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Merry Christmas from the Petit's

Merry Christmas to all of our friends and family!

We love you all and we want to say THANK YOU to everyone that helped us this year. We had a very profitable trip to the US and we couldn't have done it without the help of so many people. We thank everyone that let us use their cars, let us stay in their homes and speak at their churches and events. We were so blessed.

Since when we have been back in Haiti we have seen the faithfulness of God. We thank everyone that prays for us and supports Lift Kids churches and schools. We especially say thank you to our sending organization, One Plus God for all the hard work they do for Lift Kids state side. Thank you all!

This Christmas season we are especially thankful for our new baby boy that is due the end of May! The pregnancy is going well. I'm craving gravy and anything creamy. Pray with us that we can have the funds to give birth here. It will be around

\$5000 which is about what it would be if we all tried to travel to the US so I could give birth there. We have teams coming after the baby is born so we want to stay here, God willing.

Each Christmas we normally do a kids church/party at one or two of our kids churches but this year we are so excited that we will get to celebrate Christmas with all 6 of the kids churches. We had a kids church in Arkansas do a bake sale and with that money plus the help of a friend we will be able to give all of our kids church kids a healthy meal on Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Savior with them. Praise God!

We pray for all of you to have a blessed and Merry Christmas. May God bless you all more & more and use you to further His Kingdom.

With love,

Boss, Missy, Benson, Kimberlee, & Baby



Why Reforesting is a need

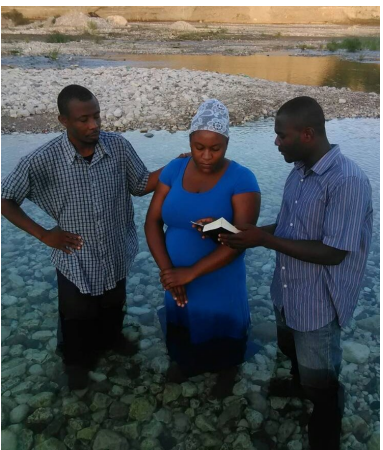
- 80% of Haitians cook using homemade charcoal which has left 80% of Haiti deforested.
- Deforested land loose their needed top soil making it harder for grow food.
- Each hard rain and hurricane we hear of people dying in mud slides that can be prevented by reforesting.
- Haiti is the #1 most undernourished country in the whole world. They need healthy food to eat!

Reforesting Haiti

In May the Lord told me to stop throwing away any seeds. At that time I had never successfully grown anything in my life. Still, I obeyed and began to plant each avocado seed after we ate an avocado and the same with the oranges, limes, cherries, corosols, mangos, and tangerines. I started

just one at a time and it was a rough start because come to find out most Haitians don't know how to plant trees. I tried to do what my friends and family told me to do with no success. I then turned to the internet and realized they were way wrong. Since then I have grown over 200 trees on

my porch. It is my dream to provide each of our 6 areas we work in with an orchard full of fruit bearing trees to feed the people and even create jobs. I'm so thankful that I obeyed the Lord's command to me. Its going to be fun it 10 years or so when all the trees start feeding the people. God is good.



2017 Has Been the Best Year Yet!

This year has been incredible! We have received a lots of teams and they have done a lot of good work. We also have the best staff ever! They did such a wonderful job while we were in the US and since we have been back we have been able to focus on new projects and on better equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry.

This year 21 people got baptized! In Haiti that is a huge deal. They take it very serious and once they get baptized they mean it and they really say good bye to their old life. God is really moving here.

This year we had Pastor from KY message me and tell me that God woke him up in the middle of the night to pray. That same night we were all awake too doing an all night prayer meeting. The Pastor shared with me that the Lord told him to feed the kids in Haiti and since then we have been able to feed the Naked village kids church kids a healthy meal each week after kids church. Praise God! The kids are so thankful and so are we. Feeding them is a dream come true for us.

Pictured on the left is Pastor Jericho posing with some of the naked village kids. Pastor Jericho runs both our Balan and Naked Village kids churches. He is also one of the 3 pastors that we were able to bless with the chance to go to Bible school. The three Pastors attend Bible school every Saturday and

they say it is very powerful.

We also praise God that our friends and supporters have funded 3 very needed surgeries. One of them was for our beloved Milouse who is recovering well. Another surgery was for a young man who almost died of an infection in his leg. The third was for Woochi. His surgeries have been paid for and all of his tests have been done. Now we are waiting on Doctors to come from the US to do his surgery. He is on a waiting list at the hospital. Please pray with us that he can get his surgeries done soon.

We Thank God that this year we got to begin building a home for our family in the mango tree village. The home will double as a guest house for our teams when they come. As of right now the foundation of the house is done. We now are praying for money to come in so we can build the walls. We know for sure that it is God's will for us to be in the village and we will be able to do even more ministry once we live there. We cant wait! Some people think I'm crazy to want to live in a far away village in Haiti but when it is God's will you can't help but want to do it. We really need to build the wall around the property up higher because people have jumped over and stolen some of our building supplies. Pray with us that will be able to build more on this home soon. It is our dream to not have to ever use donated money on our rent our personal needs and it will

be wonderful to live in our own house where we don't have to worry about paying \$7000 a year just for place to sleep.

We also had a really cool thing happen this summer for our friend Sadrac. Sadrac has lived in the tent city for almost 8 years and this summer we had some very generous friends offer to buy him land and build him a house. We have bought the land already it is in the mango tree village. The house is almost all the way built too. The foundation and walls are done now we are just praying for money to come in to put a roof on it and a floor and Sadrac and his wife and baby will have a safe home outside of the tent city. We are so thankful and excited to see this day.

We also are thankful that this year we have enough supporters so we can actually buy real groceries and pay the teachers in the same week. The first 4 years of the running the schools we always had to really eat simple cheap foods the week of paying the teachers because we didn't have enough for both. It is so nice to be able to eat normal and pay the teachers. We thank everyone that supports our work here. May God bless you back even more than you ever hoped or dreamed!

We also are excited about how far the mango tree church has come. It now only needs some posts done, the roof and floor and it will be finished!

More Praise Reports!

Thanks to wonderful friends we have been able to send 17 (not including the 2 Lift Schools) kids from the villages to school this year including Roberto (pictured on the right). We also have 3 young men from the city that are sponsored by friends to go to school. They are all so thankful!

The mango tree church now has Sunday school for adults and children. Both are packed each week. The people are hungry to learn all that they can from God's Word.

Lift Kids Schools are going great. The tent city school has 90 students and the La Trambly School has 40. The kids are learning God's Word each day and they each now have a Bible of their own. We do have several students that are new to our school this year and they have never gone to a school before. They are in kindergarten even though some are 10 and 12. and they are trying their best. They are new at learning and

Orphan Loves

Our orphan loves have had the best year yet too. This year their rent was paid again by our friends fundraiser. Then their school payments were two years behind but now this year has been paid in full! We are so happy. Comitha, the mom of the 11, is doing the best she can. She is a good mom and

reading so they are having a hard time but we are helping them and we ask you to pray for them that they don't give up or get discouraged. Please also pray for our teacher staff. 2 of our teachers have had medical issues and have been out of the class room for a long time. Milouse will be back in class in January and Madame Samuel, Nadej has been very sick and the hospitals can not figure out what is wrong. All we know is that she is anemic, has had a fever for over a month and one hospital said her heart is swollen but the hospitals gave up on trying to figure out what is wrong. Please pray for her healing and that we can find out what the problem is. We also have one more teacher in the village school that is newly pregnant and having a very rough pregnancy. Pray that she begins to feel better.

We praise God that our teacher and friend from the tent city, Bernadette got married the other week. Getting married here is a big deal because it costs so much. We are all so

she amazes me by how well she teaches the kids God's Word. The kids are respectful and sweet and I don't have doubt that they will all grow to be mighty young men and women of God.

They do still have a need for more food. They are not as

happy for them.

Another praise is straight from the mommas in our villages. They have noticed and shared with us over and over that they are amazed that the kids do not die anymore. Before we started working in the villages they reported to us that child/baby deaths was common. Now it is very rare. Praise God! Look at what the Lord has done. Now the children in the villages are covered in Jesus' blood.

Another praise report for us is that we were able to ship ourselves a vehicle. It was easier than we thought and we were able to packed the car full of supplies and all the supplies in the vehicle were customs free, we didn't have to pay anything for them. We then used the car to raise funds for our personal needs and to build a little on our village home. The car is a 2004 Ford Explorer but it's perfect for Haiti. We praise God for a new source of income. We really hope to ship another car soon. We especially hope for a truck because ours is getting too old and costing

well fed as we want. We are praying for \$500 more a month to come in to feed the kids better. Comitha and the kids raise chickens and they grow as much food as they can on their land. I love that they are learning how to do that.

Join us in prayer for our loves.



Prayer Requests

Please be in Prayer for us for the following:

- New support to come in to fund the parenting class and reading class.
- Health for our teachers, family, and staff.
- We just today got our car back from the mechanic. Haiti is hard on cars. Both of our vehicles were broken for a month and it cost a lot to fix them. Pray with us that they will go a long time with out needing to be fixed again.
- We are praying for a bus. We want to ship it to Haiti full of supplies (school supplies, shoes and some building supplies that we cannot find here.) After the bus is here in Haiti we

will use it to make money. In Haiti most people do not have a car so the bus would turn into public transportation and create funds for us daily.

- We also are praying for a new truck. By new I mean 2004 or newer would be great. If anyone has one they want to donate let us know!
- For Boss's interview appointment to happen. We have been waiting for over 6 months for a new appointment for Boss's citizenship interview. Please pray that the process can move forward. We are so close to him becoming an American.
- That we as a family and ministry would stay strong in the Lord and seek Him first above all else.
- For our kids & staff members' kids to love the Lord all the days of their lives.
- For us all to grow closer and closer to God. Never focusing on things of the flesh but on things of the Spirit. That we would love God more than anything this world offers that we would decrease and He would increase in us.
- For people that are still stuck in Voodoo in our villages to be set free, that they would give up other gods and serve the One true God.
- We're praying for more professionals to come to Haiti to train our staff/ teachers how to be more effective. We also would love more Doctor and Dentists to come and help the people.



Exciting Plans and Dreams for 2018

2018 we have exciting plans! In January will start a parenting class in the Naked Village. The need for this class is easy to see. Titus 2:4 says, "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their kids." That is what this class will be about and I am so excited.

We also will soon start a class in the Naked village to teach the people how to read. Can you imagine trying to go from Voodoo being all that you know and mostly all you are surrounded by and you cant read to learn more about the Truth of God's Word on your own? It would be hard to grow in the Lord without being able to read. This class will bless the village in so many ways. I will

need to raise new funding for this class. About \$150 is what the class will cost us monthly but it will be so worth it to see the people grow closer to God.

We also are planning to add tree planting into our school curriculum so all of our students will know how to grow food bearing trees. Once our students show that they can successfully grow trees we plan on training them in raising animals. Either rabbits, chickens, turkeys, cows, or goats. We will train them on how to raise them and breed them. We will provide the student with the first animal and once their animal weens their first born they will give the first born to us and we will give it to a new student and the cycle will go

on. Teaching them how to raise and grow their own renewable resources is the best long term solution for them so we are excited!

We also are super hoping that the construction on Sadrac's house, the mango tree church and Dovic's house can be finished this year.

We also are excited about all the teams we have coming this year. We are scheduled to host 11 teams! Some teams will build, one will do a soccer camp in 3 villages, most will evangelize and preach the Word all around our villages because the mission of Lift Kids is to tell people the Truth.

2018 is going to be our best year yet! God bless you all!