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Every Child School

In this edition we are excited to introduce you to the *Every Child School (ECS)*. Founded in 2006 by Heart of Compassion, *ECS* serves the community of Soliette. This small community south of IFM is about an hour and half from the mission. It's mountain location is accessible by road in all but the wettest weather.

In the nineties IFM began working in Soliette. That work eventually included a school and property. After a loosing the buildings and most of the land to the flooding river, IFM ceased working there. Our only recent involvement in the region has been the occasional mobile clinic.



Heart of Compassion started the school in Soliette with the vision of Vladimyr and Charlot. Through God's blessing and much hard work the school is now housed in a concrete building with a director, nine teachers, and around 170 students. After an extended period of time without mission staff in Haiti, Heart of Compassion approached us with an offer to take on the operation of Every Child School. With much prayer and discussion, the board of IFM decided that this school fits in our overall vision of expanding our ministry outside of the Fond Parisien area.

There are only two schools in the region so the *Every Child School* is filling an urgent need. The need for spiritual ministry in the Soliette area is also very real and we see this school as a good way to beginning working in this area again. There have been Bible studies and services held at the school in the past and we look forward to starting those again as God provides someone. There is a house with the school that is ready for missionaries to move into.



Would you please pray with us as we take on this new ministry and responsibility? We need: God's wisdom to move ahead, God's supplying hand to fund it, God's people to staff it. What part would God have you play in the ministry at Soliette?

TEAM MEMBER NEWS

Welcome



Darrel and Maria Hershberger
Serving as house parents at the mission. Darrel's join us from the Arthur, IL area. They have four girls; Madison, Anya, Jaclyn, and Liliana.



Janice Penner
Serving in the clinic pharmacy. She is from Spanish Lookout, Belize



Dan and Diane Schmucker
Dan is joining the board of advisors from Harlan, IN. They have 10 children and 21 grandchildren.

Goodbye

We are grateful to all those who are willing to serve with IFM. We wish God's best to each as they leave IFM and continue following the path He is laying before them.



Danita Hostetler
Served as a nanny for 1 yr.



Caitlyn Keener
Served as domestics coordinator for 2 yrs.



Kevin Rojas
Served as teacher and maintenance for 1.5 yrs.

PRAISE & PRAYER

Pray!

- * For the team members working both in Haiti and the Dominican Republic as they make challenging decisions daily.
- * That the seeds planted through our mission could be watered and bring forth abundant fruit.
- * That God would continue to bless the mission both with finances and with willing, working hands.

Praise!

- * For a new to us Nissan Patrol. Our vehicles are old and worn out.
- * For a good youth seminar where young people heard of Christ and practical holy living!
- * Opportunity to switch to a new school curriculum that is written from a Biblical worldview.
- * Team members willing to serve the Lord.

MISSION NEEDS

We are blessed to see how God has worked in the past and trust that He will supply our needs going forward. Following is a list of needs that we have at the mission right now. Would you pray with us that God would supply however He sees fit?

Staff Needs:

- ◆ General administrator—general oversight of all IFM work in Haiti. **Right away!**
- ◆ Medical administrator—oversight of all IFM medical work. **Right away!**
- ◆ Clinic pharmacy worker/floater—help in our pharmacy, with domestics, etc. **Right away!**
- ◆ Minister—to teach in the church and lead out in team spiritual input. **Right away!**

**If you are sensing a call to serve please contact us.*

Material Needs:

- ◆ Funds to assist in the purchase of a 2011 Isuzu double cab pickup—**\$12,500**
- ◆ Funding to help with the additional expense in switching to new school curriculum—**\$7,400**
- ◆ Funds for general operating expense
- ◆ Funds for, or donation of, dental equipment. (Table and tools that attach to the chair)
- ◆ Funds to add four classrooms to our school—**\$20,000** These classes are currently being held in our church sanctuary and in a tent.

PARTING THOUGHTS

To get myself thinking I did a quick run through of my 2 years there—the good and the bad. To my fellow travelers, reminiscing brought many different emotions and happy memories to mind. Incredible. That's the first word that pops into my mind.

My IFM family, the Haitian people, my Haitian friends and "family", the fulfillment in serving our King Jesus! "Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58 The interaction and sharing with people on the way to market or visiting, influencing friends and in everyday life just being a light. The joy in serving those around and having opportunities to speak into others' lives or just be Jesus' hands and feet in the small things -even washing dishes:) "And whatever you do, do heartily as unto God and not unto men....for you serve the Lord Jesus Christ." Col 3:23-24

The things that God taught me and did in my life....incredible.

And of course life ain't just roses. Sometimes it's just plain slap hard. I went through some of the hardest and darkest valleys of my life there. The devil attacked us in many ways. It kinda seemed like it was one thing after another. "But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one." 2 Thess. 3:3 "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph. 2:11 Through everything God's grace was very evident! I'm amazed again and again at His mercy and love to me! "But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:5-6 I'm amazed at the strength He gives when things are crazy and you only want to crawl into a safe dark hole and hibernate for a couple of weeks. And I praise Him because: "He said, "my grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."...for when I am weak, then I am strong" 2 Cor. 12:9-10 because then His power is on me. In those times He is the One that receives all glory and "our faith will not be in the wisdom of man but in the power of God."

God taught me so much during my time there.

*Relationships- I realize now I knew next to nothing about relationships when I first went down. Living on a compound with however many other people from all kinds of different cultures was stretching and not always easy but quite the learning experience! "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." Phil. 2:3 "Be kindly affectionate toward one another giving preference to one another:" Rom. 12:10 Unselfishness and humility were some areas I definitely did some growing in. Speaking of different cultures, here's an interesting little tidbit: in my 2 years at IFM we had/have: Haitian, Canadian, American, Dominican, Costa Rican, Belizean...so yeah a lot of nationalities right there, not to mention the different cultures within our locations/communities/churches/ homes.

*Trusting in Him- 'Cause He is the One I can fully trust, I know He holds me in His hands, He has plans and a purpose for my life, and He sees the whole big picture! And in recognizing His sovereignty in dealing with the pain, unfairness, and poverty around me, I know He hurts for the broken and hurting way more than we ever can imagine. "He declares "the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying 'my counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all my purpose.'" Isa. 46:10

I've also always looked at this time spent in Haiti as prep for mission work in the future. And it has been great hands-on mission training. And whether God calls me far away or at "home" (wherever that is...not really sure right now) and in my community, I pray that I will be intentional about my duty as an ambassador of the Most High God and sharing with others the Good News!

Caitlyn Keener

PARTING THOUGHTS CONT.

Serving in Haiti was a great opportunity and I count it as a blessing. Going out of my comfort zone to serve in a foreign country, learning their language, trying to get involved in their culture, and finding ways to share the gospel with them was a challenge that I couldn't do on my own. But through all, God's grace and providing never failed. He used these experiences to draw me into a deeper relationship with Him. It also opened my eyes to the world's desperate need of the gospel and of men and women willing to lay down their lives to carrying the good news of salvation no matter the cost. And I believe these experiences will help me to be a blessing in my home church as I go back. They will cause me to share the gospel with more passion everywhere I go starting in my home country. *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Matthew 28. 19,20

FROM THE BOARD

Give ear, o my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he has done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them KNOWN to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children that should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God; and not forget the works of God; but keep his commandments.

Hello everyone,

We are looking forward to working with you all at IFM, to reach out to the lost, to help the helpless, to heal the broken-hearted, to recover sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Am also looking forward to meeting all the staff, and working with you in unity of the spirit of Almighty God.

Blessings to all,
Dan & Dianne Schmucker

We are happy to welcome Dan to our board. He is ordained and has experience in church administration. Dan will be focusing his efforts toward the church. He will be the board contact person for the church and will have responsibilities including helping the church with teaching opportunities, working through leadership issues, and periodic church visits.

A great big thank you to Al Bontrager for his years of faithful service with IFM. He served on the field as well as on the board. His solid, well thought input on the board is missed. God bless you Al!

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