



# EBAC Orphanage Update

#### Dear friends:

Thank you so much for the faithful support both in finances and prayers that you have been giving us here at the E.B.A.C. Orphanage in Cap-Haitian. For many, many years we have been thanking the Lord for the finances that you send to help us put food on the table for the 100 + children and young people that are fed each day. What a blessing you have been to all of us!

In 2000 we started homeschooling the orphans using the School of Tomorrow PACE system of teaching. We are so happy to report to you that in February of this year we had our first graduation with 10 students satisfactorily completing their high

school material. What a day of celebration that was! Pastor Cebien put up his big tent and the orphans decorated to their hearts' content. They wore their caps and gowns and gave God the glory for allowing them to graduate from an Eng-

lish school. If you come to visit English with you and they are so

What are the graduates planning finished one semester at Monso happy that he made all B's and mathe, who wants to study nursto go and study at a community Nadine and Wideline are now in at Indiana Baptist College where Manuacha are wanting to go to nursing in January, if it's the

us, these students will be able to speak grateful for that.

on doing now? Well, Cilem has already tana Bible College in the US. We were seems to be adjusting just fine. Androing, will be requesting a visa on Monday college in Washington State. Irmana, the process of requesting visas to study they have been accepted. Ricardo and Pensacola Christian College to study Lord's will. Please pray for them as they

seek to receive more training to be able to serve the Lord in the way that He wants. Please pray that they will continue to keep their eyes on the Savior.

This year two of our older orphans, both over 30 years of age, got married. Belfort married a lady from this community that goes to the church on the compound. They have a cement block house that they are living in while they continue to build. We are so happy for them and their Christian testimony.

In July, Marie Rose married a good Christian man, Obeyi, who also attend church here on the compound. They also have a house that is in construction but they are living in it while they build little by little. That is so much wiser than paying rent on a place. This couple is in charge of Junior Church here at the EBAC Morne-Rouge church. Marie Rose teaches first grade for us in the academy. What a blessing it is to have these Christian homes springing up all around us! We have about 20 grandchildren (children of married orphans) who attend our home school, too. (continued on pg. 3)



# Staff Updates

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We praise the Lord that the "chick fever" virus has just about finished here in Haiti. So many people got it but now we don't know anyone who has it - just many people who are suffering from the results of having it. We thank the Lord for protecting us. We went home for a high-school graduation of Alice's niece and when we started packing to return, we couldn't find our passports anywhere. We applied for new ones and had to wait for 2 and a half weeks to get it. When we got

back to Haiti, the virus was just about over. How we praise the Lord for the ways that He controls all our paths!

Well, we hope that this brings you up-to-date on some of the things that are happening here at EBAC. We hope that you are praising the Lord with us as we see some of the fruits of what the Lord is doing in this place. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in helping us all these years.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you.

Joyfully serving the Lord,

Kathy and Alice





Kendra Delagrange
US Secretary

We would like to welcome Kendra Delagrange as she steps up to the challenge and position of IFM U.S. Secretary. She lives in Spencerville, Indiana which is near the new location of the office in Saint Joe, Indiana. As a 2014 graduate of the Cuba Mennonite School, she has been seeking the Lord's direction for work and service. Kendra enjoys singing, playing piano, baby-sitting, and crocheting. In the past she has enjoyed singing in several choirs, and being a cook and counselor at Bible Memory Camp. May the Lord continue to use her in His service to further His Kingdom!



IFM is also pleased to welcome the Durwin Miller family as they join our team. Beginning November 1, 2014, Durwin will assume the responsibility of Executive Director for the ministry of IFM. The Miller family resides in Saint Joe, Indiana and enjoys traveling, camping, and finding creative things to do. Durwin owns Lighthouse Woodworking and builds cabinets for kitchens and bathrooms. Jena spends much of her time homeschooling Jadon, who is in 6th grade, Kristen, who is in 4th grade, & Alisa, who is in 2nd grade. Justin is a busy little guy who is at the stage of life where everything needs to be checked out, including wall sockets.:)



Durwin and Jena Miller
Jadon , Kristen, Alisa, & Justin
Executive Director

# WATER Student Experiences

I had a great experience this summer at the mission in Fond Parisien, Haiti! God taught me so many things, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that I had to spend the whole month of July in Haiti. Throughout the month, I spent time helping with the domestic work at the main mission compound, helping out at the children's home doing various things, and helping out at the clinic in the pharmacy and occasionally observing the doctors while they worked. I definitely enjoyed everything, but my favorite days were the days that I got to spend working at the clinic. I am currently in nursing school and working in the clinic was a great eye opener for me. No, it was not always easy, and I admit that there were times when I just couldn't understand how God could allow certain things to happen to some people, but it definitely deepened my relationship with Him. One major thing that I learned through my experiences in Haiti was just to trust God in everything and with everything. He always knows what is best even though we



cannot see the reasoning behind it. I tried to remember this whenever I saw neglect, abandonment, and disregard for human life. I also realized that even though I could not help everyone with everything, the little things that we did do meant the world to some people. God is truly working in the hearts of people in Haiti. Even though it still seems like Satan has a tremendous hold on the country, God will one day claim it back for Himself. Spending my summer in Haiti was an awesome way to grow closer to God, my family and also make new friends. Being out of my comfort zone taught me total dependence on God and also made me realize how much my family means to me. I will never forget my wonderful summer spent on the WATER program in Haiti. Thank you God for the wonderful life lessons that you taught me!

- Lynelle Hess

# 2014 Mater Students

I got to spend the month of July 2014 in the Dominican Republic. Some of the highlights included interaction with the neighbor kids and other children around town. I also enjoyed hanging out with the young gentleman of the church. And it was also exciting to be able to tour the town of Jimani on foot and visit the market and my favorite cafeteria for some delicious lemonade!! One of my big highlights was VBS. Even though I couldn't speak the language that well, it was fun just to interact with kids in my class as well as the 200 plus others that showed up. Seeing their smiles and getting various hugs each day from kids throughout the week was heart-warming. Tom, Laurie, Kiko and Vicki were amazing hosts. They were very hospitable, wonderful cooks, and willing to answer my many questions, and also willing to allow me to be a part of their lives. I love the Dominican Culture, the friendliness of the people, the laid back style of living, and how people with so little can be so happy. One of the things I was chal-



lenged with was just to love the people, no matter what their background was or their status. Acts 10:34-35 (NIV) says that "God does not show favoritism, but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right." My challenge was to remember that God loves everyone equally no matter who we are or where we are from; and I need to be willing to humble myself just as Christ would to love and serve his children. It's hard to put in a few words my experience, but I thoroughly enjoyed my time and the many things I learned while living in the DR. GOD IS GOOD!!

- Mose Clemmer

## The Work of IFM

Several weeks ago I took a quick trip to Haiti. The IFM Board had asked me to participate in Kiko's ordination just across the Haiti border in the D.R. On Friday evening I stopped in at the mission compound to visit with Pete Garber and his family. Pete is a "natural" administrator and has been adding some needed structure to the varied IFM activities that he oversees. Whether it is the school (where many of you sponsor children) or the "Water Of Life" church congregation, there are many day to day issues and activities that Pete helps to operate in an orderly fashion.

Pete's are adjusting to Haiti well. He is learning the language and has already preached the Gospel message in Creole at one of the mountain churches. Pete's wife, Marylis, also lends a helping hand in numerous ways at the compound. It was fun to see how their five children are picking up on the language and making Haitian friends.

The next morning I stopped in to visit Mike and Joanna Martin and their young family. It was a special occasion- their youngest son, Daniel, was celebrating his second birthday. Mike gives direction to the Clinic, and he also does outreach to Haitians in outlying areas. Whether it's doing mechanical work on one of IFM's aging fleet of vehicles (in the absence of a full time mechanic), or meeting with the mountain pastors to plan this year's Pastors Seminar, Mike is always on the go. By the way, the clinic continues to be a valuable asset to the Fond Parisien community. Diabetes and hypertension (high blood pressure) are two chronic health issues for the Haitians. The clinic helps the Haitians to regulate these health issues in an economical manner. Of course, there are also cuts, stitches and emergency ambulance runs to the hospitals in Port to keep life interesting.

From Mike's house I next dropped in at the Children's home and sat under a shade tree and visited with Matt. Matt and his wife guide the many activities of the Children's home. IFM's Children's Home is literally saving lives, helping the lame to walk, and giving hope to the hopeless. That's not bragging folks- that's just the facts. Over ten infants have been in the "refeeding" program. That program is where the Home takes in children who, for various reasons, are literally and slowly starving to death. Mary Ann Yoder has a gift of bringing these infants back from the brink of death with loving care and intercessory prayer. One of the home's residents, Mich, is in the States, currently recovering from an operation that gives him the hope of walking again. Mich is looking forward to being adopted by a loving family in the States. Even as I write this, another family is in Haiti to complete the adoption paper work for Wilson. While at the children's home I got to hold Natalie, a baby that would have been cute except for the horrendous growth from the side of her face. Those of you following IFM on Facebook or the blogs know that that growth was surgically removed and Natalie now is becoming totally cute, as the swelling from the surgery goes down. This surgery was made possible by some of you who are reading this.

As I think back to this quick trip to Haiti, I leave these thoughts with you. Your support of IFM makes all of the work possible. Thank you. We have a dedicated and gifted staff. Thank you. And, if you are a mechanic who God is calling to the mission field- CALL US. Thank you. —Andy Eversole, Board Member



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#### **AID FOR ORPHANS**

I am donating \$ aid orphans not in the IFM Children's Home.



### **GENERAL**

I would like to contribute \$ to be used where needed most.

#### D.R. CHURCH

This \$ is to help build a new church building in the Dominican Republic.



#### **CHILDREN'S HOME**

I wish to give for the operating expenses of the Children'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.



## MEDICAL RELIEF

I would like to help those who cannot afford the medical care they need.



monthly one-time gift

#### FOOD PANTRY

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



monthly one-time





I would like to help provide quality medical care in Haiti. \$\_\_\_\_\_ operating expenses construction where most needed \$

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