

April 4, 2016

Dear Friends of Haiti,

George Jones "Dr Georges" to the Haitians and I arrived safely in Haiti late Saturday evening after a two hour delay in Ft Lauderdale. It meant for a rather harrowing ride after nightfall I understand why Haitians pray before they drive. We had an awesome Sunday with very spirited worship While we and the 24 other members of the team could understand their sincere fervor and obvious love for the Lord. At 2/12 hours in length I don't ever want someone to complain when we go over by 5 minutes! I led the communion service with 5 minutes of notice. FLEXIBLE is evidently a good word in Creole.

Today Dr Georges was part of a medical team that went to the small village of Pacot. I was part of the team that passed out deworming medicine, made more palatable by the lollipop that followed. I kept thinking, "Lord, how will this little one make it? Will they be OK? Will they have a good and faithful life? I shed a few tears handing out those pills today.

We also passed out Bibles to the children today. Thank you for being part of raising more than \$10000 to distribute more than 3500 Bibles We placed names of donors in front of the Bibles I personally handed out Bibles given by Kephart, Nassar, Miles, and The Church of the Covenant Mission Committee. For most children in Haiti this is the only book they own.

Fun to reconnect with friends there from last year, moving to see the hand of God at work, and every moment is a blessing just to be here. More, later. Keep us in prayer as we are praying for you!

Faithfully,
Stu and "Dr Georges"

April 6, 2016

Dear all:

We had another great day in Haiti. Stu traveled to the small villages of Perise and Bokatoni. We passed out deworming medicine, Bibles and soccer balls. The bitter pill was not as well received as the soccer balls. The young men had a spirited soccer game this evening and publicly over the sound system thanked us for coming. There are amazing young people in Haiti who just need an opportunity to make a difference.

Our medical team of nine people, including Dr Georges, have traveled to three different villages --one bumpy flat road, one bumpy road followed by a two and a half mile mountain climb, and a bumpy mountain --with slippery mud. Have seen 200 plus people so far.

Pastor Pierre is an amazing ambassador for Jesus Christ and made a profound difference over his 41 years of ministry in LaCroix. The people of Haiti are so faithful and strong under impossible circumstances. They need our help and the power of God's love in order to progress. In them, we see the amazing combination of strength and suffering, possibility and hope, and physical need accompanied by their strong faith in God.

Please be in prayer for us as we head into our last days here, for spiritual openings for relationship and ministry, and for rain to fall on this parched land. Last night a heavy rain interrupted our evening devotions. Thank you, Lord, for being so faithful to answer our prayer.

Faithfully,
Stu and Dr. Georges

April 7, 2016

Dear friends of Haiti:

Today was another amazing day in Haiti. We made our way up a steep mountain road to LaCoupe. At one point the large cage truck became stuck and they had to back it down the hill backward. Stu and Dr Georges were in the land cruiser. Whew!

We distributed Bibles, gave out deworming pills, and handed out several hundred pounds of rice and beans. I thought of Jesus' words: "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth". I visited my sponsor child's family today, who live in a closet sized house and have 7 children. No rain means these subsistence farmers have no food.

In spite of the poverty the splendor of God's creation is striking. As this week has progressed the mission team has coalesced and we grow in our love, respect and admiration for each member of the team. What amazing people in what an amazing place.

Faithfully,
Stu and Dr Georges

P.S. This is our last posting until we return home late Saturday night, tired but filled with joy!