



Greetings everyone,

It is October 1 and I am in Haiti for my visit. It has been just a few short weeks since Hurricane Irma and Maria, and so I am sure that you are wondering, but there was no damage to our orphanages. The hurricanes were off the northern shore of the island, and we are in the South in Kenscoff, so there was a little bit of Rain and some wind, but no damage. Praise God.



That being said, the North Fence Wall between us and the next door neighbor has fallen down. Luckily, there were not injuries, and it fell toward the neighbor. I am not sure why it came down, but it looks to me that the foundation was not as stable as it needed to be. The owner of the home is committed to rebuild it again, and it should be fixed within a couple of months.



We visited the orphanage in Fontamara on Saturday.

As a reminder, we started working with this new orphanage earlier this year when we met Johnny and Rojenka. This young couple are doing what they can to help the children of Haiti by bringing in some children and starting their own orphanage. They now have 8 children, 5 Boys and 3 Girls.

We have known for some time that the lease on the building was up and the owner was not going to renew, so Johnny has been working hard to find a new place to live.

Johnny started renting an empty lot from his pastor and they have started building a home. The new home is a typical low income Haitian style home with concrete brick walls and a tin roof. However, when we visited, we found that the



new home was not ready for children yet, but they needed to move out and had no more time. So, we made the decision to move the

8 children up to the main orphanage in Kenscoff. This is not ideal because of the number of people in one home, but we felt that Johnny needed some more time to prepare his new home for the children and Johnny agreed. 21 kids around one table makes for a very full table.



Johnny is a good hearted Christian who cannot stand to see children in need, so is doing what he can to help those less



fortunate. He has a job as a driving instructor, but cannot afford much on a teacher's salary and does not have the money to finish the home.

Relief for Kids in Haiti believes in his vision and would like to help him finish the home and make it safe for the children. Our current budget is \$2000, and we are raising funds to ensure that this home is built and the

children have a safe place, so if you would like to contribute to this effort, we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

As always, you can donate by making your check payable to “Relief for Kids in Haiti” and sending your check to:

Relief for Kids in Haiti
 7745 Riata Place
 Zephyrhills, FL 33541

You can also donate online at:

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/inforeliefforkidsinhaitiorg/general>

Our vision this year was to start our own school at the Orphanage and hire teachers to instruct them. We worked with the Haitian Ministry of Education and they gave us the permission and we worked with the Haitian Adventist Conference office and they provided Christian Teachers. We purchased green T-shirts for uniforms and desks and chalk boards. Monday, October 2 was the first day of school. We had to do some scrambling to accommodate the 8 new children from Johnny’s orphanage, but we added an additional teacher, and are currently teaching 21 children in 4 classrooms with 9 different grades.

In Haiti, the education system is not constant and is not free, so depending on the income of the family or child, there may be multiple ages in the same classroom, but each child is required to successfully complete the prior year before moving on to the next year’s curriculum. It is common to see multiple ages in each grade level, and due to finances, some children do not finish the final grade until well into their 20s. And, a lot do not finish at all.

Haitian	RFKIH Kids	American
Kindergarten 1	2	
Kindergarten 2	1	
Kindergarten 3	3	
Primary 1	3	Kindergarten
Primary 2	3	Grade 1
Primary 3	2	Grade 2
Primary 4	2	Grade 3
Primary 5	3	Grade 4
Primary 6	2	Grade 5
Secondary 1		Grade 6
Secondary 2		Grade 7
Secondary 3		Grade 8
Secondary 4		Grade 9
Secondary 5		Grade 10
Secondary 6		Grade 11
Secondary 7		Grade 12



Some of our children are where they should be in class and some of them are 2 or 3 years behind, because before they came to us, they had not been in school at all. We are working hard to accommodate all of the children and their learning levels.



K1 – Fidel



Wendy



K2 – Jenica



K3 – Franceline



Ely



Darla



P1 – DeeDe



Schrood



Mislane



P2 – Cedric



Dieu-Maitre (“Jamet”)



Sassan



Last time that we were here, the cat, “Baby-Lou” had a litter of kittens and they were about 1 month old. The runt of the litter was a small kitten with one deformed eye. Now, the rest of the kittens have been given away, but we still have the runt. The children call him “Boy” because that is the Haitian word for “blind in one eye”, and he is male, so it seemed to fit. He is a sociable little kitten and very gentle. He sleeps in the girls room and loves to snuggle with Mislane. (By the way, Baby-Lou is pregnant again.)



Kindergarten Class
K1 – Fidel & Wendy
K2 – Jenica
K3 – Franceline, Ely & Darla
Teacher Betsy



Primary 3 & 4
P3 – Xavier & MacKendy
P4 – Schneider & Wegthlande
Teacher Ruben



Primary 5 & 6
P5 – Tatane, Jasmine, & Judith
P6 – Crezou & Mivelor
Teacher Esther



Primary 1 & 2
P1 – Sharrood, DeeDe & Mislane
P2 – Dieu-Maitre, Cedric & Sassan
Teacher Rebecca



P3 – Xavier



MacKendy



P4 – Schneider



Wegthlande



P5 – Tatane



Judith



Jasmine

Lately in Haiti there have been a lot of protests against the governmental taxes. There is violence in the streets and the protesters try to block the roads with rocks, burning tires, trash turned over dumpsters, and anything else that they think will stop traffic and commerce. On Monday, October 2 there were plans for a big protest, so the Government gave people the day off and told cars to stay off the roads. This actually prevented a lot of violence.



P6 – Mivelore



Crezou



With the start of this new school, and supporting all 21 children in one home for a while, we are incurring some additional, unplanned expenses. Plus, it is already October, and since we are 5000 feet high in the mountains, we are quickly getting into the cold weather in Kenscoff and we don't have enough Jackets for everyone. We are also in need of underwear and socks and shoes for the children. If God has blessed you this year, even through the tremendous destruction and violence of 2017, please consider giving some extra funds to the children of Haiti

May God continue to greatly bless you and your family as well as the Children of Haiti.

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