

NPC Hearts for Haiti



Summer 2016



Newlonsburg Goes to Haiti..Again!

Very early on Saturday, January 16th, twenty-one hearty souls left Pittsburgh for what would be an amazing experience at the La Croix New Testament Mission in Haiti. The team consisted of 4 teens, some Haiti veterans, and some first-timers. Much was accomplished during the week, including food distribution, table and desk building, and the completion of 4 cement floors in the school buildings at Paul, a remote mountain village a 90 minute drive from La Croix.

Another mission trip to La Croix is being planned for January, 2017. If interested, please talk to Susan Keaney, Jon Moerdyk, or Pastor Curtis.

Drought

Haiti has been experiencing a season of drought this year. The previous years there was rain but not enough to grow anything. This time

it's not only in Lacroix but all across Haiti. Famine is everywhere. Haitian merchants always like the black market and this occasion is a good one. With the US currency going up, food prices have gone up. We are very thankful that, thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to purchase and distribute 12

pounds of rice, 6 pounds of beans, 4 pounds of salt, and 30 cans of evaporated milk to 250 families. We traveled to LaCoupe, Pacot, Perisse, and Foucarte to distribute the food. Since our trip, Haiti has had rain and it is hoped that this will allow them to plant crops to feed themselves and to bring water to the dry wells.



The Sponsorship Program

An important part of our trip was updating the pictures of our sponsored children and giving them the cards and letters sent by their sponsors. It is such a joy to see how well the chil-

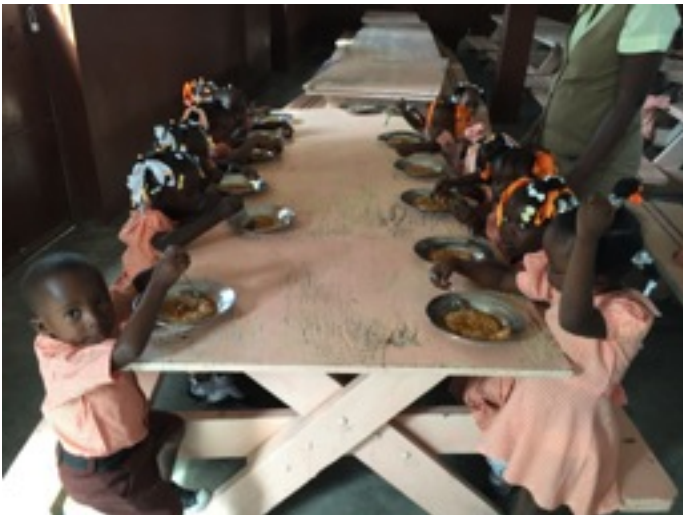


dren are growing! We were able to photograph more than 50 of our sponsored children! Many of those on the trip were able to meet their sponsored children and some found new children to sponsor. We were also able to distribute the more than 180 fabric backpacks

lovingly created by our **Blessed Piecemakers** and filled with school supplies donated by Newlonsburgers.

School Improvements

Pastor Pierre and his son, Kerby, have been making some improvements at the school in La Croix. Pastor Pierre's wife, Ermithe, has im-



proved the school lunch program. She's added some variety to the menu, like spaghetti and cornmeal with brown gravy. An assistant superintendent and an administrative assistant were hired last July. The assistant superintendent's responsibilities are to visit each of the six schools on a regular basis to get to know the principals, teachers, and students and to ensure

that school attendance is recorded and that action is taken for tardiness. Absences have dropped since they are taking attendance regularly.

VO-TECH SCHOOL

The Vo-Tech school at La Croix this year has gone to another level. With donations, they have added a wood working class, a sewing class on a higher level where men and women both can make clothes for anyone. The masonry class, the computer class, and the regular sewing class are all going well.

To quote from Pastor Pierre, "I thank God for that. I believe the future of Haiti relies on the youth learning a trade to support the country and to support themselves."

Shipping Container Has Arrived!

Some of you may remember that we were given the opportunity to send gifts to our



sponsored children last August. Well, the shipping container finally arrived in February. As

you can see, the children were very happy with their gifts!

Cement Floors for Paul

One of the projects our team worked on this January was providing cement floors for school

rooms in the village of Paul. One of the challenges of this project was the distance. Paul is a mountain village a 90 minute drive on bumpy mountain roads.



Nevertheless, a team of 8 hardy souls took on the challenge including 3 teens. The task in-



involved carrying 130 one hundred pound bags of cement about 100 yards, and shovel and wheel barrel 3 tons of sand and 4.5 tons of gravel. They worked beside a crew of 6 Haitians. The results were 4 classroom floors, 20ft. by 20 ft. Great job, guys!

Pastor Pierre at Newlonsburg!

Mark your calendars! Pastor Pierre and his son, Kerby, will be at Newlonsburg on Sunday, September 18th. They will update us on the mission at LaCroix and suggest ways that we can support them.

Sponsors Needed!

Make a difference in a child's life! For just \$20 a month, you can provide a child in Haiti with 2 meals a day, school uniforms, and the security of knowing that someone cares about him or

her. You will be able to communicate with your child, share pictures, etc. You have no idea what it means to these children and their families. One parent told a sponsor that they hang a picture of the sponsor and her family in their home and look at it every day!

Check out these cuties!

Top left: Wooldy will be 3 in August. He likes to play soccer and has 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Top right: Aliandy is 7 years old. He likes soccer and playing with his toys. He has 1 sister.

Bottom left: Betchouna is 5. Her parents are separated and she loves her doll.

Bottom right: Bethsaica will be 5 in September. She recently lost her mother. She enjoys her doll also.



If you are interested in sponsoring any of these children, please contact Kathie Lukitsch, 724-327-6558 or Sue Billings, 724-733-2803.

Prayer Requests from Pastor Pierre:

1. Pray for my Son, Kerby, as we mentor him in the Lord's ministry
2. Pray that my wife and I to stay healthy
3. Pray for God's provision for this ministry
4. Pray for Friends of Haiti as they have taken the financial responsibility state side for Lacroix Mission
5. Pray for God to send more workers in His harvest
6. Pray for the protection and safety of out-reach teams
7. Pray for spiritual harvest
8. Pray for the Vo-Tech school
9. Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit
10. Pray for God to enlarge our territory

Current sponsors! Are you up to date with your sponsorship donations? Donations may be made monthly (\$20), quarterly (\$60), twice a year (\$120), or yearly (\$240). Checks may be put in the mailbox in the office.

