



2015 Year End Report

Dear Friends, Family & Partners of HELPS,

It has been a great honour, privilege and blessing for HELPS to serve in Haiti over this past year 2015. It was an awesome year where a total of 14 people from all over Canada, Florida and Seattle gave of their time and resources to serve and give of themselves sacrificially in Haiti and to the people of Haiti. HELPS also wants to thank the many individuals and churches that offered their prayers and their resources to the precious people in Haiti and the ministry there.



The HELPS Ministry Team led by Chuck Kerr, Steve Omand & Terry Link went to Haiti on February 10th-24th. Chuck Kerr & Abe Harder also went to Haiti on May 21st-28th. HELPS International's loss of Fenold Aladin, who passed away on May 8th at the age of 35 and he leaves his wife Yvanne, his son Nelson and baby daughter Bethsheba behind. The HELPS Team is very saddened to lose our brother, friend, main translator & our Haitian project manager - he will be greatly missed.

On HELPS February trip we worked mainly with the churches in the Les Cayes Region in the south of Haiti with

our base in the village of Camp Perrin. We were able to provide four medical clinics in different communities in the region. In the last several years the HELPS Medical team has been able to visit 16 different communities in the southern region of Haiti we have been able to help thousands of people in these communities. We also held two women's seminars. HELPS was also able to be involved with the regions annual young adult's conference / camp. On the Sunday morning the whole HELPS team went to the church service with the youth, we had lunch together, spent the afternoon playing sports and we had a youth forum for the young ladies who spent time with the women leaders in our group and the young men were with Pastor Jacob and the men from the group. Part of the HELPS team, lead by Terry Link and Pastor Jacob, were able to spend another day with the youth at the youth camp and several nurses went and held a clinic just for the youth and their leaders.





February 2015 – Clinic Summary - Lay Cayes Region by Marla Goebert RN: This year we had the opportunity to hold 5 clinics and 2 women’s seminars. I can talk about number of people we saw and places we went, but I need to share with you how awesome our God is! This year in the forefront we saw physical manifestations of the spiritual battles within. Again and again we encountered voodoo, described as “magic” by some and sudden illnesses linked to specific events or gifts by others - deafness, blindness, muteness, seizures, and paralysis. Overwhelming at times, but our God is living and powerful!

One example was a teenage boy who had been suffering from seizures that had robbed him of his ability to speak clearly forcing him to leave school, came to a clinic. As members of our team prayed, the boy was set free! After the prayer, in amazement he thanked us in perfect, clear English. Praise God for His deliverance! God is powerful and there is nothing that He cannot do. From physical and spiritual protection to providing translators, supplies and medications, He made this trip possible! “For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.” Psalm 86:10.



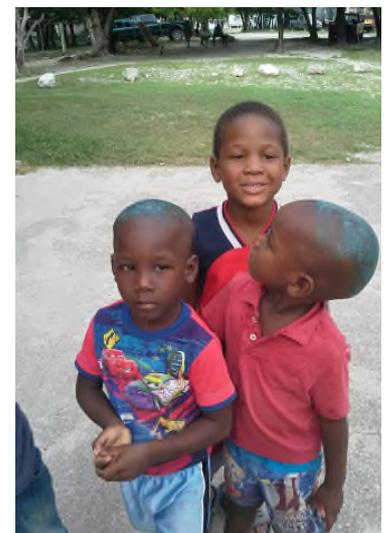
We are also so thankful to “Sew on Fire” for putting together 225 care packages that were distributed at the women’s seminars. The recipients were extremely grateful!

HELPS wants to provide you with an update in regards to the Ministry Centre in Saintard, Haiti were Phyllis Newby is based:



The Mission Haiti compound in St. Ard includes several different components. On the compound there is a Training Centre, a Hospital/Day Clinic and a Children’s Home. The Training Centre is utilized by incoming work teams and missions groups, as well as being a central location for ongoing pastoral training for Church of God pastors from across Haiti. The hospital holds day clinics from Monday through Friday and also has a dentistry office and two operating rooms. Teams with a dental focus as well as surgical teams come in on a regular basis and provide services to those in need. The Children’s Home is currently home to 50 children, some of whom are orphaned and others whose parents were unable to care for them.

These children have access to education, medical care and regular meals. The children are housed in two separate dormitory style homes; one for the girls and one for the boys. Currently, one of the mission’s teams that support the work of Phyllis Newby, are looking for a Christian couple to take on the role of house parents at the Children’s Home in St. Ard as well as a second couple for another Children’s Home in the town of Pignon where there are 57 children. Both homes have a wide range of children of different ages (from infants to young adults).



Updates on the Church of God in Laroche: The church in Laroche is located high in the mountains in the south of Haiti which is the Les Cayes Region. As we reported back in the spring of this year the church's roof collapsed due to high winds in Hurricane Sandy which was back in 2012. They have been without a roof now for over three years (we held a clinic at this church in February 2013 outside under tarps and sheets).

HELPS has raised \$8,500 USD over the years 2013-2014 to help with the new roof for the Church in LaRoche, Haiti. At the beginning of 2015 the money that was raised was made available to the Church leadership in LaRoche but we were informed that when the engineers inspected the columns and beams in the fall of 2014 that they would not be able to handle the steel roof. The leadership then decided to redo the outer foundation and the columns and beams. It was the responsibility of the Church to make sure that the work was done before the roof monies would be released. We have been told that the work needed on the church will be done by mid January 2016. The Laroche congregation looks forward to having a roof on the church and being able to meet in the church once again in the near future.

Friends, HELPS is in need of raising funds to continue to provide for several of our CARE Projects that we agreed as a ministry to support in Haiti at the beginning of 2014. Due to lack of funds in 2015 HELPS was only able to provide half of the funds for the first two ministries mentioned below.

1 - HELPS agreed to help Pastor Penel and his family (in photo to the right) in 2014 with \$100 US a month - \$1200 US a year. We would like to again help Pastor Penel and his family in 2016 but we will need the help of all our brothers and sisters to prayerfully consider this need. (\$135 a month or \$1620 for the year Canadian)



2 - HELPS also made a commitment at the beginning of 2015 to help with the St. Ard Girls Home where 5 girls ages 17 - 19 yrs live . All the girls are in high school from Grade 10 to 12. They all lived at the St Ard Children's Home previously. HELPS would like to provide \$100 US a month or \$1200 US a year. Please prayerfully consider helping these girls with their education, food and housing. (\$135 a month or \$1620 for the year Canadian)

3 - HELPS also supports the children's home in Saint Ard which Phyllis Newby oversees. We give \$2,400 U.S. a year through monthly sponsors.

I am always amazed by how much is accomplished when people come together and give a little. HELPS and the Church in LaRoche would like to thank the donors that gave to the new roof project. HELPS would also like to thank all of you who have given in the past and all of you who continue to give. It is an honour and privilege to be in partnership with you all and to serve in Haiti with the people of Haiti.

If you would like to help HELPS by donating to any of the 2016 Care Projects mentioned above you can send your donations to HELPS International – 49 Masterson Dr. St. Catharines, ON. L2T 3P2. **Note:** Please make note on your cheques which project you are donating for.

Brothers & sisters, please continue to pray for the ministry work in Haiti, for the churches and the ministries working there. Friends, we are a blessed people. God has blessed us with so much and in doing so He has given us the ability to bless others. I am so thankful for this gift that He has given us and so thankful for all of you, your families, the churches and the companies that have generously given of their time, resources and

prayers for the people in Haiti in 2015. Let us continue to pray and partner together in 2016 to serve Him and all His people. Dear church leaders, please pass this newsletter on to your congregations.

Blessings to you and your families!

Your friend & brother in Christ,

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