

Haitian Support Ministries Newsletter

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“Saved to Serve” was the theme chosen by Pastor Jean-Claude and what guided our team for the week of February’s trip. The team arrived in Jacmel ten days before Ash Wednesday while the Haitian festival of Kanaval was ramping up. While many observers maintain that Kanaval is a harmless traditional celebration prior to Lent, Haiti’s strong voodoo history exposes a dark side. On Sunday, when the team took children from Restoration Ministries to the beach, we were “greeted” by celebrants with ropes blocking our route and demanding money to pass. First-time travelers in our group were taken aback.



Pastor Jeff Dryden spent mornings working with lay pastors and leaders of small mountain churches, teaching them how to find the primary message in their chosen texts. Jeff has taught in many countries around the world, but he finds Haiti challenging since many of the leaders in rural areas are illiterate.

Team members Ann, Sarah, and Elaine spent mornings working with a team of young Calvary Church leaders, discussing with them and training them to lead Bible memory and prayers as part of the feeding center’s daily plan. In the afternoons, they ministered to the children at the Monchile



feeding center with Bible verse memorizing, new songs, and prayer. Nightly rooftop meetings at the compound had our team spending time thinking and praying about how we can help serve and equip Calvary Church leaders to better lead in their country.

To say that electricity is unreliable in Haiti would be generous. But since the clean water system in Calvary Church and the Restoration Ministry computer lab require electricity, generators were purchased and team members installed them at both the church and the mission compound. Team members also returned to the Beaudoin Church and commissioned the clean water system. Pastor Roger is thrilled to be able to furnish his community with safe water.



Pastor Jean-Claude will be returning to the Northwest Indiana/Chicagoland area for three weeks in May. He looks forward to seeing many of you. For over 20 years, Haitian Support Ministries has tried hard to come alongside Haitian Christians by supporting and serving the needs they identify in their communities. Your continued prayers and support are much needed as we learn we are “saved to serve.”

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