



## Responding Restoring Resuming

Sharing the love of Jesus to the Haitian people since 1998 through medical care, nutritional programs, clean water projects, & evangelism.



# Restoring Souls, Structures, and Spirits

We are praising God every day! He has kept this ministry going strong, our staff safe, and our focus clear. The stunning events surrounding Haiti 1-12 will forever be in the minds of all Haitians, and in their generations to come. Thank you, Jesus, for the privilege to serve your people.

I am so proud of our Haitian staff. Just a few days after the quake, they had the clinic up and running. They distributed meds and food to neighborhoods under rubble, and ministered to the many folks gathered in open land and vacant lots which would later become tent cities. Our staff are true "first responders", and it truly humbles this writer when fathomed.

As you may already know, our main clinic, so close to the epicenter, sustained only minor damage. Other buildings, even some next door, had major damage; and several must be torn down.

God has truly set our ministry as "a shining city, set on a hill". May He give us the strength to continue responding

and restoring Haiti to a newer and better place. Our response, no, *His* response has been "exceedingly abundant". As we move onto the Restoring Phase, we can only imagine what God has in store.

We are headed to a bright new tomorrow. Hope Alive turned a corner in July. The activity of *Responding* has grown to *Restoring*. We are amazed to see so many folks stepping up to the plate to assist in improving lives. As you will see below, the cracks in the clinic are now repaired because a generous company donated materials, and kind folks donated time to do the work.

The generous and important donation of dehydrated foods, and all the meds and supplies that have been brought to our door, have been vital for the Haitian people.

There is a dear lady, Penny, who wishes to teach sewing to women in the area of the clinic. (Please donate as many treadle sewing machines as you can find.) The new tree project and water projects are blossoming. The August team did so many repairs and so much painting that it will have to be reviewed in our next issue.

So, what's on the horizon? In July, we were visited by Pastor Abel, the builder of the Mariani Clinic. Abel has attended the national construction meetings that the government has presented. He proposed a plan to make the clinic building "earthquake resistant" by installing more rebar in the flooring and walls. This procedure is important, and it is a part of the new building code in Haiti. We agree. Hope Alive is also actively looking to acquire more land for staff housing and expanded clinic activities.

We have two new clean water systems ready to install. The first will be at one of our northern clinics, and the other will be a portable unit that can be taken to area villages and tent cities. This will greatly increase the scope of our clean water distribution project and our opportunity to share the love of Jesus. God has planted it in our hearts to bring in five teams from January to March 2011 !!

**How about you?** Are *You* on the horizon? Why not prayerfully consider going on the next Hope Alive *Restoring Haiti* Trip. It could be the most important thing that you do. You really don't need any talent, only a willing and kind heart.

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### Meet Rendell Civil

The night before our August team returned home from Haiti, Renaud's baby son, Rendell, was born. Due to birth complications when his sister was born July, 2009, it was necessary for Baby Rendell to be born by C-Section several weeks prematurely. Rendell had a tough few days, as his lungs were undeveloped, but God has answered our prayers. Today, he is doing very well! The morning after Rendell's birth, a very happy, very tired Renaud faithfully picked up our mission team's luggage, and followed our team to the airport, despite his exciting night at the hospital. We are so grateful for amazing staff. Also, we want to extend thanks to Dan and Donna Martinez for collecting baby items for Baby Rendell.

## We are mending lives and foundations, too!

The Haiti 1-12 quake epicenter was just 7 miles from our Mariani clinic. We are praising God that He "stayed His hand" on the clinic and it is still standing. We had, however, a large fissure down the length of the first floor. This is set over the rock foundation, along with some other cracks around some windows.

We were fortunate to have a company donate a special adhesive kit that would take care of the problem. It arrived in Haiti just before our July team. On that team was Mark Barrows from New Beginnings Church in Browns Mills, NJ. He is a Pastor and a "concrete guy". This product was terrific. He was able to fill in the large crack in no time. The product was safe to use, and dried in a few minutes. It actually binds the concrete together. Such a blessing! There was even enough left over for some neighbors' homes.



Mark Barrows applying the adhesive.

When finished, each day Mark went over to pray with the clinic patients. He prayed with everyone. So, along with mending cracks in the clinic, Mark was *mending cracks* in the hearts of Haitians with the love of Christ. As he fixed the fissure in the floor, he was also a *fisher* of men. ....And I had better end now before any more wise *cracks*.

Mark Barrows applying the prayer.



The July 2010 Earthquake Response Team Trip

July is probably the hottest month in Haiti. Despite the heat, Dr. Ron and Nurse Heidi (and nursing student, Katie) treated about 400 patients. Mark prayed with ALL of them. Cathryn and Marcy worked in the Pharmacy, and Toni cleaned 31 patients' teeth. With the help of Come Alive! Youth, we blessed about 850 families with gift bags of food, clothing, shoes and toiletries.

On our July trip as well as on all four of our 2010 mission trips to Haiti, we have researched land for sale. Please pray we can find and purchase land for staff housing and clinic expansion.



Heidi Efinger and Katie Shafer



Here are folks waiting to see the doctors inside the courtyard. There is always an endless flow.



L. to R. Leslee and Frank Jacobs, Marcy Moore, Dr. Ron Williams, Maurice, Willio, Heidi Efinger, Katie Shafer, Cathryn Vaughn, and Renaud Civil



A view from the street waiting to get in to the clinic. There are always "anpil moun" (many people).



The Come Alive youth group visited us for a day of food distribution and sharing Christ with Haitians.



Toni Giorgianni performing Dental hygiene.

The August 2010 Earthquake Response Team Trip



August is Hurricane Season, so close to the top of our praise list was... no hurricanes! Dr. Larry and nurses Anne, Diane, Mary Ellen, and respiratory therapist Lisa treated 795 medical patients. Naomi and x-ray tech. Amy helped Martine prepare meds in the Pharmacy. Pastor Mike and his interpreter, Prevoit, led 30 new believers to Christ. Over 500 gift bags were given filled with food, clothing, shoes, toiletries, etc. Joe, Pat, Ken, and Don, tirelessly painted the Mariani Clinic, installed 4 fans and electrical outlets, installed a window in the storage room for ventilation, and built shelves.



Fans being installed



The guys did much construction.



Dr. Larry treating many folks.



Mary Ellen Volb and Amy Weachter



Pastor Mike and Renaud, our supervisor.



Dr Larry performs C.P.R. on a soccer ball.

Pictured Bottom Left to Right —Ken Hopf, Don Mott, Dr. Larry Geisler, Diane Small, Lisa Wiley, Naomi Jacobs, Amy Weachter, Pastor Mike Jarrell, Leslee Jacobs, Joe Williams, Pat Wiley, Mary Ellen Volb, and Anne St. Juste



Lisa Wiley



Diane Small

## Donated Y2k Survival Food For Hungry Haitians



Above: Each of the 114 cases contains 6 canisters of sealed, dehydrated foods. They last 15 to 20 years!

Below: One of the many cans of wheat and several buckets of rice, beans, and wheat, all donated and ready for shipping.



Since The quake, we have put the word out for donations to be shipped to Haiti. The effects of Haiti 1-12 has pushed the need for food to the forefront. In answer to this plea, we received a call from a nearby couple. We'll call them Bud and Peggy (because those are their names). They stated that they had 2 generators and several cans of food for us. I mentioned that I could get a van from my work, and Peggy answered: "I don't think a van will be big enough".

My son and I pulled up to their country home in a large box truck, and we met Bud and Peggy. We then followed them across a beautiful pasture to a large building. Bud opened the door, and there, neatly stacked, were 114 cases of food, along with 16 large buckets of rice, wheat, and beans. The 2 generators were standing next to the door. It seems that they were preparing for the Y2K event that fizzled out. They said that it was all for Hope Alive, and that they were not expecting to be around for Y3K. These canisters are specially made to keep the contents good for 15 to 20 years !

We loaded the truck, thanked Bud and Peggy, and drove to our church, where we have a storage area for shipping. These cases contain an unbelievable assortment of dehydrated food items, each specially vacuum-packed in a very large canister: peas, corn, green beans, pasta, soup, potatoes, just to name a few, along with powdered milk, rice and beans. There is even powdered margarine, corn bread mix, and several cans of wheat. We counted the cases and cans, and found that all told, the weight was over 4,500 pounds!!!

This food will be such a blessing for our staff and the folks in the surrounding areas of Mariani. I opened a can and took a cup of dried peas to try them. After soaking in water and heated, they tasted delicious. They were even good as a snack, dried, right out of the can. I covered the can with the re-usable lid and returned it to the case. I then looked at the date on the bottom of the container: As fresh as the day it was canned: 1999!!

## ...and I want you to know, that on this day, God has heard you...

When we were in Haiti this past July, Renaud, our chief administrator and Pastor Francois, our Mariani Clinic administrator needed to go into Carrefour for a fan belt. In the traffic, a "gentleman" pulled out, right in front of Renaud and hit his truck. They both moved to the side of the street. When the "gentleman" got out of his car, he pulled out a pistol and tucked it in the front of his pants. The "gentleman" was furious and was yelling at Renaud and looking over the cars. All the while, he had his hand on his gun. After a closer inspection, surprisingly, there was no damage, not even a scratch ! By this time, a small crowd had gathered, and everyone was saying that all was ok, and it was his fault and not Renaud's. The "gentleman" walked up to Renaud, still with his hand on the gun and angrily spoke: "I want you to know, that on this day, if my car was damaged, I would have killed you!". Renaud stood firm and said: "and I want you to know, that on this day, God has heard what you have spoken". Well, the "gentleman" looked at Renaud perplexed, and then **his look changed to an "I'll consider that" expression**. They all got back in their cars and drove away.

Such an amazing display of faith and Christ's courage! I know if it had been me, I would have turned into a 6 foot 1 inch Jello. As Christians, God is in the midst of everything we do. Mention Him often. He can change *any* expression.



## Project Jeep Up-date



We are getting ready to ship the Jeep to Haiti! This auto was donated to Hope Alive from a very nice lady, Jessica, on Long Beach Island, NJ. It seats 5 and has room in the back for supplies. With four-wheel drive and a big V8 engine, it will make travel much easier and more secure. We had some brake work done and will be fitting it with new tires in a few weeks. Shipping will be by the end of the year.

Picking up supplies, visiting the other clinic sites, and medicine distribution are just some of the important work this vehicle will be doing. It is rugged and tough, and the A.C. works just fine!

**We thank God for His provision. What a Blessing!**



Mariani



Kolmini



Parent



Aquin Church



Tricon

A Hope Alive! Missions trip to Haiti will probably be the most challenging but most rewarding event you have experienced in your life! It is rough and it is tough...it is heartbreaking but heart lifting! You will be an important blessing to the Haitian people and you will really make a difference. You yourself will also be blessed "beyond measure".  
**Come to Haiti...we've been expecting you!**



Would you like to do something *important* next year?

Five (5) trips are planned

January 30 – March 5, 2011 - Call or Send us an Email.

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