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# Good News

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## Fourth Mission Team from Faith

Faith Lutheran from La Grande, Oregon, had a wonderful experience on their fourth trip from December 28, 2010 through January 7, 2011, to visit Rev. Daniel Paul. Cheyenne Yancey, who has gone on all four trips, commented, "It's great to go and help with this ministry; however, I am impressed with how much is done when we are not there." Team members also included Jenn Bomberger, Betsy Crist, Ben Wiseman, Levi Wiseman and Rev. Sam Wiseman.

Our activities included initial construction of a three-unit apartment on one of the ministry's garden plots. The next mission team will continue building. The intent is to secure the ministry's agricultural site. Catastrophes of 2010 led to an influx of people to the area and stealing from the gardens increased due to the food shortage. This hardship to the ministry should be averted with someone living at the site and the planned construction of better fences will be further protection.

After construction in the morning, the afternoon included proclamation of Jesus' love with the "Bee Bold for Jesus" VBS curriculum. The children from the orphanage were joined by seventy to ninety neighborhood children for skits, Bible stories, singing, and a meal. The mission team also presented five evenings of catechism instruction on Baptism.

New Year's Eve was interesting; Haitians celebrate the New Year in addition to their country's Independence Day. Nightly services led up to New Year's Eve. Then on New Year's Eve the largest gathering assembled in their best clothes. Following a worship service lasting a couple hours, everyone in attendance was given a big plate of food. It was encouraging to see the church so active in their neighborhood. This was also an enriching way to celebrate the New Year in praise of our God.

-Rev. Sam Wiseman

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Above: Faith Mission team with workers at construction site.



Right: Betsy Crist helps Clynie Paul with Kid's Club.

# Pastor Daniel Paul Sends His Thanks

God is good!! And all the time.

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!

As we look back on this past year, we remember the devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake that killed 315,000 people and left 800,000 in temporary camps, hurricane Tomas, and cholera that has killed thousands. Haiti remains in a state of crisis. However, we also look at the blessings God has bestowed upon us. We added a few new members to our family and now have 41 children with us. They continue to grow and mature in their faith as well as their studies. Over 150 children attend school here and receive a hot meal daily. Thanks a lot for everything: your love, prayers, concern, and economical support. The work stands because of you. You have been called to serve an everlasting God.

Be adventurous so that we can reap the benefits. For a generous man who shares his food with the poor, will prosper because generosity is the path to blessings and further prosperity. For “whoever sows generously, will reap generously”. (2 Cor.9:6)

Do for others what Christ has done for you.

Rev. Daniel Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti , Nord Est District

## Emily Makes Her Home in Haiti



After three months in Haiti, I continue to fall in love with the ministry, people, and the orphans at MADDO. Three days a week, I use my RN skills by volunteering in a clinic at an American run orphanage and school. The learning curve is exponential as many of the diagnoses are different than in the states. I continue to learn Creole with the Creole Bible as my language book. I read a chapter, write the words I do not know, write the synonyms, and look at sentence structure.

On a daily basis, I see to the health needs of the orphans as well as those from the community who come to the orphanage with health concerns. I stay true to my family's farming roots by planting and harvesting crops as well as planting trees in the gardens. Two days a week, I hold English classes for the orphans as well as provide basic healthcare prevention education to the girls. With cholera ravaging the country including Ouanaminthe, Pastor educates the congregation members during weekday and Sunday services about cholera prevention.

Thanks to all of you for your support and prayers for this ministry in northeast Haiti.

-Emily Bartelheimer

## One Year Later-Prayers are Still Needed

One year ago, Haiti was struck by a powerful earthquake that killed more than 300,000 people, left almost 2 million homeless and thousands injured. Thousands of buildings were lost, the government paralyzed and the education system crippled. Rebuilding has been frustratingly slow with only 5% of the rubble removed at this time. Still 1.3 million people live in tents. To make matters

worse, the country was flooded by Hurricane Tomas and poor sanitation has fanned the spread of the cholera epidemic. Thousands of people have died from a disease that is largely treatable if not preventable. On top of everything, the political scene is in turmoil. While this is all disheartening, remember that we serve a mighty God who answers our prayers. Please keep praying for Haiti.



# Partners in Ministry

It has been truly amazing to see people from different parts of the country come together in service to the Lord through MADO. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has been partnering with NEHLM almost from the beginning of the ministry. They bought Pastor Daniel his vehicle a few years ago and in 2010 the LWML WA-AK district provided money to get shutters for the windows. This has helped protect the mattresses provided

by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Ohio. Zion Lutheran Church in New Jersey sent money to build a chicken coop. A children's group, the Cupcake Club in Miami sent money for the general operating funds. Including sponsors and churches that have contributed in other ways, NEHLM has received assistance from 28 different states. The needs in Haiti can be overwhelming at times so it is wonderful to see God's hand in providing the many partners in this ministry.



## Sponsors Provide Stability

NEHLM sponsors are an invaluable part of the ministry at MADO. Their monthly contributions provide stability for providing the daily resources needed to feed, clothe and educate the children. When the Rahn family went to Haiti at Christmastime they were able to take a book, notebook and pens for each girl from their sponsors. Even though few of the girls could read the books, they treasured them. They would use the illustrations and their imagination to "read" the books to each other. Thank you to all our sponsors!



**"...look after the widows and orphans..."**

**James 1:27**

## How You Can Help



**Experience the blessing of sharing the gospel with children in Haiti.**

**I prefer to support the ongoing work of the Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) by:**

- Sponsoring an orphan (\$600 per year/ \$50 per month)
  - Sponsoring a student (\$240 per year/ \$20 per month)
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“The only thing that counts is faith  
expressing itself through love.”  
Galatians 5:6b

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NEHLM supports a mission in Ouanaminthe, the Northeast District, Haiti. The mission includes the ministry of Pastor Daniel Paul, a native Haitian, as he operates an orphanage for girls, primary school and church. The orphanage is called "The House of the Lambs of God" or in French, the official language, "La Maison de Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat" (MADO).

## NEHLM Vice Chairman Finally Makes it to Haiti

Dale, Jared and I went to Haiti to be "missionaries" at MADO. It was my first trip there (Dale went in 2005) and I expected to take gifts and love to bless those who were living there. We were also excited to encourage our friend, Emily Bartelheimer, a wonderful young lady from Snohomish, WA who is living at the orphanage and providing medical care for the community through MADO and Hope for Haiti. But like so many who go to serve others, we found we were the ones who received love and encouragement. The church services were filled with passion and Spirit. The food was spectacular and it was obvious that it was prepared special for us. The kisses and hugs were plentiful, right from the time we stepped on campus. Every time we took a walk, we could be sure a warm, loving hand would wrap around ours. We woke every morning to angelic singing and went to bed every night serenaded once again. On our last night, the children gathered to sing their good-byes to us. Our eyes were brimming with tears and our hearts brimming with love. It was heartwarming to see that MADO was not an institution but a home filled with love. -Susie Rahn



Right to left: Clynie Paul, Pastor Daniel Paul, Dale Rahn, Jared Rahn and Susie Rahn under the mango tree on campus at MADO.