



NPC Hearts for Haiti



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The Child Sponsorship Program

The first six weeks of 2014 have been a very busy and exciting time at the LaCroix New Testament mission. There has been a steady stream of outreach teams visiting the mission since January 4, and the momentum will continue until Easter. Many projects are being completed.

This month, the sponsorship office wanted to highlight some of the positive benefits of the child sponsorship program.

One of the many positive thing about the child sponsorship program is that it includes providing medical care for sponsored children. If a child who is not sponsored is hurt while in school, they will still receive medical care; however, their family would have to contribute a small fee for medications.

Another benefit is that the sponsorship program provides breakfast and lunch for the preschooler students in LaCroix. Your support for one child will bless another child who is not sponsored. As you can see from

the picture below, the children receive food and a drink when they attend school. Older students receive lunch during the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to this program.



During their recent mission trip to LaCroix, Barb Rissler and Jack Metcalfe delivered letters and took pictures of many of our sponsored children. Read more about their experiences: <http://newlonsburgchurch.org/serve/outreach/haiti-mission-update/>

Reminder: Please check your financial statements to ensure that your sponsorship payments are up-to-date!

Mission Project Updates

Pastor Pierre has been very busy with the visiting outreach teams. Here is a brief update of the major projects:

Composting toilets & hand washing stations - have been completed in both LaCroix and Paul. These are being introduced to all of the school communities as a way to improve the environment and health of the people. Hand washing stations are an integral part of the model that is being followed.

School roof in Pacot - has been temporarily fixed.

English education - Bonnie Eichler (from Bethany Presbyterian Church in Bridgeville) and Allison McClelland (from Zion United Methodist Church in Sarver) are serving as missionaries, teaching English to preschool students. This has been a vision of Pastor Pierre's for many years.

School roof in Paul - this year, new classrooms were opened one by one as the roof was finished on the new 14 classroom building. Dan Beck and his daughter Heather spent three weeks in Haiti teaching a roofing team how to set the trusses and install the roofing materials.

Medical clinics - Having available quality healthcare is a valuable asset to the community surrounding LaCroix. Outreach teams visited outlying areas to treat patients for various illnesses. The clinic in LaCroix is well known in the area, and people travel from miles around to seek treatment there.

Library at LaCroix - Thanks to mission teams from Westminster Presbyterian Church, the new Bibliotheque La Croix officially opened to a crowd of enthusiastic students and teachers on February 14, 2014.

Website Information for LaCroix Mission

Visit www.lacroixhaitimission.org to get more information on the projects and activities that are underway.

Oh Well!

Outreach is pleased to report that your Haiti alternative Christmas gifts are already at work in hand digging a well in LaCroix. Your gifts for food and water were combined in a unique way- the locals who will benefit from the well are being paid with food, not money, to dig the well. This combination of water and food, along with sweat-equity, will give them a vested interest in the digging and maintaining of the well. Barb and Jack visited the site and saw how rugged the terrain, how badly needed is the well, and what progress has been made.



**A Child Sponsorship Success
Story
by Sue Billings**



In 2000, Stan and I received the picture of Benedick Pierre, a little boy from La Croix who was deaf. We were told that our support through the Child Sponsorship Program would allow him to attend the deaf school in Port-au-Prince. In October of 2001, I traveled to LaCroix to teach Benedick's family some sign language so that they could communicate with him when he was back in La Croix during breaks from school. I also had the opportunity to visit the deaf school with Pastor Pierre and Benedick's father and meet Benedick. I'll never forget watching Benedick's father sign to Benedick for the first time! Through the years, we looked forward to receiving pictures, letters, and even report cards from his school. Earlier this year, we were notified that Benedick had graduated from the deaf school and plans to continue his education learning carpentry. We are very proud of Benedick and grateful that we had the opportunity to support him as he grew into a handsome young man with a promising future.



Sponsors Needed!

Check out these adorable kiddos who need sponsors! Dublinetha will be 9 years old this month and loves playing with her baby doll! Jedson is 5 years old and loves to play soccer. Please consider making a difference in the life of one of these precious children.



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Is God calling you to service in Haiti?

NPC is planning a mission trip to Haiti!

January 14-24, 2015.

Interested, even a little?

Contact Barbara Rissler, Joyce Vernon,
Jack Metcalfe or Pastor Curtis for more
information.



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