



## Updates

At this time, 160 families have been moved to another tent Camp run by Save the Children. It is much better than the old one and will do as long as there are no major storms. Conditions for those who remain in the 'old' camp are largely the same.

But the good news is, we have begun the first phase of the new community and it is under construction. We have 4 houses started and materials have been purchased for more. The ground is good, but we are having to put extra rock in the foundation because of the slope of the land. We hope to complete 24 homes within a month or two. The rain we have had almost everyday is making it hard to get material to the work site.



The first house of the Family Life Center (photos) should be ready to move in sometime in October. It looks really nice and will house the children that the mission is caring for. We will need financial support to purchase household items and basic necessities before we can move the kids in.

We also have **Christmas** coming up soon! We would like to ask for your help in providing for our annual birthday parties for Jesus.

If you would like to sponsor a child, we suggest a gift of \$15. For a class, the suggestion is \$300. But we welcome support in any amount. This will help to provide a small, practical gift for our students. Usually this consists of toothpaste, soap, socks, undies, a small toy. As always, we ask you for your prayers. We are so grateful to all of you, and your generosity.

For the Love of Haiti,  
Charles Heinold

# Changed Lives



*Kervans & Me*

After watching news coverage of Haiti, I thought I knew what to expect, but once I landed, I realized I was wrong. The devastation was so appalling that it seemed as if I was living in a dream. The week I spent in Haiti during July completely changed my outlook on life.

The day after I arrived, I went on a two hour walk through Cyvadier with two others staying at the Mission House. As we walked down the road in stifling heat, the Haitian people made eye contact with us and greeted us with smiles. Despite everything they've had to overcome, the Haitian people are filled with optimism and gratitude. Although they have so little, they are such giving and genuinely happy people. I always took my materialistic things in life for granted but after witnessing firsthand the devastation the earthquake caused, I have no excuses to complain about anything in my life because I'm truly blessed.

My visit to the tent village was one of the most difficult experiences I've ever encountered. Many emotions came over me as I stepped out of the car into the tent village: pain, anger, hopelessness, desperation, sadness and the motivation to help in any way I could. A large group of children came running to the car and grabbed my hands and clung to my shirt. I held onto them tightly as I walked around the tent village with others from our group. As I gazed into the eyes of the children, I realized that the language barrier did not deprive us of a strong emotional connection.

My trip was such a rewarding experience and I'm so grateful that I was given the opportunity to visit Haiti at a young age because I'll be able to use what I learned throughout my life to become the person I want to be. The children I met truly taught me so much more than I could ever learn in a classroom. They taught me the power of resilience, the importance of laughter, the impact of positivity and the capabilities of love.

Gretchen Wilson  
Columbus, IN



**Frenel Jean** is one of the young men now attending college in the Dominican Republic. Frenel has 3 1/2 years of school left, and is hopeful that he will be able to become a surgeon. He hopes that God will allow this to happen. We do too, because Haiti is in such great need of medical professionals. Your continued support of Damou gives opportunities for education that would otherwise not exist. Please pray for Frenel and all of our college students who have worked so hard & accomplished so much, that they will be able to complete their education, establish their careers and become leaders and examples for their community and their families. *This is exactly why the school in Cyvadier exists, to educate the children of Haiti in a Christian setting.*

## **God Uses Even the Smallest of Us, to Show His Love**

*Baby Jasmin's Story*

Baby Jasmin was born around the beach area on the mountain side. Mom is in and out of the household and dad works at the local concrete place-and is not in the picture. We received her at 4 pounds and after a month gained she had gained about 1/2 lb. She was active and would cry if she wanted attention. She was spoon feed by one of our nannies, Vivian. Her tiny body would fit from my (Chuck) hand to my elbow. The doctor looked at her just a few days before and said he could not say exactly what her life would be like. She only had three fingers on both hands with stubs in place of the others. She was blind but she could hear, and would react to her name.

Baby Jasmin went to be with the Lord on September 14th. Vivian was her main caregiver and took it very hard. She cried for hours and kept saying it was her fault. I sat down with her and prayed with her. Talked to her about how much better she was because she was with Jesus and her broken body here on earth was made perfect in Heaven by Jesus. I told her she prolonged her life and gave her love that she never knew before. She showed Jasmin that someone did care about her and because of Vivian, she felt the presence of God because of that love.

She had a different impact on different people. For Tina, it's feeling the loss of a child she loved and was deeply upset at learning the news about her. After being gone for a while from the mission house, she came home that day and God had Jasmin hold on until she returned. She could then take care of the funeral arrangements.

For Jessica, it was that she was a fighter. She fought until the end. I took from it how cold the world can be, where moms can give their children away, and there are fathers who do not even show up to their daughter's funeral.

At the same time, I saw a cabinet maker who did not even know the child, stop what he was doing and make a coffin. He not only made it, but he took pride in it and was glad that he could help in some way. Met Toney (principal) dropped what he was doing and helped me find and inform the family. Vivian, even though she only cared for this baby for a short time, loved her as her own. The people at the church got things ready for a funeral in a short time, to make things as proper as they possibly could. All of these people doing all this on a very hot day that turned very rainy.

My final view is this: no matter how hard Satan works to make this world a bad place, there will always be God's people who will stand for good and not allow him to win.

*First Day of School Photos*



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Age group:  Pre-school/Kind  Elementary

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**Christmas**



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**Please pray for:**

- Those who loved & cared for Baby Jasmin
- Those who are still living in the tent camps in Jacmel and all over Haiti
- Progress & provision for our building projects, including the new community, the Family Life Center, building & repairing of homes in the area
- School children & teachers—increased numbers mean increased needs
- Tina’s health

**Please thank God for:**

- The work He is doing in the lives of so many in Haiti, meeting physical needs & spiritual needs
- Those who have come in with groups to help—and those groups who are scheduled to come in the future

**Damou Christian Mission Christmas Sponsorship**



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\_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) at \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_ Class(es) at \$300 each

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**Thank you!**