



Haitian pickup truck of the 4-legged variety.

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Haiti Is Right Where God Wants Me!

by Aubree Dell, NVM Nurse (from her blog: *Adventures in Haiti*)



Aubree Dell holding baby Rose a premature little girl that Aubree and Kacie have been nurturing back to health.

We have had several teams come and go since the beginning of October and I cannot believe it is the end of November already. The time seems to be flying!! It is almost Christmas time and I just cannot fathom that. I think part of the reason is the fact that the weather here never really changes. It stays the same pretty much all the time. When I talk to friends and family back home and they tell me it is in the 40s or below, I just cannot believe it! Part of me still thinks it is July...

Last week we had a team from Grace Community Church in Noblesville, IN which is where I attended prior to moving here. We have had 3 teams come down from my church and each time it feels like family has arrived! It was so nice to see familiar faces again. This particular time, I was really excited because not only was my dear friend Brooke returning, but another one of my friends, Leslee that I worked with at St. Vincent came too. I was so excited for the both of them to meet sweet baby Rose, who now weighs 11.75 lbs!!!

While they were here I was able to go to two tent camps with them. We went to a camp that I had never been to before and it seemed like there was pregnant girl after pregnant girl who had some sort of pregnancy problem. Well, God knew we would have pre-eclamptic women and so he put a high risk OB nurse and a radiologist on their team! It was perfect. I could not believe that Dr. Peggy brought the ultra sound machine to the tent city,

but we were able to look at two babies we were worried about and a man's legs. Susan, the OB nurse, also talked me through how to deliver a baby, **if and when** that ever occurs... We also shared some other interesting experiences that were a first for me, but I will spare you with those details.

I was so excited to be able to work with Dr. Ken and Diane again as well. We met in February and they are such a blessing to work with and watch. I always learn so much from Ken, and just love working with him. Diane, his wife, is also equally amazing! She runs the pharmacy for the team and does a terrific job. She has no real medical training and is able to interpret all the medical jargon we write at times, and never complains!

It was a sad day to see them go, but deep down I knew it didn't feel right if I had left with them. I have had a rather rough couple of weeks due to unexpected circumstances and my dear Haitian friends keep asking me why I have looked so sad. Trying to explain in Kreyol, thank goodness for Kacie, why I am sad I was completely encouraged by one of my Haitian brothers. He said, "Aubree, God wants you in Haiti and that is why you are here, you are doing His work and He is happy with you." As I sit here and ponder that statement I cannot help but be encouraged. God never promised our journey would always be easy, but He did promise He would walk through the hard times with us. He promised He will never leave us nor forsake us.



November's Grace Community Church team poses for a group photo in Chambrun.



Aubree applying a Band-Aid to a skinned knee.

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2010 Year in Review: Praise to God for



God used an earthquake to bring the world's attention to Haiti.



NVM Medical teams traveled to IDP camps to minister to the Haitian people after the quake.



A new hospital is being built on campus thanks to the generosity of GAIiN, Mercy Response, Extreme Missionary Adventures and NVM volunteer teams.



A second floor is being added to the preschool/clinic as result of your generous donations.

The events of January 12, 2010 have been documented and analyzed over and over by governments and agencies worldwide. Donations of food, supplies, tents, money by the millions flowed into Haiti for months after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake the thousands of aftershocks, but few of those efforts have been as dramatic as what God has orchestrated on the campus of Nehemiah Vision Ministries.

Within days of the quake, NVM medical teams were on the ground, helping treat casualties. IDP camps started popping up all over the Port-au-Prince area and surrounding communities. Soccer stadiums and public parks became tent cities almost overnight and our medical teams traveled in the blue bus from camp to camp to deliver medical care as well as donations of food, water, hygiene kits, and clothing.

Pastor Esp randieu Pierre, Nehemiah Vision Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, and GAIiN teamed up to help the Haitian people recover from this natural disaster. In fact, Pastor Pierre's house became the command center for the GAIiN teams from Canada, Holland, and the USA. who worked alongside the medical and mission teams of NVM.

As the months of February, March, and April passed, building projects started all over the campus. Land around the original church/school building was leveled and compacted. Two giant circus tents were erected for school and church services in April, followed quickly by the beginning of the new cafeteria/kitchen. An abstinence seminar was presented to the teenagers attending NCA as a way to curb child pregnancies. By month's end, the roof was on the kitchen and the footers for the new hospital were poured.

The months of May and June saw the arrival of many containers of relief supplies, tents and food. It also



The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Nehemiah Children's Home took place in October.

marked a change in the organization of Nehemiah Vision Ministries, as NVM moved to a committee structure to help better meet the needs of the Haitian people. June also marked the arrival of the first of three teams of Campus Crusade for Christ students on the Nehemiah campus. The students camped out in tents on top of the preschool and clinic, as well as in the school building. Projects handled by the CCC'ers included installation of a water filtration system, bathrooms, laundry facilities, as well as painting both the church building and the preschool/clinic building. GAIiN Holland and Extreme missionary adventure teams laid the concrete slab for the hospital and stairs were added to the preschool building for the eventual addition of the second floor offices.

Dental and medical teams continued to come and go on a weekly basis throughout the summer months. July brought another team from Grace Community Church who finished off the construction and finishing work on a home for Myrta, a woman in Chambrun who suffers from multiple sclerosis. Kacie Davis and Aubree Dell, two nurses from Grace Community Church in Noblesville, Indiana arrived on campus to spend a year as full time nurses on the Nehemiah campus and in the clinic.

For His Continued Blessings on NVM



The new kitchen on campus has been serving meals to teams since July.

Mercy Response teams started to pour floors for the dormitories to house all the volunteer workers coming to campus. Another tent was erected for temporary storage.

August brought even more teams and construction projects to the campus culminating in the announcement in September of Aaron Elliott and Jay Shultz and their families moving to Haiti to live for a year. That announcement triggered the construction of housing for their families. Again, Mercy Response led the way and had the building standing in an unbelievably short period of time. The outside of the first dormitory was completed as well.

October brought Espérandieu Pierre to the United States for a series of appearances, making speaking



Pastor Espérandieu Pierre preaching on a Sunday morning on the Nehemiah campus.

engagements, church visits, and preaching in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. While in the States, a cholera epidemic broke out in the area where Espérandieu grew up. The cholera has since spread to the capital city of Port-Au-Prince. Ground was also broken on the new children's home/orphanage on campus made possible through the generous donation of \$150,000.00 in September. An additional donation was made to cover the cost of adding the second floor to the clinic/preschool. God certainly has been blessing NVM abundantly.

November brought teams from Grace Community Church and the Genesis Church to Chambrun. These teams worked to provide construction hands and fielded medical teams which went out to the IDP camps to serve the Haitian people. The warehouse was completed at the end of November and stands ready for use and supplies to fill it.

At the time of this writing, the Elliott family has already departed for their year-long adventure in Chambrun. The Shultz family has their tickets purchased and will depart on January 6th for their year long trip to the mission field.

As we look ahead to 2011, we are very thankful to God and His provision of our ministry. We are also thankful for the dedication and vision of Espérandieu & Dianne Pierre and the hundreds of volunteers to Nehemiah Vision Ministries, GAIN USA, GAIN Holland, GAIN Canada, Campus Crusade for Christ, Mercy Chefs, Extreme Missionary Adventures, Mercy Response, The World Next Door, Kids Against Hunger, Feed My Starving Children and countless other organizations who have all contributed to the efforts to bring normalcy back to the lives of the Haitian people.



A satellite view of the Nehemiah Christian Academy campus taken from space in November 2010 shows the amazing blessings God has bestowed on the ministry since the earthquake.



GAIN USA has built a warehouse from eight sea crates for storage of supplies and donations.



NVM Nurses Kacie Davis & Aubree Dell from Indiana are spending a year serving in Haiti.



Diane and Chris from Mercy Response Team from Vineyard Church have been a huge blessing to the NVM campus serving and building for months.

NVM Missions Committee Easing the Travel Plans for Volunteers to Haiti



MercyShips is currently building a new community center on the Nehemiah campus. The two new volunteer dormitories are located next to it.



Hundreds of Little Dresses for Haiti have been distributed to young girls in Haiti.



An NVM Staff Photo taken in November.



Krista Davis sharing a moment while walking with three girls from Nehemiah Christian Academy.

If you haven't visited the NVM website lately, you may be missing out on several important changes going on with the way we are taking teams in and out of Haiti. Our new Missions Committee has been hard at work updating the Mission Team Application and has also authored a new document targeted at aiding short-term missionaries with their fund-raising efforts.

Effective this month, Mary Speer and her team of volunteers will be coordinating all U.S. teams heading to Chambrum with NVM, GAI, XMA, and other organizations. In addition, once on the ground in Haiti, Aaron and Shelli Elliott will take over as our Mission Coordinators on the ground in Haiti. Aaron & Shelli will be serving in this capacity for a year.

Each team going to Haiti will be assigned an NVM mission coordinator who will act as the liaison between each team and NVM. They will assist in answering questions, recommending ideas, keep track of the whole team until they reach Haiti and the Elliott's awaiting arms. It is strongly suggested that each person purchase travel medical insurance, especially if their personal insurance is not active outside of the United States.

Short term trips can also be difficult, challenging, exhilarating, humbling, awe-inspiring, memorable, community-building, norm-defying, culture shocking, and faith building. Through this trip you will become more aware of aspects of God that, up to now, may have been hidden from you. You will become more aware of who you are, and perhaps some of your own areas of brokenness. You will become more aware of the amazing diversity that God has designed on His planet that reflects Him. But, in order to gain this wonderful experience you need to be F.A.T. (faithful, adaptable, teachable) The Haitian culture is laid back and can be seen by



The new dormitory on campus is ready for teams.

many in the Western world as unpredictable. Things will be different, but not wrong. If you remain open, you will be surprised by what you can learn! Be F.A.T!!!

While on the trip we ask that you respect and submit to the NVM staff on the ground. Some things in Haiti may seem strange to you, but the NVM staff that live in Haiti are familiar with local customs and norms and will guide you toward appropriate behavior.

By maintaining a servant's attitude, keeping an open mind, and remaining F.A.T., you can show the love of Christ to those you interact with on your team, the NVM staff, and the local Haitian people.

Going on a short term missions trip is an unforgettable experience. But, like most things in life, it costs money. We strongly believe going on a short term trip to Haiti through NVM is one of the wisest investments you could make. It will not only benefit NVM and the people of Haiti, but you may be surprised at how much you gain from the experience!

Our website is located at:
www.nehemiahvisionministries.org