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We're Starting a New School!!!

About two years ago we went out to evangelize new villages with our teachers from LIFT School who had the day off and they LOVE to go out and evangelize with us. We drove down a road we had never gone down before, just looking for a village where we could share the gospel. When we arrived at La Tremblere we went up to the first house we saw and shared the gospel with a group of people that were sitting on their porch. They were sweet people and were so happy to see us and happy to let us know that we were at the house of the Pastor of the church in La Tremblere. When the Pastor came out of the house we saw that he had very large tumors on his head. We prayed for them and became friends instantly, actually we all really felt like we had met some long lost brothers and sisters. Since that day we have had prayer meetings and outreaches with the church but then we lost contact with the Pastor for a few months due to electricity and phone problems. When we finally had a chance to speak to Pastor Lionel again he told us that his health hasn't been good due to the tumors so we gathered some food and supplies and went to go see him and his family. We are believing God for a full recovery of Pastor, please agree with us in prayer. Pastor Lionel has the only Christian church in the area and there are several voodoo priests and witch doctors all over the village. Pastor started a school for the kids in the village but due to his health it has not been functioning. Boss has visited the village several times and we really feel in our hearts that the Lord wanted us help get the school going again. Our heart is to not just educate the kids in the village but to teach the Truth of God's Word every day. In Haiti the illiteracy rate is about 50% which is one of the reasons I believe voodoo is passed down from generation to generation, it's because too few people can read the Word of God for themselves. We long to see the people of this village able to read and learn about the Word of God and as they know the Truth they will be free from the Voodoo and the lies of the enemy. Like everything LIFT ministry has ever started we had no idea how we were going to be able to start another school by next October but by faith we were going to obey what we knew the Lord wanted us to do. Within days of agreeing to get the school going again we got a phone call from a friend, who did not know our need, and she had 36 little kid school chairs and 7 black boards and other random school supplies to give us! It was confirmation for us that we were doing what God wanted. Also this summer we have 2 teams coming down and one will fix the school's roof and make benches and tables and the other will fix up the chairs and put protective paint on all the benches and tables. Things are coming together nicely and it's all God. We are so thankful! I can not wait to see this school full of kids learning the Word of God each day and getting an education. We hope to start the year with 3 classes and serve up to 100 students. God is able!

Above: La Tremblere School building from the back
Below: The school from the inside



Praying for Pastor Lionel



Mango Tree Church News

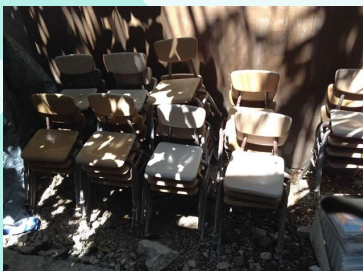
God Brings the Increase

April 12, 2012 Boss and I went to the mango tree village for the first time. We saw a lot of kids playing soccer under a huge mango tree and we knew right away that God wanted us to teach the kids there the Word of God each week. So with nothing we started showing up under the huge mango tree each week to teach the kids the Truth of God's Word. A few months later our new (at the time) friend Dovic teamed up with us and started helping us minister to the kids in the tent city and villages. We all knew the mango tree village was beautiful and the more we explored the village the more we realized it was full of Voodoo. We all love all the villages we go to but Dovic really loved the Mango tree village and God called him to move his family there and start a church. I have never been more proud of a friend. Dovic's faith is huge and God's faithfulness is incredible! God has really blessed Dovic's family as they have obeyed the Lord's call on their life.

We all have always wanted to have an actual building in the mango tree village and we have been making preparations to buy land and build one but we didn't know when or how it was all going to work out. Pastor Dovic was able to get a good deal to rent the land under the huge mango tree and then, so much faster than we ever imagined, Pastor Dovic's friends (people not connected to LIFT ministry) gave all the money needed to rent the land and build a church on the land! The church is wood and has a tin roof and it is wonderful! Pastor Dovic is doing such a great job there! He has several prayer meetings a week and Wednesday and Sunday church services and we still have the kids church on Fridays. He already has people wanting to be members and get involved and several people are asking to be baptized. YES!

The day the church opened I got a little teary eyed because it was a dream that became reality. I realized it is really all God, God really is in control and He loves the people in the mango tree village with a huge and serious love. It is God that brought Boss and I to the village and God that called Dovic to Pastor and God that gave the money for the building through Dovic's friends. God loves those people! As I was sitting in the first church service I felt overwhelmed by His love for them as I saw the people and kids of the village worshipping the Lord together I was remembering what they were like 3 years earlier when I met them. Boss and I have preached and Pastor Dovic has preached and many have given money but for sure the growth in the lives of the people is only from God.

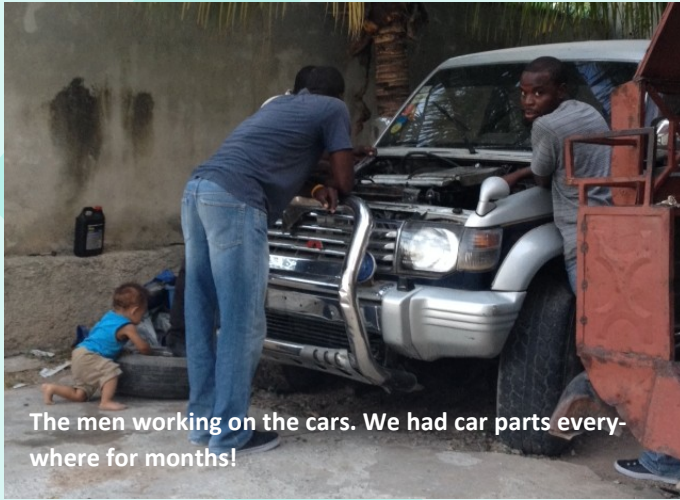
1 Corinthians 3:6
 "I have planted,
 Apollos watered;
 but God gave
 the increase"



When God guides He provides! We were given all of these chairs and blackboard along with crayons, markers, and other misc. school supplies just days after we, by faith, decided to start the new school in La Tremblere. Thank Ya Lord!



The boys chilling on the new benches they just made. We have made SO many benches this past year and the people keep coming so we still need more. I love this problem!!



The men working on the cars. We had car parts everywhere for months!



My boys walking to our ministry site



Uh... God?

Are You Mad At Us?

We don't normally like talking about negative things because.. who likes that? But this past several months have been super rough for us. We have had so many problems that we wondered to our selves 'what is going on?!' We have had sickness, which is rare for us because we are the healthiest people ever, but all 3 of us got sick from different things and stayed sick for a miserable amount of time. Then both of the cars broke. Broke like, really broke. Thankfully we have the sweetest mechanic ever and he loves the Lord and he works on our cars for very cheap and he really cares about our cars because he loves our ministry and considers his work on our cars his part in helping the ministry. The mechanic started working on the taptap in the middle of Oct. and he worked on it everyday (I'm not kidding) for about a month and he got so sad and discouraged that after all that time and several different car parts he still couldn't get it working. In the mean time to keep the ministry running Boss was having to walk a million miles and take public transportation or rent a taptap which costs more money and takes more time than we have. After a frustrating month working on the taptap we hoped to somehow just be able to fix our other car which we knew would cost a lot because it needed major work done but it would be best for us because it would work great for ministry and it is safe for our family where the taptap is not. So we prayed. On that Saturday morning a lady came to my house and said God told her to come pray for us. We asked her to pray about getting money to fix our car. We all prayed together and God decided to amaze us with His goodness and within hours of our prayer together we were given almost \$3000 to fix the car! We were so happy. So we ordered all the parts we needed and our mechanic friend and some of his mechanic friends began working on our family safe car. They worked everyday, even Christmas, on the car and after almost 2 months of working the car still wasn't finished. So we were sick, carless for months, feeling really guilty because sweet people gave a lot of money so we could have a working car but still to this day neither of them are working, on top of that we had no running water or electricity for 5 and 1/2 weeks, we were a bit heart broken about the end of the Babaco kids church, our laptop broke, our refrigerator broke, our blackberry (that is what we use to take ministry pictures) broke, and our DVD player broke (which I needed when Benson was sick because he just wanted to sit and cuddle all day for weeks). I wondered why, was God mad at us for something?

"The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged" Deuteronomy 31:8

At this same time I was reading through the Old Testament and I have some sisters in Christ that wrote to me and told me to read Deuteronomy 8 because it is for me. These friends had no idea what we were going through and they didn't know I had read that just a few days before. I went back and read it again. The chapter is about the people of Israel and how they went through the wilderness. It was a time of suffering and a time when God was humbling them, and testing them to know what was in their hearts, whether they would follow His commandments or not whether they had the fear of the Lord or not. It then speaks about how God never left the Israelites and He always gave them manna and water and protected them from danger. It goes on to tell about the land where he is taking them and how they will have more than enough. I believe this season we went through was a kind of humbling test from the Lord. I think we learned a lot. I hate to admit it but we did get a bit discouraged. At the end of January we had some very good men, brothers in Christ come to visit us. Their visit was the biggest encouragement we could have ever asked for. They not only blessed us with stuff like a new refrigerator, and laptop, yummy food, supplies and donations but way more than that they love us, care about us and prayed with us and spoke into our lives the Word of God. One time when they were praying over us they prayed that we would be refreshed and they had no idea that they were the answer to their own prayers. They were like a cup of cold water to us. I truly believe that my family and LIFT ministry's best days are ahead and I long to follow after God's commandments no matter what. I love the Lord and hope to never allow myself to get discouraged again because God is always with me and He is perfecting everything concerning my life. Thank You Lord! I lived. I learned. God is merciful and good to me.



God is SO Good! Cool Story about the New Car

In January we had been carless for 3 months and feeling super bummed that even though we put a ton of money and time into both of our cars neither of them were working yet. Then one day we saw our friend driving a truck that was for sale. Boss, out of the blue, decided to take pictures of the truck and he said he wanted to buy it. The truck was for sale for \$8,000 USD. We did not have even 1 dollar to buy a truck but Boss likes to dream. About a month later we get a call from the man that owned the truck that was for sale and he told Boss that he wanted to give it to us! We don't really know the people that gave us the car but we know people that know them and they know people that know us. I think it is all just a God thing because He said in His Word "I will give you the desires of your heart." Yay!

Prayer Requests



- We are having the baby so soon! Pray that the finances to come in so we can have the baby with a Doctor in a hospital. Since we didn't know we would have another baby so soon we were not financially ready and due to the rough year we've been having we still are not even close to ready financially but God has never let us down and we know everything will work out for us and our baby girl. To pray specifically, we are needing \$2800-\$3000 by May 11 if she comes on her due date and if we have a smooth simple delivery with no extra fees from complications or anything.
- Also agree with me that I will have another miraculously awesome and pain free birth. This time I hope to have no 3rd world strange medical practices done on me or my baby. Having babies here is a bit interesting but I am praying that this delivery will be smooth and natural and pain free.
- Pray for wisdom for us, Pastor Dovic, and all the LIFT people that we would always be doing what God wants when He wants it and that we will always put our trust in only Him not lean on our own understanding.
- Pray for us and all the LIFT kids and students to draw closer to God. To fall more in love with Him and His Word and to continue to be transformed into all He is calling us to be in Him.
- Boss and I plan on filing the papers for his marriage visa (finally!!) in June. Pray that we will have favor and that God would lead us in all the decisions we will have to make in the process of getting Boss's visa and eventually citizenship.
- Pray for safety for us and the teams that come down to serve with us. There has been transportation strikes and violence here lately and they expect for it to get worse later in the summer due to elections coming up. Pray for peace in Haiti.
- Pray that God will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf (spiritually) that when we go to the tent city and villages they will hear and see and know that God is real and be set free.
- Pray that this summer we will be able to raise enough funds to get both LIFT schools going in the fall.
- I have been waiting for a container to be released from customs for over a year. Pray it gets released before the baby comes because there is good baby stuff in there, like our crib, that I originally sent for Benson but they would be so good for our baby girl.

Please know that we love you all and we are so thankful for your prayers, and your donations and your love and support. On behalf of all the LIFT Students, kids church kids, and staff I want to say THANK YOU!!! We pray that the Lord will bless you all back 100 fold for all you have done for His Kingdom through your time, prayers, and giving. Love you!