

HIS Home For Children



Newsletter for June, 2010

HIS Home has been an extremely busy place over the past three months with about 200 visitors coming to Haiti to help with the refurbishing and reorganization of our two homes, as well as providing community evangelism and medical outreach programs. With many hotels and guesthouses closed due to damage, almost all of these visitors have camped out at the orphanage and experienced day to day activities with the children. Our security wall which fell during the earthquake has been rebuilt and fortified, cracks in the houses repaired, insides of both houses painted, carpentry work completed, bathroom plumbing repaired, and the list goes on. We have been supplied with things needed to care for the children, and visitors have helped us organize and restock our supply rooms. Lives of many people in our community have been blessed by the gift of medical care, and a very special evangelistic outreach into our neighboring tent city blessed many with team members making personal visits to share the plan of salvation, a prayer walk through their neighborhood, and the showing of the *Jesus Movie* in Haitian Creole. Hal and Chris would like to thank everyone who has played a part in the restoration of HIS Home!

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Many have asked about conditions in Haiti. Port au Prince still has a tremendous amount of rubble lining city streets, and rebuilding cannot begin until the massive cleanup is completed. Lives of Haitian people remain in a state of chaos as tent cities begin to deteriorate from the heavy rains. Disease is spreading, as families are packed into crowded and unsanitary areas.

Families are trying to restore some sense of normalcy, but it will be a very long time before the country recovers. In the meantime, children who have been orphaned or abandoned are suffering tremendously from neglect and lack of resources in the tent areas designated for them. Many have suffered physical and sexual abuse in their tent cities, and those agencies responsible for their care are beginning to recognize the dangers to which these children are exposed. Please pray for the children of Haiti! Although the government does not fully support the idea of adoption of its children into other countries, they have resumed the adoption program through the social services network. The social services system is now referring children to HIS Home For Children.

Sixteen new children have already found HIS Home to be their new home. A few days after the earthquake, we received Sammy, Rochanaelle, and Camello from another missionary who was leaving Haiti. Sammy (1 ½ yrs.) is thriving and looking for an adoptive family. Rochanaelle has joined her adoptive family, and Camello (22 months) is now in heaven. This baby was born hydrocephalic, and became blind and deaf from the severe brain damage. Moise and Jolanda came to HIS Home after being released from a hospital which was destroyed in the earthquake, and Jolanda has already joined her adoptive family. Other new arrivals are Rose Berline (8), Wislande (14), Rebecca (14), Jinia (11), Daniel (9), Rachelle (12), Lucianie (8), and Esther (11). Daniel came from a tent city, and was extremely sick with Typhoid fever and Hepatitis. Esther lost both parents and was found wandering the streets in tears, with no home to which to return. Wislande showed up at our gate asking for safety and a place to live. The social service system placed her in a government sponsored orphanage for children but she ran away and returned to HIS Home, asking to be allowed to stay permanently. Others of these children have been abused in the streets and tent cities, and come looking for safety, peace, love, and a chance to get to know Jesus. Two of our new children were working as slaves in Haitian homes prior to being brought to HIS Home. As these children have all suffered extreme emotional trauma, we are counseling them, and ministering to share the love of Jesus. Our smallest arrival was 4 lb. Baby Marck who was born in a tent, and immediately hospitalized for concerns regarding an eye problem. We are currently making emergency arrangements to bring Marck to St. Louis for corneal transplants to prevent permanent blindness. Marck is doing well, and will need lots of prayers! Another newborn baby arrived, estimated to be about 3 weeks old, after being found discarded in the street and covered with fire ants feasting on his flesh. The social system workers called us, begging us to help this innocent baby. With a warm bath, clean clothes, and a full tummy, Jefferson snuggled down in his cozy bed. CT scans showed that Jefferson has a very serious brain condition in addition to hydrocephalus, and without a miracle, his prognosis is bleak. We have also been notified of a newborn baby girl who should be arriving any day... Please keep all of these new arrivals in your prayers as God moves in their lives in miraculous ways!

We are very excited to announce the 4th annual HIS Home 300, a bicycle marathon in which riders travel 50 miles a day for 6 days to complete the 300 mile course to raise funds to support HIS Home. This year we have 3 teams participating, originating in Joliet, IL, Monticello IL, and Rockford, MI. All three teams will be riding from June 21-26, crossing the finish line in Harrod, OH, in the afternoon on Saturday, June 26. Riders will be welcomed to the celebration by many children who have benefited from previous rides. Children who have grown up at HIS Home For Children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and are now living in the US and Canada with adoptive families, will be holding a reunion at the Harrod Community Center on Saturday, June 26 and 27. Eighty of HIS children were evacuated from Haiti since the January 12th earthquake, and many will be attending the reunion to renew relationships, as well as to visit with other children who have previously been adopted from HIS Home. Approximately 150 children have been adopted from HIS Home, and all children and their families are invited to participate in this reunion. You are welcome to join us! All sponsors and friends of HIS Home For Children are invited to participate in this HIS Home celebration. Activities will begin on Saturday, June 26 at 1:00 PM at the Harrod Community Center, (9520 Harrod-Westminster Road, Harrod, OH) with a meal provided by the Harrod Christian Church around 4PM. An evening bonfire and hotdog roast beginning at 7PM (6608 Harding Hwy., Lima, OH) will be open to all who would like to come for a time of fellowship and praise to God for the way He has moved mountains in the lives of HIS Children and Families! Sunday, June 27, will begin with a 10:30 church service at the Harrod Christian Church, (273 S. Main St, Harrod, OH), to be followed by a carry-in lunch at the Harrod Community Center (address above). Everyone is welcome for both days of activities! Adoptive families and HIS Home 300 participants and families are welcome to come with camping equipment and spend the weekend at 6608 Harding, Hwy, Lima. Local hotel accommodations are also available. For further information, contact Chris at 937-367-5749.

Hal and Chris will be in the US through July, leaving for Haiti on Aug. 2. They can be reached at the above cell number or by e-mail at hishomeforchildren@hotmail.com.