

# LIFT

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## Mango Tree Village News

We are so happy to announce that we now have a full time minister and the future Pastor of the Mango tree church living in the village! Dovic, his wife Rulene and their baby son Bensley moved to the village in October. Dovic is a powerful man of God and he said that people never stop coming over to his house and all day he sits there and teaches everyone that comes over the Word of God. He said everyone is very open to hear the Word of God and open to his family. God is doing good things! We are so happy that God called Dovic to live in Pernier (mango tree village) and we have been amazed by how God has provided for their family as they have been obedient. Dovic has Bible studies a few times a week under the Mango tree and we still have the kids church every Friday too. I asked Dovic today what he could really use that would help him as he ministers to the people and he said, "We need a sound system, generator, and guitar." Agree in prayer that the Lord will provide these. The village of Pernier has been full of Voodoo for generations but now we declare the Jesus is Lord over Pernier, Haiti!

We have been looking for and praying about buying land to build a church and school on in the village for a while now. We have some friends from a ministry called OnePlus-God that is trying to helping us raise money to buy some land. If you are interested in

helping us purchase land in Pernier to further preach the gospel and make disciples then you can do so by giving at this website. <http://org.grouprev.com/opgland>



In the picture is Dovic and his family, including my silly husband, Boss, who insisted that he was part of the family too.

## Praise Reports!

We have had really been needing a louder sound system for a while now. We were able to use another ministries sound system for a few months and that helped but then the time came where we couldn't use it anymore. But praise be to God we only went a few weeks with out a loud system before a friend came to Haiti and gave us the same sound system we were saving up to buy. Our friend was given the sound system and she just passed it on to us!



Also, we recently received a cool blessing. We had a friend stay at our house who is a videographer. She was in Haiti to make a film for another friend but while she was here she decided to get a ton of photage of our ministry too and she also interviewed us and she said she will have a video made for our ministry by January! That is a huge blessing because she normally charges a minimum of \$6000 for a 15 minute video. Thank Ya Lord!





## Help Yourself Program. Ede Tèt Nou

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life time.

Ever since we started LIFT we have always wanted to help the people we minister to help themselves to have better lives for their families. Now we are starting to do just that. We are starting a program called Ede Tèt Nou which translates Help Yourself. This program will start out in the tent city and it will be for the women. Most of the kids in the tent city are raised by single mom's and this program is for them. Ede Tèt Nou will give each registered woman an amount of money to start a business. These businesses can be anything from selling food to making something to sell or starting a laundry business. In Haiti this is something people dream of, they just need a little help. The people of Haiti are not lazy at all and they would love to work to earn money to feed their kids.

In the picture is Nikola and 4 of her kids. She has 9 kids but she has had to give 5 of them away to be raised by other people because she couldn't afford to feed them all. Nikola is our

first woman that we are going to help start a business. Her family really needs the help. We have given them food, money and helped the kids go to school but we need them to have an income so they can help themselves and not depend on us or others for their daily bread. This program is also a great way for us to minister to the women of the tent city. We will share the gospel with each one of them and we will also help them with business advise and encouragement as they start their own businesses.

After Nikola starts her business it is our goal to help 15 women start a business every 2 months. Everyone that we've talked to about this program is very excited and thankful. Like Paul told the Thessalonians "If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat" LIFT can not keep giving out fishes to the hungry. It is better if they work and they want to work so we are happy to help them to help themselves.



## Praise Report! We are having another baby!

A few days after I returned to Haiti I told my husband that my friend in the US was joking and telling me that I was pregnant. I didn't think I was but I told him I did have a pregnancy test and I asked him if he wanted me to take it. He wanted me to so I did. To our surprise we were pregnant!!! I really didn't think I was and we really didn't have it in our plans to have another baby so soon but God knows best and He forming this precious child inside of me. We believe God's timing is better than our own so even though it feels little stressful because we were not financially prepared we know that God will make a way and He will provide for all of the needs of this child. God has been so faithful to us so far so we will not worry. We do hope it's a girl and we find out on December 11 if it is a girl or boy but of course we are going to be thrilled either way. The Word says in Psalm 127:3 "Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord."



## Sadly, Our Days in Babaco Are Over

When Boss and I first met and became friends we were both working with a ministry far out of the city and our job was to take short term missionaries to schools to preach the gospel. Later we got married and we lived in Port Au Prince. We knew that God wanted us to go back and do kids churches in the areas where we evangelized at the schools. Then we met a couple at church and they had a feeding program in a village called Babaco. We didn't recognize that name but they heard that we do kids churches and they asked if we would do a kids church in the village and they will feed all the kids that come to the church through the feeding program. We agreed and we rode with the husband out to the village for the first time to go and meet the Pastor. Boss and I were in awe of God's awesome ways because the village was exactly in the area where Boss and I had evangelized the schools and the Lord put it on our hearts to do kids church there already!

On July 25, 2012 we had our first kids church service in Babaco. I think we had close to one hundred kids there. They were the roughest, hard hearted kids we have ever ministered to. We knew it was God that brought us to the village and that no matter what the kids say or do (like be disrespectful, get in fights, behave rudely) we are going to keep going to the village and preach the Truth of God's Word. Before we started ministering the feeding program only had 60 kids but as we began to earn the trust of the community and the Lord began to soften the hearts of the people we would have 160-230 kids depending on the time of the year.

We saw God move in mighty ways there. We saw kids go from hating us and wanting nothing to do with God and they would tell us they

were there for the food to loving the Lord and us and wanting to serve in the church. We saw kids get healed we saw 22 kids ask for prayer that they will never turn from Jesus and worship other gods or practice voodoo. We saw parents come to Christ because of the testimony and change n their kids. God moved and we were so blessed to be a part of it. We defiantly had opposition at times like when the voodoo priest got mad at us telling us we make his life hard and the time another voodoo priest chased us with his machete. Good times.

On Oct 4, 2014 we had our last kids church service in Babaco (pictured above). It was not our choice and we do not think it was a God decision but we were asked by the couple that runs the food program to no longer do our kids church services there. This broke my heart and my first thought was that we could easily call another Pastor in the village that we are friends with and we could just move our kids church there but Romans 12:18 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." And Hebrews 12:14 "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:" couldn't allow us to that.

The good news is, is that we have been working in a very close by village for over 2 years now, we call that village the Naked Village. We have kids church there every Tuesday and tons of Babaco kids come to the church already. We also had a women's meeting in the naked village last week and half of the women that came were from Babaco. The kids and parents still love us, visit us, and call us and God is still using us to minister to the people so, it's sad and it's not the same but we thank God for everything.

## Saturday Morning Prayer and Bible Study in Karade

With our Saturdays open because we know longer go to Babaco Boss began a prayer group and Bible study in the tent city. It is for adults but the kids come too. We have only been going for 3 weeks now and already Boss is able to see the Word of God transforming people. The Word of God is powerful! Like Romans 1:15 tells us the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. We excited to see what God will do through this Bible study and prayer group. Praise God!

## Pray for Electricity!!!

We have been with out electricity and running water for 19 days now and we don't see an end in sight. Pray with us that somehow this all get fixed. What happened was, the transformer blew last year in Nov. and the electric company refused to fix and made everyone on our street pitch in a pay to buy a new transformer that cost \$16,000 US. Thankfully we just rent the place so we didn't have to pay anything. It took about a month for everyone to get the money together and they replaced the transformer. Now not even a year later the new transformer blew up and they want the people on the street to buy a new one again. It doesn't seem like people are in a hurry this time to buy another transformer so we are in the dark. Thankfully we have a generator that gives us some power each night but we can not run it too much because gas here costs almost \$6 US a gallon so we can not afford that. I especially would love running water again because it is very time consuming have to get water out of the well with bucket every time you have to do dishes or mop or give the baby a bath. We hope things get worked out soon. God is able.





## LIFT School Has 73 Kids This Year!!!

Making educated disciples is what we are about.

We want to shout out a huge THANK YOU to everyone that gave to help LIFT school start out right this year. We now have 73 students enrolled. We now have 3 classes and 3 teachers. We have 5 staff members all together (not counting Boss or I). The people of the tent city are so grateful that their children are getting an education. In Haiti schools cost a lot and learning is a privilege not everyone can afford but thanks to all the help of those who built us benches or gave money or school supplies or backpacks, you are the ones that help make this school year start off so great. We thank God that we are able to have this school as a part of our ministry. The kids learn the Word everyday and we get opportunities to minister to their parents too. I was at home thinking about how my life is kind of crazy. We live like crazy people because we give away almost every dollar we are given to help people that are in more need than me but sometimes I think to myself about how its crazy that I live off of the small selection of food we eat (the cheapest foods you can buy here) and we don't have money to fix our electricity or get our water pump running my husband has been wearing water shoes as tennis shoes for months now because we gave away all his tennis shoes and keeps wanting to get more but we keep using all the money we get for ministry then I realize—It's all so worth it :) 73 kids are getting the chance to go to school because we choose to live like we do to help them and hundreds of kids in the villages get to hear God's Word each week because we choose to go to their villages each week. I thank God for the chance to serve these kids and families and I thank you for helping us help the kids and families of Haiti.

### Personal Needs

We were able to get a great deal on a family safe car right before Benson was born but it now the engine has been blown since April and we have not had the funds to fix it. We need a family car now especially with the other baby on the way. I have missed a lot of kids churches service and ministry meetings because of lack of safe transportation. Pray with us that we will be able to get the car fixed soon and if you or anyone you know wants to give to this cause they can do so at this website. <http://org.grouprev.com/opgcar>



Our baby is due May 11 and the cost of the delivery will be \$3300 if we are able to have a normal simple birth (which we will) This is a huge amount of money especially only 1 month after our rent is due which is \$2275/6 months. Both of these are a lot to missionaries like us. Pray and agree with us that the Lord will provide all things and we will have more than enough. Amen

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