

Helping Haitian Angels (HHA)



JEANNE'S JANUARY 2020 TRIP REPORT

I just returned from a week in Haiti and wanted to share my thoughts and experiences with all of you. We flew in on a Friday and brought a small group with us. Chris, a computer wizard, was there to help us bring the Internet throughout the village. Josh, a Licensed Social Worker and Director of the Auburn School in Chantilly, came to work with and train the teachers and mamas and papas. Sarah, an occupational therapist, who works in the school system came and helped Josh. I was truly blessed to spend the week with these wonderful people.

Some of our Lekol Harvey School Children



Internet – Chris, pictured left, with the help of several of the boys and girls was able to get the Internet working in the office, the school, transitional houses and 2 other houses on the property. Everyone is so excited and thankful. During the week Debora asked to use a computer in the office to do some research for school. She came over the next day to say how her teacher had complimented her on how well she had done on her assignment.

STEM – While I was there, I was able to attend two of the STEM classes. Daphnee, the 4th grade teacher, is our STEM “chef” (boss) and she is doing a wonderful job. She has parent helpers coming in to read the story and participate in the class. She is running weekly STEM meetings to help the teachers prepare their lessons and check on supplies. It seems I learn something new every time I go. Empowering the people who live there and watching them grow and step into their new roles is such a blessing.



Fourth Grade STEM Class



Sixth Grade STEM Class



Church - The work on the new church is finally moving forward. The situation in the country seems to have settled down and they have been able to get supplies and workers back to the property. The foreman told Debbie the church would be completed by the end of February. HHA is hoping to have the dedication by the end of March.

Adult Literacy – Pastor Henri Claude and his team of teachers meet with at least 10 women from the surrounding community and teach “Alphabetazion” (reading and writing) twice a week. The women were so excited and happy to be there. Haitians helping Haitians is definitely the way to go. It was truly inspiring.



ESL – We started an ESL class, although for most participants it is their third language. Every evening for two hours we met with anyone who wanted to participate and worked on their English language skills. Most have a lot of English words but need help with speaking and pronunciation. We are continuing our class with emails and videos and Sarah, an American who is there until May, is going to keep it going as often as she can.

Sewing - We have been having some problems with the current sewing teachers, they are good sewers but not good teachers and we felt we needed to change things up. We interviewed two new teachers, Marjorie and Mano. They have both taught sewing and they are going to be joining the program part time. Marjorie has other skills including embroidery and macramé which will be added to the program also.



I often think of my first trip to Haiti and the big open field, some trees, grass and blue sky. Today a school, a church, 10 houses, an office/dental clinic, transitional houses, and kids shrieking with laughter on the playground and that very same big blue sky and I thank God for this wonderful blessing! Thank you CUMC for your support of this wonderful mission!!

PRAYER REQUESTS – every evening at 6 p.m. (EST) people all over the world are praying for Haiti and the political situation; for the possibility of a high school; for KAV older children taking the entrance exam at EKAM school; for all the “mamas and papas”; for the new Papiyon class and its teachers; for Debbie and Bill Harvey.

Thank You and Blessings to each of you!

Jeanne

