

Nehemiah's Voice

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The kitchen before construction began.



Here's a look at the new kitchen!

New Kitchen is Nearly Operational!

In 2008 the first NVM mission team watched Ozira cook meals over an open fire pit for the 75 school children. In 2009 we had moved down the road to the new school and clinic area. Although Ozira was still cooking meals outside she was now doing it for over 300 children. Under a tarp stretched between 2 containers Ozira spends hours cooking the rice meals for the children in this makeshift kitchen. The smell of wood smoke is strong under the tarp. Little ventilation circulates around the hot coals. A pile of split wood sits in one corner waiting to be thrown into the flames. Each day she cooks food for the children. Ozira has been cooking for the children for a few years now. She loves her job so much she hopes she does not

have a single sick day so she can keep helping the children. "When a student is sick or has some trouble at home and cannot come to school, they may not get a meal that day," Ozira said. Now in 2010 Ozira and others will be moving into the new kitchen that is being built. Ozira will not have to suffer with watery eyes from the smoke from the fire. She will not have to bear the heat added from the beating sun on the tarp along with the flames. Instead she will be cooking on new appliances that are waiting to be installed. This past week electricity outlets were placed in the walls that were being constructed. Within the month Mercy Chefs will be working alongside Ozira in the new Chambrun kitchen. What a glorious day that will be.



The May Medical team was praying for a doctor to go on the trip, but God's plan was different!



Katie Hutchens and Doctor Edmund stop work at clinic long enough to pose for a picture.

Haitian Doctor Helps Out at Clinic

Prior to leaving for Haiti we tried to find a doctor to work with our medical team. Everyone we asked said not at this time. A few were adamant and said "never" but most were interested but just not now. We had decided that we would work without a doctor. The first night during group time Pastor Pierre mentioned about a Haitian doctor that was interested in working with us during the week. What an answer to prayer! When we had given up hope God came through in a big way! Dr. Edmund and her husband had a medical practice in Port-au-Prince until the earthquake. They lost everything in 35 seconds - their home and their business. "Their building was destroyed," said Katie Hutchens, a nursing student who volunteered at the clinic in May. "So they lost the practice that they had together—and they lost their house too. So they, along with their two little girls, are living in an IDP (Inter-

nally Displaced People) compound." She studied at the University Lumiere. Her husband works at the Double Harvest Hospital now. They have been married for 7 years. "She wants to get a job with Nehemiah's Vision Ministries working at the hospital being built in Chambrun now," Katie said. "She has a really good heart and I believe the people there will really relate to her. I saw that happening when we worked together in the clinic." One of the biggest benefits to working with a Haitian doctor is there is no language barrier between the patient and the doctor. We were able to use a translator between the nurse and the doctor which was much more effective. The doctor was able to discuss directly with the patient their problems and concerns and then let the nurse know what needed to be done. We were very thankful that God answered our prayers even better than we could have imagined!

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A Nurse's Perspective

By Linda Dwyer

Our Trip to Haiti was quite the unexpected blessing. We arrived on May 18th, and as before everyone was looking forward to getting to work and helping the people of Haiti. Much anticipation as we went to the clinic for the first time. As we pulled into the clinic, it was wonderful to see all the work GAIN has started. The new hospital was marked off where one day the people will go for their medical needs. We could hear the children in the background, in school, with happy voices and smiles on their faces. It was great to see the pharmacy full of supplies, and knowing how much people have given to a country in need. It was a blessing to work together for the common purpose of helping others. Such a satisfying experience. One of our goals was to do physicals on all the school children, and it was a rewarding to see the children come in with happy faces, and better nourished than

in January. We were also able to go to an IDP camp and give medical attention to nearly 180 people. They seemed so appreciative for anything we could do. We also went into down town PAP. Although we did not witness any rebuilding, and the structures that had collapsed in January remain, people were out and about and were trying to make a living. We went to church and were able to worship and praise God with these wonderful people, and to send up prayers of thanksgiving for the blessing to be there. We went to a mountain and met people of a new village created after the earthquake. We brought medical attention and provided them with food and showed them that they are cared for. At the end of each day we sat together, worshipped and prayed, and gave thanks to God for putting us together to be able to do His work with our hands. Thank you Pastor Pierre' for your vision.



Nurse Linda Dwyer and Genesis Team Leader Jackie Brumley outside Pastor Pierre's House.



Linda Dwyer delivering food to a shelter in the Mountain village of Boukafarine.



Three year-old Woodlin lost her leg in the earthquake.



Jackie Brumley sharing a happy moment with Woodlin.

Quake Takes Her Leg Not Her Spirit

By Joey Payne, GAIN

When the earthquake started, little Woodlin (three-years-old) was inside her house in Port-au-Prince playing. The house fell down, trapping little Woodlin by the leg. For two days, her parents searched the rubble for their little girl. But she never gave up. For two days she clapped her hands to call her family to her. It worked and they found her!

Woodlin's rescuers had to cut off her leg because they could not move the concrete slab on their own. "But today, just four months later, she is up hopping around," said Jackie Brumley, one of the nurses volunteering at the Chambrun medical clinic. "She had this little walker, too, and she is just hopping up and down the hallways. She is just so cute. She has these sweet little pig tails. So cute!" "She was the happiest little girl I have ever seen in

my life," Katie Hutchens, a nursing student said. "It's only been four months, and she was just happy." The nurses at the clinic checked the amputee site and determined that it is healing very well. Woodlin and her family moved out to the Chambrun village for safety from falling buildings. Now Woodlin attends the school set up by Pastor Pierre and Nehemiah's Vision. Each day she gets a high-protein rice-soy meal at school. She even received a water bottle from GAIN to make sure she does not become dehydrated in the hot sun. She has already been sponsored by a team member from the Genesis Mission team. To see more children available for sponsorship please visit: www.nehemiahvisionministries.org

New Village Emerges from Quake

By Jackie Brumley

After church services Pastor Pierre was approached by a few new members and was invited to come to their village. We drove 3 pickups up as far as we could then walked the rest of the way. The heat bearing down on us from the midmorning sun was brutal. As we walked up and down this rock trail the people of the village lead the way. The small children there were so excited to see us - holding our hands and leading us to where they live. I couldn't believe the kids would carry their shoes instead of wearing them as we stepped on the large rocks. As we rounded a bend their homes came into view. Perched on a 20 ft ledge on the side of the mountain sat 4 homes. They were made of sticks and straw. Some had pieces of canvas tarps woven in. The were A-framed shaped with old suitcases across the top. As we entered in one I couldn't believe how sturdy they appeared. The walls were thick. There was a full size bed in the back with a cleared area in front. Inside smelled of charcoal but was amazingly clean. There was an infant probably 4 or 5 months old taking a nap on the bed. As I came back out of the home Pastor pointed way down

the mountain to a few more homes scattered around. So far down I could barely see was the river where they get water. He yelled down to the people there and explained that is how they communicate to each other. This village consisted of about 6 homes scattered along this mountainside. It was like stepping back in time. There was no street traffic noises. No stress. There were dogs tied up as pets. They had everything they needed to survive. They walk all the way down that mountain every Sunday to attend church at Chambrun. If you looked in the right spot you could see our red and white striped tent set up that we have been having church in. That is how these people saw us. Although there is still a lot of devastation in Haiti from the earthquake it is encouraging to see how God has used this catastrophe to further His Kingdom. He has brought these people down out of the mountain and allowed us to provide them with food, water and medical care. The circus tent that is being used as a church at first seemed amusing but from the vantage point of the mountainside it is a beacon calling out to all to come and worship Him.

Genesis Mission Trip Update

May 18 – 25, 2010 Genesis Church, Noblesville Indiana, sent their first mission team to Haiti. There were 9 members from Genesis along with 6 others from outside Genesis. The team spent the week seeing patients in the clinic as well as an IDP camp and a village in the mountain. Progress was made on the kitchen

with the completion of electrical outlets. Other projects that were worked on included fencing in the compound, running drainage from the shower areas to the ditch, pumping water from around the footers of the hospital and of course playing with the children of the school!



Picture of Genesis Church mission team on the ground in Haiti.



The Village of Boukafarine.



The villagers must carry all their supplies up the mountain. The 48 year-old woman carrying the child has 65 pounds of supplies on her head.



Genesis Church mission team poses with some of the villagers in Boukafarine.



Brandon Hutchens and his volunteer work crew.

Thank You for More Donations!



Stop Hunger Now donations from Mission of Hope being loaded for distribution by N.V.M.

Two Containers of food from Feed My Starving Children and tents packed and shipped by members of Grace Community Church are due in Chambrun in the next few days.

A new organization has offered help through Nehemiah Vision Ministries, Little Dresses For Haiti has sent its first 28 dresses and pledged an additional 200 dresses during the month of June to be distributed to little girls at I.D.P. camps by Nehemiah medical teams. The newly formed group, made up of women from all over the United States, has been turning pillowcases into dresses and adding frills and bows.

We picked up 880 cases of food from Stop Hunger Now at Mission of Hope in May. Just one on many food donations that have been received from Stop Hunger Now and Feed My Starving Children.



880 boxes of food from Stop Hunger Now being loaded on the Nehemiah tap tap.

Five More Children Sponsored

Five more Nehemiah Christian Academy students have been sponsored over the last two months. That brings the total number of NCA students being sponsored to seventy-six. It takes less than \$1.50 per day to sponsor a child, just \$40 per month will insure that a child will receive a hot meal daily, health care, school uniform, books and

supplies and most importantly a quality Christian education. We are so thankful for our new sponsors and the continued support of our veteran sponsors. We ask that our readers prayerfully consider sponsoring the children at Nehemiah Christian Academy so that they may get the education necessary to help rebuild Haiti.



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