

REFLECTIONS OF PURE JOY

By Patricia Good RN

The last few years I have had the joy of going to Haiti to work in the medical clinic. It brings pure joy to my heart to see the Haitian's dedication to the Lord and the love they show, both physically and spiritually, to their patients. It was also encouraging to experience the love from the staff, as they welcomed me back in 2008 to serve and work with them. Many miracles are taking place because Jesus is their main theme.

A new HIV clinic was being built behind the lab, and it was ready for the roof and doors when I left. At the time I was working in the clinic, there were two Haitian doctors plus an OMS volunteer physician.

On a daily basis, both physically and spiritually, there are more procedures being done and lives being saved. There was a little boy whose lung had collapsed due to Tuberculosis, and a chest tube was inserted at the clinic. The last Sunday I was there his mother and he walked with us to the church on the compound. The pure joy this family shows in their eyes and their smiles is awesome. They were appreciative of the staff's help and for the Lord's healing.

A powerful reflection was the privilege to go to the prayer tree on Thursday morning to sing and pray with the Haitians for their country and for each other. They are faithful to do this every week, and certainly

there is a feeling of God's presence under that tree.

The new seminary has progressed greatly since I was there last. Because of the new seminary, many more Haitians will be educated to serve the Lord. God continues to use willing hands of men and women on teams for His work and His purposes.

Another outstanding highlight of my last trip was the Haitian Choirs' Classical Recital at the 4VEH Radio auditorium called: La Faculte' des Beaux Arts de l'Universite' Chretienne du Nord d' Haiti under the direction of Yanique Joseph, an outstanding Maestro. Wester Desamours, bass player and composer, gave a presentation on the history and techniques of the electric bass guitar along with several bass solos arranged by him. Some of the songs were accompanied by a saxophone, percussion, and a keyboard. It was so professionally done that I cannot express the true joy and peace I felt during the magnificent program.

The last joy I want to mention was being united with my Starfish child again and talking with her and her teacher. There are many great memories and reflections with this trip, and God is so good to continue to bless us with His love and goodness. It gets harder to go home each year.



Left: Fritznel with chest tube apparatus.

Below left: Pat Good with Starfish Kid, Locheline Lambert.

Below right: Pat with singing group.



Unpack-Test-Repack Radios for Haiti



By Jan Isch, Sabetha, Kansas

In his quiet, smiling manner, he told us—then came the questions. You have WHAT in your shop? HOW MANY did you say were there? Thus was the introduction to our small group by Bill Glace, MFMI Cabinet President, of a proposed mission project we could be involved in. The “WHAT” was 8,000 solar-powered radios fix-tuned to Radio 4VEH bound for Haiti. The group was intrigued and willing to tackle the task.

A class room at NorthRidge Church in Sabetha, Kansas, was set apart for the project, and other small groups and individuals volunteered to help. It actually became an outreach to some non-members who became interested and assisted. Before completion, over 80 people had helped in some way. Alex Dawdy served as our resident technician and set up the computers for checking the frequencies. He spent a lot of time trying to keep all in working order so those who were not blessed with his knowledge could easily do the testing. He bravely posted his cell phone number on the board in case questions arose. That’s dedication! The radios were transferred from Bill’s shop to Bachelor Controls, a business in town, where access would be easier.

The routine was UNPACK-TEST-REPACK. This involved taking each radio from the case or box (50 per box), removing the plastic wrapping, removing the earphone plug, raising the solar panel, removing the battery cover, and inserting batteries for checking purposes. The solar panels were checked with a light and tester. Then both AM and FM frequencies were tested. The next step was to remove the batteries, return the bat-

Team completes the task of testing 8,000 radios for Haiti. Von Lauer with Peggy Brant, Eleanor Stover, Alice Colyn, Alice Zahner, Emmeretta Pyle and Jerre Lauer.

tery cover, reinsert the plastic bubble bag, and return to the shipping case. The boxes were labeled with date, contents, and case number. Identification stickers and rechargeable batteries to be inserted when distributed were included in each case. The tasks were all simply doable and rather enjoyable, and it was a good time to chat with others. It just took time when multiplied by 8,000. There were challenges posted on the board for other groups to meet or exceed to make it more interesting as the project continued.

All was progressing well until the frequency testers malfunctioned. This put a damper on goals that had been set for completion. It reminded us that patience is a fruit of the Spirit, so the project was put on hold until that glitch could be resolved. When all was up and running again, a few dedicated helpers got back into the routine and completed the project.

It was easy to let the mind wander with each radio that passed through your hands. We wondered who would receive it, how much would they use it, or would this be THE ONE that would convince some soul that Christ held the answers for their life. We are assured in Isaiah that, *So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty (void) but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which it is sent (Isaiah 55:11)*. What a promise to lean on. Our hope and prayer is that this small part that we at NorthRidge have had in preparing these radios for the field, will open the door of many lives for the kingdom of God.

A VIEW FROM

This was a joint effort of team members and local people who enjoyed the opportunity of sharing in a labor of love...

By Pastor Bob Kumpf

When we told people that we were going to Mexico on a “work mission” to Acapulco, they laughed. Very few realize that the people of this popular resort area are starving for the Gospel. Even the team leaders and missionaries didn’t know what we would find when we arrived at the Carballi worksite, about seven miles up into the mountains north of Acapulco. We found a pastor and a group of people who love the Lord, want to share their faith, and worship with their neighbors!

On March 21, 2009, a group of 11 men and one lady departed from Indiana, Texas, and Oklahoma on a journey that would lead them to a beautiful mountain setting where we were to build a “house church” for local Christians to gather, worship, and have Bible study for youth and adults. The building, which was really nothing more than a 25 x 25 foot open structure with a metal roof, was built adjacent to the existing home of a local church member. Just

like God’s Church this structure was built on solid rock, and I MEAN SOLID ROCK. We had to chisel and chip into the earth and construct a wooden form in which to pour the concrete footings and foundation. But, under the supervision of a knowledgeable leader and using the proven methods of the local builders, we soon had footers and wall-columns poured and ready for the main floor to be completed.

This was a joint effort of team members and local people who enjoyed the opportunity of sharing in a labor of love. They also shared great home cooked lunches,

and times of story telling, laughing, and playing a little basketball. In the end, much



Welcome to Christiana.



MFMI work team pouring concrete.

THE MOUNTAIN

more than a structure was built. Friendships and relationships that will last forever were established and everyone involved had the chance to see God's grace at work touching and filling us with hope for eternity.

The trip also included some time for getting to know a little about the Mexican culture as we watched the Cliff-Divers in Acapulco and visited local areas of interest. We also had the opportunity to worship with the UNIFAM Renacimiento church family and visit the Drop-In Center in Mexico City. We stayed at the Seminary in Mexico City the evening before departing for home and waved good-bye to our new, forever friends as we flew over the volcanoes and headed home. (But.... we'll be back!)



Youthful team participants shovel gravel with local laborers at construction site.



THE MEXICO WORK TEAM:

Front Row: Pastor Bob Kumpf, Orrie Heffner, Missionary Andrew Agnew and Pastor Tim Voll.
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Back Row: David LaBay, Terry Walters, Pete Cole and Marlon Heffner.

Mexico

Is Visiting Haiti More Than Once Too Much?

By Jeff Behringer

The year 2008 was special for me. At the end of January, I was headed for Haiti on my fourth trip with Gene and Shelba Pollic. Five others were there with us from our little church in Garner, North Carolina. When we arrived we found that David Ross from Ohio had brought his guitar and some songbooks. It wasn't long before the children from the Haiti Gospel Orphanage in Jérémie were singing along with us. It was a glorious time of fellowship in the Lord.

We were so excited to have the opportunity to share in our church back home and many were moved by our testimony. My wife, Kathy, was so moved she said, "I think you should go (to Haiti) more." A month and a half later, my oldest son, Jake, and I were heading back to Haiti. We stayed the whole week during Easter in a Haitian home.

Gene Pollic scheduled another trip for November, so Laura, my daughter, and I along with five others from our church traveled to Haiti once more. On the way there, I asked myself, "Am I going to the orphanage too often? Are the children tired of seeing me?" My questions were soon answered after the plane landed at the airport in Jérémie. About twenty of the orphan girls formed a line and greeted me with a hug and a kiss on the cheek. They were excited to see me. God is amazing! So going to Haiti more than once is not too much.

Author Jeff Behringer with several orphans.



Seated, from left: Katiana, Sara Walsh, Jesula, Laura Behringer, and Sha Sha. Standing, from left: Manoushka, Claire Dodd, Michlyn, and George.



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**Warren Hardig,
MFMI Executive Director**

MFMI accomplishes its task through men from every walk of life who are willing to make this spiritual commitment:

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Known as "The Short-term Mission Specialists," MFMI has organized and helped over 20,000 men and women serve on OMS mission fields during its 55-year history. A current team list appears in this issue (see list at right).

MFMs help missionaries by releasing their personal skills and abilities in a variety of practical, direct ways. Included are work and medical teams, teams which help with local evangelism, teams that go to pray and distribute literature, and other opportunities for those who are prepared to teach. Teams are often involved in one or more of these ministries.

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How God Led Me to Haiti

By Rick Martz

“**H**ow did God lead you to participate with Men for Missions? What are your goals for taking a short-term trip, and why did God call you to go? What do you expect God to do in your life as a result of this trip; what impact will it make after you return?” When I first received information about taking a trip to Haiti April 17 – 25, 2009, these questions impressed me the most. Of course, I wanted to live according to the Great Commission and see lost souls come to faith in Christ—but take a trip to help me become a better Christian at home, at work, in my neighborhood, and family? I had not considered that and was surprised Men for Missions cared about my personal development along with providing assistance for a nearly 60-year-old ministry in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.

As part of the application process, I prepared a three minute personal testimony telling what my life was like before I knew Jesus, how He found me, and how I am different since Jesus came to live in my heart and life. I was familiar with the testimonies of others but didn't think my story was very exciting compared with some dramatic conversions. I learned that plain and simple testimonies can be very useful. They help break down cultural barriers and are effective in large and small groups. I was amazed when people were eager to hear how I came to know the Lord Jesus and was thrilled when several people prayed to receive Christ as their personal Savior! The Haitian people seemed a bit shy but were very open to building relationships. People in Haiti have been misled by half-truths about religion and are open to hearing and receiving the gospel message from the Bible. I learned that evangelical churches are growing and are active in evangelism and discipleship ministry. Haitian Christians believe in the power of prayer and routinely cry out to God when they have nowhere else to turn for help. God is answering those

The MFMI Prayer/Evangelism team preparing to move out for day of ministry in Haiti.



prayers and thousands are turning from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to Christ, and receiving forgiveness and sanctification (Acts 26:18).

My family has received the OMS *Outreach* and MFMI *ACTION* magazines for many years. We read about Radio 4VEH, Operation Saturation, and the solar-powered radio distribution in Haiti, and Every Community for Christ. I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity to distribute the radios myself. In February, I attended a Tres Dias Christian retreat and met Elmer Young, who was preparing to leave for Haiti with Men for Missions. Elmer invited me to join their team from Southview Wesleyan Church in Indianapolis, and I was immediately interested. I had a desire to take a mission trip and the dates and cost exactly matched my availability. So, I was convinced God was leading me to go. My family was favorable, and if I had any further doubts, Dale Hunter missionary with OMS International, was so encouraging that I could not resist signing up. Bill Evans, Men for Missions-USA Ministry Team Director, was our leader and had every detail organized so that planning and preparation were amazingly simplified. Men for Missions International sponsors many short-term trips each year to several different countries for the purpose of prayer, evangelism, construction, and medical ministry.

Our trip was designated for evangelistic outreach. Every day the Lord worked in new and exciting ways, and people in different communities responded to the gospel message. I have gained lifelong memories and new friends among our team members. There were five men and four ladies in our group, ranging from 27 to over 70 years old. Valeene Hayes regularly reminded us that we spanned six decades in age difference, and yet there was no generation gap as we experienced an amazing sense of unity and purpose for our team. Bill and I were the house guests of Maury Graham, the mission bookkeeper, who is 83 years young! Health permitting, no one with a God-given desire is too young or

Ruth Hunter shares moment of joy with radio recipient during evangelism and radio distribution ministry.



old to go on a mission trip!

Everyone hears stories about poverty in Haiti, and although it was very poor, it was nicer than I expected. I envisioned sleeping on dirt floors under mosquito nets, using outdoor latrines, having limited electricity, and boiling our drinking water. None of that was true. We stayed in modern OMS missionary houses with screened windows, hot showers, drinkable tap water, internet access, and three well prepared meals each day. Each morning we were blessed with a time of devotional sharing with our team. We had the added blessing of traveling with Miss Valeene Hayes, a retired OMS missionary with a 35 year career in Haiti. Her Creole language ability and explanations about everything we experienced made the trip 100 percent more interesting and rewarding. We all grew to love and appreciate Valeene and benefited from her encouragement and sincere desire to build people up in the faith. Every day we worked with missionaries, national evangelists, pastors, and lay workers as we labored together and encouraged each other in our evangelistic efforts. Every evening, we shared personal times with different missionaries and national church leaders and began to understand their special needs and challenges. These experiences have made my times of prayer for world missions much more meaningful with specific requests and first-hand knowledge. We were in Haiti for only about a week, but these special people spend their lives and raise their families on the mission field.

Because Haiti is an impoverished country, the need for mercy ministries such as health care and nutrition programs is obvious. We traveled both directions with American medical teams who performed specialized surgeries at Haitian hospitals, and we observed World Vision and other groups working to help meet physical needs of the poor. While OMS has a medical clinic, feeding programs, and schools for thousands of Haitian children (Starfish Kids), this is not their main purpose. Evangelism

Team shares moment reflection and planning in preparation for the day's activity.



and church planting are the main goals of OMS and are accomplished by Radio 4VEH, the Emmaus Bible Seminary, and the Emmaus Fellowship of Churches. In addition to our evangelism trips, we were given tours of the radio station studios and primary transmitter site. We also helped with some light construction projects at the new seminary campus. On Friday evening we entertained a very energetic group of missionary kids while their parents enjoyed a rare evening of dining and adult fellowship together. Another important aspect of the OMS ministry in Northern Haiti is the Cowman International School. Missionary teachers, Kate Zlotnicki and Erica Thompson, make it possible for families with school age children to serve in this part of Haiti.

The new beautiful, full service campus of the Emmaus Bible Seminary is scheduled to open in December 2009. With volunteer labor and donated materials, it was built for only one million dollars. This facility will provide a first class education for hundreds of pastors for many years. We met some of the seminary students, attended their classes, and visited with Acting Director, Mary Lou Wunker and Greek/Hebrew Professor, Matt Ayers. Many visiting professors teach seminary courses because of the lack of full-time faculty. In spite of the difficulties, the missionaries are excited about the future of Emmaus Seminary. During spring break a group of third and fourth year students spent time doing evangelistic work and led 200 people to faith in Christ. These young servants are eager to graduate and go out to spread the gospel throughout Haiti and in other countries. Please pray for a full-time director for the seminary since the retirement of Dr. Bill Cooper. Also, pray for furnishings for the new campus. New or slightly used beds, dressers, desks, tables, and chairs are needed for the dorm rooms, classrooms, library, chapel, and dining hall. And pray for more full time missionaries who are des-

The team, front row, from left: Richard Martz, Kim Young, Sarah Klassen, Ruth Hunter. Back row: Paul Klassen II, Valeene Hayes, Dale Hunter, Elmer Young, Bill Evans, Don Hulmes (friend of Matt Ayers).



perately needed, which is often referred to as America's short-term mission field.

Words cannot express the blessings I have received from going on this short trip to Haiti with OMS/Men for Missions. The joy of leading people to Christ in village communities was the highlight of the trip, along with distributing solar-powered radios and working with the national pastors and evangelists. Careful records are kept for each contact, and discipleship teams return week after week to encourage new believers in their faith. Each of our team members have specific memories of folks we talked to; like the young witch doctor named Jonnas who asked us to pray for him, or the boy named Willie who begged us for a soccer ball in order for his team to be able to practice. Many, like Jonnas, would eagerly accept Christ, but they have no other source of occupation or income. We could not meet many of their needs, but Jesus can and is eager to give rest to all who will come to Him with their burdens (Matthew 11:28-30). Every aspect of this trip was truly wonderful (except for a brief intestinal disorder), and it was one of the most significant weeks I have had during my lifetime. The needs and blessings of missionary ministry are forever inscribed in my heart and there have already been many opportunities to share these experiences with other groups of Christians. Several from our team are making plans to do it again next year! A short-term mission trip is an experience everyone should have at least once if at all possible.

Hundreds of friends prayed for us every day during our trip. God answered those prayers by helping us overcome challenges, fight spiritual battles, and experience many victories. We were blessed with safety and good health, which must not be taken for granted. Seventy-five decisions for Christ were recorded during our visits to four different communities. One hundred seventy-two solar-powered radios were distributed to households in these communities, enabling hundreds of people to hear gospel programming for years to come. Many hundreds of gospel tracts and copies of John and Romans were given to students and others who could read. Ruth Hunter made Creole Bible verse cards using old Christmas cards. These were very attractive and greatly encouraged the ladies who received them. Thank you, Jesus, for the blessings you allowed us to experience!

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Understand Voodoo and You Will Better Understand Haiti

Author's Book Examines Grip of Voodoo on the Haitian People

Claims Voodoo is not a myth toward which we can remain indifferent

PRESS RELEASE

LONGWOOD, FL—There is not a day in which you won't find Haiti in the news, but to find solutions for Haiti's problems, the grip of Haitian Voodoo on its people must be understood. Part textbook, part life story, part theological exposé, *Understanding Haitian Voodoo*, penned by Emmanuel Félix, Jr. Lawyer, comes from a much-respected Haitian gentleman who cares deeply about his people and their bondage in Voodoo. Filled with testimonies from Voodoo priests, followers, witch doctors, and more, this book is a deep observation of the practice through the eyes of Christian faith, molded in Haitian theology that is biblical, contemporary, relevant, and transformational. Whether you're planning to visit Haiti, seeking to pray more intelligently for the work of the gospel, or are simply looking to learn more about the Haitian people, this book is a must-read.

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Riches in Haiti



Emmaus Biblical Seminary under construction.

By Mark Spencer

In late November 2006, my 21-year-old son asked me when I was going to go on a mission trip. Earlier that year he had gone on a life-changing trip to Ukraine. I followed his advice and started making some inquiries. God's hand of favor was so evident when Bill Evans took my request, and in less than 36 hours, a great opportunity to serve Christ in Haiti was available. Not only was my travel and lodging coordinated by Bill, but he also arranged to have Bob Sharp, a seasoned veteran from Orlando, Florida, accompany me on the trip.

Throughout my journey, I was able to experience God's presence simply because I obeyed Him and went. I did not have a great agenda or many expectations because I trusted the advice of godly men who said I should go.

One day I worked in the sun with Gordon Wallace and a crew of Haitian laborers on the seminary project laying masonry block and pouring concrete. There is a satisfaction and pride that comes from tough physical labor. I usually spend my time in engineering, mostly at a desk, so the physical work was a refreshing change of pace for me.

On another day I helped with the construction of an elementary school. The principal of this school talked about the benefits of having a simple life and being forced to depend on God each day for his food. He said, "We have no one else to put our trust in but the Lord Jesus, our provider."

I am so glad that I let go of my normal, busy routine for one week and allowed God to surprise me with the joy I experienced working alongside Christian brothers sweating in the hot Haitian sun. Time spent in the homes of the missionaries was precious to me. It was also encouraging to feel the unity of the Holy Spirit as we visited with the seminary students and met Christian brothers and sisters from around the world. So give Bill Evans a call. You'll be glad you did. I am.



Mark Spencer at Maranatha Church.



Bob Sharp and Dave Shaferly.