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& Relief for Haiti



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Matthew 25:40 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

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Hello Fellow Ministry Supporters,

God has been doing some amazing things in Haiti, but C.A.R.H.A. is also feeling the strong effects of both the slow economy and a summer recess. As a result, we are struggling to find enough money to pay our orphanage and teaching staff. They are doing an amazing job, and with your support we can continue to show our love and commitment to them. If you would like to make a donation, please visit us online at www.CARHA.net to help us with our immediate needs. Our current shortfall is approximately \$2000.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

In Christ Love, DJUMY SEPTEMBRE, Executive Director / Founder



June 2011 Haiti Trip

How can the simple action of committing make such a difference? Travel to Haiti and experience what commitment can do in the lives of people. The ability of the people that I met during my short, six day visit was downright humbling. Young, old, men and women retained a spirit that could not be crushed. No matter the odds, people always had a smile within them during all aspects of our trip. The CARHA mission brings people together that, on their own, would not make as large an impact. The folks I travelled with were always ready to tackle the next issue, contribute more sweat equity, and just get things done. Digging foundations, wiring a church for light, negotiating with International Agencies for food and medical supplies, leading a sermon, playing soccer, caring for the sick, or smiling in the face of adversity, we did it all. The people affected by CARHA range from babies to the elderly. The impact of the commitment of CARHA simply can not be measured. I remain humble in the eyes of the Haitian people and ever hopeful for the future as we continue to remain committed. Thank you CARHA for the opportunity to make an impact and for the thrill of making a commitment that truly makes a difference.

Toby Overdorf, Stuart FL



Church and School of Drouin with Pastor Marc Joseph

Berlie Placide

I am a Physician Assistant in the Port Saint Lucie area. I have gone to Haiti several times on missions trip and provided medical care at different locations/area in Haiti. This past month I had the privilege of traveling to Haiti with CARHA and it was by far one of my most productive trips. I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Dr. Mercier who is the part time physician on staff with CARHA. We were able to see over 50 patients within 4-5 hours, and came across some interesting pathology. Dr. Mercier who is an Anesthesiologist is also involved in a program that allows him to perform surgery for those in need free of charge. He is also able to provide continuing care to the people of Bayonai. During our trip we were able to visit the Cholera camp and I was pleased to hear that at this point, this epidemic is under better control than ever before. In the beginning of May, the camp was receiving over 30 people a day, and now they are seeing a drop in the numbers; treating about 9 or less a day. Thru OIM we were able to get some supplies, which included some IV fluids and oral rehydration for the clinic to help with treating of cholera. This trip was very rewarding in many ways and not just to the people in Haiti.



Berlie, Dr. Mercier, Teal & Tod



Djumy with staff at the orphanage in Mountain of Bayonnais



Pastor Renel Joseph and his family

Teal Fulford

My thoughts from an amazing trip to Haiti...I love the way that every time I plan something and give it over to God, He is so faithful to put His stamp on it so that His goals are accomplished and not mine. My intent on being able to go to Haiti was to use my abilities as a physical therapist to help in the medical clinics. I never had clear direction as to what I would be able to do in this capacity, but I never worried too much about it because I figured working in any capacity in the clinic would be fine with me. God did allow me to help out in the pharmacy and I was able to learn a lot of Creole in this setting. What God had in store for me was so much more though. I am glad that I was able to see past my desire to work in the medical clinic and let God use me where He needed me. Throughout the trip, I found myself being used to assist in a lot of behind the scenes ways versus direct contact with the people. I can see now looking back, what doors those things opened for the long term which is more important. It also kept me from coming home talking about what "I" was able to do while there. Thus only God can get the glory. His perfect intentions are so much more crucial to the outcome in Haiti than my efforts. This trip wasn't about my efforts, but what God in His sovereignty desired to be accomplished. (Ps. 127: 1,2). There can't be any greater reward than being able to participate in what God is doing! I pray He allows me the opportunity to go back and give some more of myself to the people of Haiti.



Toby Overdorf & Teal Fulford sharing gifts to the kids of Drouin



Teal Fulford teaching & sharing

Spencer Cash

When I signed up for a mission trip to Haiti, I had all the confidence a young twenty year old can have. I wasn't overly nervous or frightened by the trip in any way, and I felt that the Lord would take care of the others and me while toiling incessantly to spread His gospel. My new found self-assurance quickly left me one day before the trip's beginning, and the prayers and fears crashed over me like a powerful tsunami. It was then that the questions and doubt entered my mind, questions about my role in the group, meeting the team, travel safety, and many others that made my earlier poise seem minute to the fear that burdened me. All I could do was entrust myself to the Lord and leave the fear behind in my small hometown in Mississippi. Now that I am back and I survived Haiti, I wonder why I almost let the fear of the unknown stop me from going. It was a trip that was good for me both physically and spiritually. I learned that a sense of entitlement is absurd and being content is where true happiness lies. I also learned that the things that split up churches in America do not matter in Haiti: they fully believe and need God. The church in America can learn from their humility, genuineness, and sweet spirits. I have never seen a team as different as the one we took, nor have I seen a group work so well together in one accord. Toby with his humor and wit, Teal with her ability to listen and help medically, Burly with her translating ability and good nature, Tod with his leadership ability and enthusiasm, and of course, Djumy as an all-around, jack-of-all-trades, a man that I esteem highly for his work with CARHA. I have enjoyed the work performed by CARHA in Haiti, and, if ever comes the chance, I would enjoy going back.



Teal Fulford, Berlie Placide, Spencer Cash, Djumy Septembre, Toby Overdorf and Tod Mowery

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