

# Nehemiah's Voice

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## School is Finally Back in Session!



Children line up for their first day of school since the 7.0 earthquake rocked Haiti.

Nehemiah Christian Academy students went back to school on Monday, April 12, 2010. Three months to the day after a powerful 7.0 magnitude earthquake changed their lives. Attendance was down on the first day with 157 students in attendance, but it was an encouraging start. Due to the earthquake relief effort, a pair of tents were erected in time for Easter Services.

The school building is currently being used to house supplies while construction continues on the new hospital building and kitchen. The kitchen is nearing completion. The cement floor has been laid and the tin roof has been installed thanks to a team from Extreme Missionary Adventures led by Randy L. White. Hospital roof trusses are also under construction in Onward, Indiana.

## Kids Get Lesson in Abstinence



Teenagers listen intently about sexual abstinence during a workshop in early April.

Another exciting development during April was the presentation of a workshop on Abstinence for the teenage boys and girls who live in Chambrun and Despinos. Over 125 students attended each day of the workshop. They heard what the Bible has to say about sexual purity and marriage. Led by Lynne Padgett, Amy Shultz, and translated by Pastor Pierre's sister Abigail, the

lessons focused on Biblical perspectives, as well as how and what sexually transmitted diseases are and how they are spread. This was an information based program and the students really seemed to learn a lot. Several children pledged abstinence in front of the other students. Kids who took part each received a certificate and enjoyed a snack and drink following the final ceremony.

## Pastor's Conference Fills a Need



The Extreme Missionary Adventures team takes a break from work by the new kitchen area.

On April 9th and 10th, over 60 local Haitian pastors attended a 2-day conference led by Pastor Jim Butler from EastPointe Bible Church of Peru, Indiana. The conference was, according to Pastor Pierre, "just what they needed." Pastor Pierre also remarked that "most pastors in Haiti have received no formal training and are hungry for this kind of teaching." Pastor Butler replied "God has really laid it on my heart to help other pastors so they can be adequately equipped to handle God's Word."

Pierre are confident that they can get 250 to 300 pastors to attend the next conference tentatively scheduled for April 2011. Pastor Butler's focus dealt with how God uses tragedies like the earthquake to bring his people to Himself. He fielded many questions mostly dealing with how do the pastors grow their churches, his answer "preach the word."

"If we can get those 250 to 300 pastors to attend and take what they learn back to their congregations we can reach thousands of Haitians."

Pastor Butler eagerly looks forward to establishing a Bible Institute in the future. Both Pastors Butler and

Each pastor received a water filtration unit to take back to their church and hot meals on both days.



Pastor Butler poses with many of the pastors who attended the conference.

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# Sponsorship Program Update



Each child was photographed to update their sponsors on their progress and lives.



Pastor Esperandieu Pierre poses with a student who received a new dress from a team in April.



This small bulldozer arrived safely from Miami in early April and has made land preparation easier.

Another area which has been neglected since the earthquake is our Sponsorship program. On May 23rd a new committee was formed to get this program back on track. Tanya Mann Przybyszewski (Chip's sister) has been tabbed to help get our mailings and updates back on target within the next 4 to 6 weeks. Each of you who are currently sponsoring a child should expect that long-

overdue update package in the mail in the coming month. While on the topic of sponsorship, there are over 200 Nehemiah Christian Academy students who are still without sponsors. At less than \$1.50 per day, we invite each of our readers to prayerfully consider sponsoring a child. Your gift of \$40 per month provides meals, education, school supplies, and medical exams for each child.

## So Many Generous Donations!

Kids Against Hunger and Feed My Starving Children have generously sent 3 containers of food just in the last few months. The weekend of April 21st and 22nd, two 40 foot containers left for Haiti packed with food donated by Kids Against Hunger lovingly loaded by the members of Grace Community Church. About 100 donated tents were able to be put in the containers as well.

headquartered at Pastor Pierre's home since they arrived shortly after the earthquake.

Supplies for the hospital currently being built on the NCA campus have been overwhelming. In addition, many teams have contributed hundreds of hours of the sweat and labor to getting our school back in session. A new kitchen area has been built by members of XMA. Tents have been erected and concrete pads have been built for the school and church services.

So many contributions have been made since the earthquake, we have received medicines, clothing, food, tents, construction equipment to name just a few.

God has truly blessed the efforts of this ministry. We want to thank each and every one of you who have generously donated funds, necessary items and your time to help serve the people of Haiti!

Global Aid Network (GAIN) from the US and Canada have brought supplies in by the truckload and GAIN's team leaders have been

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