



December 12, 2007

Hello Friends, Sponsors, and Supporters of Life Connection Mission. As we enter into the Advent Season, we first and foremost want to give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all he's done for and through Life Connection Mission. We thank and praise God for all he has done for us and how he continues to bless the people of Mont Rouis.

SEPTEMBER MEDICAL/SCHOOL TEAM –
Diane Ewing

On September 20, Dr. J. A. Keuhn, Chris Keuhn, Dr. Jerry Zabielski, Lu Littleton, and I arrived in Mont Rouis for 9 days. We joined Steve Keuhn who had been busy getting classes started at the school. Material had been purchased, uniforms sewn, books purchased and distributed, and the feeding pantry stocked.



This little boy is just one of the Lives which were saved and changed in the medical clinic

during this trip. We want to thank and praise God for His healing hands which was demonstrated as the doctors performed their various surgeries and medical procedures. I could not help but be touched in the depths of my heart for these families for whom a simple infection can be life threatening without the drugs that we take for granted.

You could see the fear upon the faces of children as they were examined by these doctors who look so very different than their families and speak a language that is incomprehensible to them. These serious professionals make faces, tickle little feet, and coax smiles that help the healing as much as the medicine they prescribe. My life was changed once again as I watched mothers, who love their children just as much as I love mine, struggle to care for them. They don't have nice homes, new clothes, or safe water, but they have faith in God and really do pray without ceasing. It reminds me that God wants relationship with me (with everyone) all the time, not just when crisis arises.

Two days the doctors did minor surgery. With the torrential rain that came during the middle of the second day's cases, we were grateful to be working inside the former sewing school on the compound instead of under the trees on the patio.

School work included taking pictures of the unsponsored children, distributing pencils and pens, and computerizing class records. At first I thought many of our sponsored children had left the area or were no longer coming to school, because I couldn't find them on the rosters. It was a simple matter of many children not knowing how to spell their name or using a nickname. For example, Mimose Dolcine has been sponsored for several years. On this year's registration, however, she was listed as Alexandra Alexandre, the first name a nickname and the last name a mystery!

A highlight of each trip to Mont Rouis is the sunset by the ocean. The last night there, we

all gathered on the pier and talked about our trip and plans for the mission. The vision is varied and strong and I am excited about the future. Working together, we can accomplish life-changing things – for the people of Mont Rouis and the people who come to serve.

RAIN IN THE PLAIN IN HAITI

By Leslie Evidente

On October 10th Keith Will, Pastor Bobby Alger, Cindy Zimmerman, Grace Wenger and I were welcomed to Haiti by torrential downpours. The day of arrival was filled with excitement and adventure, excitement to see our friends in Mont Rouis and adventure to get there. It began with the delays in the airport - because of the weather conditions, our flight was late arriving in Haiti which wasn't so bad because, hey, we were going to Haiti and there is no such thing as being late there. We were greeted at the airport by several of our friends and two vehicles, a pick-up and an Isuzu Trooper. Once we finally got the luggage piled in the vehicles we were off with the sun setting in front of us and the rain pouring down around us. As we left the airport, we ran into some major traffic so we decided to turn around and take another route. Once we finally got out of Port-au-Prince it was clear sailing to Mont Rouis, or so we thought. Just outside of the capital, we hit another traffic back-up in a town called Carousel. It was dark and the rain still had not let up. With no vehicles moving, we decided to get out of the car and see what was going on. We found out a small stream had flooded and there was 20 foot of water gushing across the road way and through this town. So what do you do - turn around. After a quick stop at a mission compound that no one was at, we decided to stay in a hotel outside of Port, the Adam and Eve Hotel! With ten of us, we had no idea how we were going to all fit so we purchased four rooms. The catch was there was only one full size bed in each room. Let's just say we all got very close that night, especially Cindy, Grace, and me who agreed to sleep across the bed with chairs on the ends

so that we would all fit. The bed turned out to be a sort of teeter-totter and I got the end. Oh, did I mention that all the luggage was put in the Trooper so it wouldn't get wet, all but the one with all my clothes in it! By Thursday morning the flood had cleared and we were finally able to pass...so off to Mont Rouis. The first thing I did when we got there was find Madam Gee to cook for us - and for anyone that has been to Haiti, you know how amazing her cooking is.



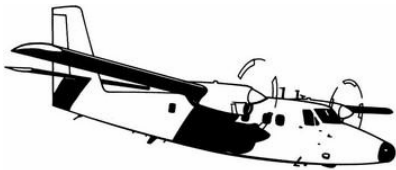
The rest of our time in Haiti was wonderful. We had the opportunity to visit with several families, churches, and even a school outside of Mont Rouis up the mountain. We attended seminars on Church Leadership and Marriage led by DOVE pastors that were in Haiti for the weekend and spent lots of time at the school and working on sponsorship letters for the Life Connection School which one of my main reasons for going. We also took a trip to St. Marc on a tap-tap to pick up rice and beans to give to some churches. As many of you know, a tap-tap is a pick-up turned into a sort of taxi only there is no limit on how many people can fit. This trip was a great chance to build and continue relationships with the Haitian people, something that means more to them than anything else. Which leads me to my last thought - One evening as we were enjoying time with some of our Haitian friends, we asked them, "What is the biggest mistake missionaries can make when they come to Haiti?" One of them gave an answer I will never forget, she said "Leaving and never looking back." Because they know that we can leave the poverty and the desperation behind and come back to our "nice" houses and

comfortable beds and for most of them that will never be a reality. So if you have ever been to Haiti, or if you sponsor a child, never forget what your relationship means to them.

Upcoming Mission Trips:

Over the next couple of months we have several teams going to Haiti. The teams will be working doing spiritual work shops, bible study, worship services, medical, school building project, sponsorship letters, handing out gift sand letters sent by the sponsors to their children, feeding, handing out clothes, toys, and other donated items.

Where to mail packages to your sponsored children:



**Mike Painter
PAP 4133
100 Airport Avenue
Venice, FL 34285**

Packages are shipped by Agape Flights from Florida to Haiti. The cost to ship packages from is \$1.00 per pound. Please write out a separate check payable to Agape Flights to cover this cost. Please mail the check separately to Agape Flights, 100 Airport Avenue, Venice FL 34285.

Please write in the memo section of the check: Credit for Mike Painter, acct# PAP 4133

The safest way to send money to your sponsored child is to use the donation form.

As of January 1, 2008 our mailing address to send your donations and sponsorship

payments will change. The new address:

**Life Connection Mission
23 Grey Pebble Court
Germantown, MD 20874**

On behalf of the entire board of Life Connection Mission and the children of Mont Rouis, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the hard work, dedication, and friendship of Karen Jackson.

Also, please talk to your family and friends this holiday season about becoming a sponsor for a much needed child or consider donating funds to help the children and the people living in the community of Mont Rouis.

Please see the enclosed sponsorship and donation forms. Thank you in advance.

May God continue to smile upon you and your family.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

GET INVOLVED: If you are involved in an organization or church group that might be interested in joining this effort, please contact Diane at 660-359-5682 or email her at diane@lifeconnectionmission.org.

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