



The human capacity for love is greater than destruction. The capacity of Christian love embraces culture, language, race, and age collectively to reveal genuine understanding.

One of my first realizations upon arriving to the Damou Christian Mission is that all children cry in the same language. Whether Haitian or American, poor or rich, we all understand pain, loss, redemption, joy, comfort, generosity, thanks, kindness, wonder, knowledge, and faith. I was so inspired on this trip by the connection our boys had with the children of the mission and the village of Jacmel. After a long day of hard work, these young men put aside their own wants and gave all their attention and love to the kids – playing games, rocking them to sleep, laughing at their curiosity. They were able to see what was most important.

What is most important about Jacmel is not the trash on the ground, the pigs, the poverty, the joblessness, or the hopelessness. Jacmel offered me so much more: faith-filled worship on Sunday, passing buckets of cement hand to hand to add layer upon layer to a family's home, laughter at a wrestling match in the pouring rain, sitting in a rocking chair with a sweet child catching the breeze on the balcony, my heart tearing with love for the people in the tent camp, looking into the eyes of another person and finding a connection without words, the sounds of roosters crowing, the smell of coal, the warm water of the sea, the faith in God and understanding that He is greater than despair. He is the Father to His children.



He is the Provider!



My most endearing experience of the trip was in the last hours of our last day on the worksite. We had spent the afternoon with the men working and with the local children playing. We began sharing with one another. We shared our lunch with them and they offered us their local produce to try. Everyone was passing food around, laughing, and playing. True fellowship. When it was time to leave, many of us gave away much of what we had with us. I looked down at the children receiving the gifts, saying "thank you" and I began to cry. We walked

away as a group leaving behind shirts, shorts, water bottles, hats, bandanas, shoes. The rain came down hard and I treaded through the mud in my socks wishing I could stay. I was given more in that week than any of my material possessions amount to, empowered by service, moved by love, touched by humanity.
-Rachel Becker

The last three days have changed my life forever!! Words will never describe my feelings for the people of Haiti and those that we have had the opportunity to help. Seeing people in the streets waving and smiling as we drove by because they knew help was coming is beyond humbling. As a nurse practitioner I am fortunate to have the daily opportunity to help those in need. However, I have never felt so rewarded and so appreciated! I believe, "To whom much is given, much is required," and I am so thankful that the Lord has given me the skills and opportunity to help my fellow man. Though the Haitian people we have helped may not realize it, they have blessed me so much more that I could ever have helped them. God bless!!

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Good News for Haiti Mark Jones, The Ridge

Have you heard the old story about the boy walking along the beach throwing starfish back into the ocean? Stranded in the sun, they would eventually dry out and die, so he took it upon himself to rescue as many as he could. A man came up to him, asked what he was doing, and then said, "There are miles of beach, and thousands of starfish. Does it really matter, saving a few?" The boy looked at the starfish in his hand, and as he tossed it back into the safety of the waves replied, "**It matters to this one.**"

That story sums up **my hope for Haiti**. During Spring Break last month, nine of us from the Columbus area went down to see the scope of human suffering, try to get our arms around the needs, and offer some encouragement to a group of people who have been **devastated by tragedy**. The needs are so overwhelming, the problems so complex, I came away feeling totally confounded over what the next steps should be. When you look at the big picture of Haiti, I honestly don't have answers.

So I came to the conclusion that helping Haiti will happen **one person at a time**. I think of little **Jonathon**, scabies-scars all over his arms and legs, itchy, congested, sleeping fitfully in my arms. Just weeks ago so miserable, but now loved and cared for in a Christian home. Each day a little brighter than the day before.

Then there was three-year-old **Daniela**. When she came to Tina's home (the missionary to Haiti from central Indiana), Daniela was so malnourished her hair was orange, and her little body was pitiful. Over a three-week period, the only time she cried was at night when the nightmares came. During the day, she just stared off into space. **Heartbreaking**. But during the week we were there, her body continued to fill out, and she finally began to engage. Smiling, even laughing a time or two, she was truly beautiful. And happy. I pray the nightmares will fade as the **blessings of her new reality** become more and more real to her.

I believe our best chance to help Haiti --much like these children being cared for at Tina's--is **one person at a time**. Would you consider spending **\$25 per month** to do just that? If you'd like to get involved, you can go to www.damouhaiti.org, click on "**Sponsor a Child**", and fill out the necessary information. This allows a child to go to school, providing a school uniform, school supplies, and school lunch. We will also have information sheets available at the Info Desk at church.

Remember what Jesus said: "*Whatever you've done for the **least among us**, you've done for me.*"

Update May 11th from Scott and Monica Clemons (Potter's Hope Church in Leitchfield, KY). Yesterday Scott helped at the temporary clinic in Paredo, Haiti. A team of about 10 medical professionals assisted over 200 patients with problems ranging from vehicular accidents to malaria. Monica, together with Jenny and Jataun, assisted in the dispensing of formula for nursing mothers. Over 170 mothers showed up to get their weekly portion of formula. The rest of the Potter's Hope team helped with the construction of Family life/Children's home. Everyone worked really hard, interacted with the locals, and had a lot of fun.

Yesterday we were witnesses to a miracle. For the past few months our Church has been praying for Max's brother to be found alive after the earthquake. The Lord delivered Max's brother to our doorstep yesterday evening.

All Praise and Glory be to the Lord! Can't wait for what God has in store for us today!
Scott and Monica Clemons



First & Second groups from Lebanon High School Football Team

Thank you to everyone who made this possible. The photo on the left is one jobsite of six that these young men worked on during the two weeks in June.

Six families now have new, safe homes.

Praise God!



Tina evaluates a variety of situations for enrollment into the mission's milk program. Babies are weighed monthly to monitor their growth & nutrition needs.

Many mothers are undernourished themselves & unable to nurse. Some babies have lost their mothers and they are being raised by aunts, grandmothers or older siblings.



Many children at the tent camps are undernourished. The young girl in the green dress shows pronounced signs of malnourishment. Her hair has gone from black to orange, even closer to yellow around the edges.

The small baby Tina is holding receives formula from the mission and Tina checks on several babies regularly.



There are many children in the tent camp & elsewhere that are in desperate need of medical treatment. Children who have very treatable & preventable problems suffer for a long time because medical care is difficult to come by, and medication is not always readily available.

The little girl shown here has hydrocephalus, or fluid on the brain. She is in need of surgery, and the mission is working with an organization that flies kids to the US for surgery and returns them when they have recuperated. This little girl will need successive surgeries as she grows. Please keep her & her family in your prayers, and pray that all arrangements can be made so that she will receive the life-saving surgery she needs. Her parents love her very much and are desperate for help for her.

Our God is a GREAT God and He is allowing us to see His Glory!

Whether it is worshiping with 300+ of our Brothers & Sisters in Christ, or enjoying the fellowship, study of God's Word and a meal with each other, we have been blessed beyond measure. The mission has hosted several groups, most recently a group from KY, including Tina's adopted son, Maxito. Also, there was a medical team from Haitian Christian Outreach that allowed our group of medical professionals to join them. They worked at a small village about 35-40 minutes east of us. We have had work progressing non-stop, working hard in the hot Haitian sun.

We have been able to continue our work on the family life homes, to continue rebuilding & repairing homes, painting, distributing formula to mothers who are unable to nurse, and sort through supplies that have come in through Life Line. We have had so many opportunities to minister to so many people, from children to adults. We have had the privilege of working alongside our Haitian friends. Whatever we have been doing, and wherever we have been, God has opened up opportunities for us, and His hand in all we are doing has been witnessed. We would begin and end each day at the worksite in prayer together. We joined hands and Brother Wayne led us and Max repeated it in Creole. When we started you could see that some of the Haitians were not sure about the idea especially the holding of hands but once the last words spoken and an amen was lifted up a real bond was made. Not only a bond but seed was planted and hopefully will be nourished by groups to come. I said that things went really well, and I give the Glory to God for all of it.

This is so important because there are so many people who have had so much suffering & loss, they feel like they have no hope. There are some who are strong in their faith, who say if it wasn't for Jesus, they don't know if they would even want to live. There are students at the school who are discouraged and they feel a sense of little self-worth—because they don't see how a future can possibly exist for them in Haiti, when they witness even MORE unemployment.

There are many who think there is nobody left to help them. Most countries who were in for relief work early on, have pulled out and in the Jacmel area very little aid is coming in. If not for missionaries, they would be in worse shape than they are in. The problem is to feed just the large camp takes \$5,000 dollars just for rice every 3 to 4 weeks. Damou does not have that amount of extra income to help feed them nor do other missions in the area. We are all trying to provide what we can but it is far short of what is needed.

We know that something has to be done, and we have to be the beginning of it. We have decided that we would work on building homes for people if the government would provide land. Tina secured a meeting with the Mayor of Jacmel on Friday and as I was traveling home I was praying that he would be open to the idea. Not only was he open to the idea but he told Tina that they are getting ready to ask many of the organizations that are in Haiti to leave and we will be one of the few that will be able to stay. He said that he understood those organizations are trying to help, but at this time there are too many and all they are doing is causing problems. He told Tina that she has been a good friend to him and Haiti and he had other projects that he would like for us to work on with him. (Praise God!)



I ask for your prayers on all of this. We will need your help. Those that are currently supporting I am not going to ask for donations but for you to reach out to others and share what we are doing and ask them to help us in our adventure with Christ. God is so very good and it is amazing what he can do even with our short falls. Again pray for His continual guidance.

For the Love of Haiti
Chuck Heinold

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Interested in taking a mission trip to Damou Christian Mission?
Please contact Chuck Heinold at Charles.heinold@sbcglobal.net for more information. 2010 is nearly full, and we are starting to book for 2011.

Please pray for:

Groups coming in will continue to nurture the spiritual growth of the Haitian people, through prayer, fellowship & compassion, and helping them to help themselves. Pray for the safe travel of those coming to Haiti.

Guidance for Damou, as we prepare to work with the Haitian government on building homes and facilities for those who are still displaced.

Guidance for Damou as we seek other projects & business ideas to help the local people gain productive & meaningful employment, and support themselves & their families.

Sponsorship commitments for EVERY child enrolled in the school and EVERY child that has been taken in since the earthquake.

The families living in the tent camps, that all of their needs will be met.

Supplies and resources to arrive so they can be distributed to those in need.

Pray for the spiritual growth of the Haitian believers & non-believers, and for their continued hope for the future that is only found through Christ Jesus.

Tina's health.

Please thank God for:

The homes that have been built & repaired.

The ability of many to come and help, devoting their time, talent & treasure to the Kingdom.

The resources that have been made available to us despite the economy and logistical challenges.

That our school suffered little damage, so we are able to continue educating & feeding the children