

The DIFFERENCE MAKER

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"God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." PS 46:1

January 26, 2011

Moya's medical visa was granted and she is now in the US for evaluation!

Moya is a very special girl that was brought unexpectedly into the House of Hope family last year. Moya is suffering from a severe, and yet undiagnosed developmental handicap. Her mother brought her to a Port-au-Prince hospital to die. A Haitian government agency knew of House of Hope's excellent reputation and brought Moya to us. When she came, she could not hold her head up, roll over or actively respond to those around her even though she was nearly a year old.

Shara Puckett became her new "mother", bonding closely with Moya. Moya responded in many ways to Shara's love. It was clear that Moya needed evaluation and treatment in the U.S., however, getting a medical visa was not easy. Thanks to the persistence of Shara and Angelo, Moya's visa was finally granted.

Shara and Moya arrived in Indianapolis late Saturday night January 15th. They will be staying with Shara's parents. Moya will be evaluated and we pray that a positive diagnosis and treatment will be coming soon. Shara plans to stay in the U.S. for at least six weeks. While the girls at House of Hope miss Shara, for the present she needs to be here getting help for Moya.

Shara is a blessing to House of Hope. Please pray for her as she continues to minister to House of Hope by caring for Moya.



Shara holding Moya.

HELP FILL 1000 BOXES OF SUPPLIES FOR TENT CITY FAMILIES -

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO HELP:

1. IF YOU LIVE IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA, BOXES LIKE THE ONE SHOWN ARE AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH A PACKING LIST.
2. OTHERWISE, A DONATION \$20 WILL PROVIDE SUPPLIES TO FILL A BOX.



THEN AND NOW-

One year ago, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 04:53:10 PM a magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit Haiti. Over 300,000 people died and much of the capital city of Port-au-Prince was laid to ruin.



More than one million people are still living in tent cities, with little hope of relief.

Because of your generosity - Amer-Haitian Bon Zami and House of Hope have made a difference in our Haitian community.

- House of Hope was repaired, allowing it to serve as the nerve center in our relief work.
- Patti's School was restored. The school is in operation and also being used for community outreach. The second floor is being used for work team and missionary bunk space and warehousing.
- Clothing distribution events at the school included distribution of food, hygiene items and were an opportunity for evangelism.
- Two 40 foot containers of relief supplies were shipped to Haiti.
- Food, water, tents and other supplies donated by relief organizations in Haiti have been redistributed to tent cities.
- The "Reach Out" sponsorship program was put in place to support school children, their families and to provide aid to our neighborhood widows "The Grannies".
- We started an outreach to the tent cities by packing boxes of hygiene supplies and a week's worth of food.
- Rebuilt Angelo's destroyed house and repaired houses in the neighborhood.
- Clinic construction will finally begin on February 23. Funds are in place to finish the first floor.

Save the date - July 11, 2011, Frontier Park, St. Charles, Mo,



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Paul, Lynde and Vivine packing Kids Against Hunger food on its way to House of Hope.

A message from Paul Clark, who will begin a long-term mission work at House of Hope on February 5th.

My name is Paul Clark. I am 25 years old and a graduate of Johnson Bible College. I will be living at the House of Hope to work directly with the girls in the orphanage, as well as leading a community outreach program. Through the outreach in the Tabarre neighborhood, I hope to bring the youth the love and hope of Christ by teaching them from the Word as well as organizing a neighborhood sports program. I will also be working with area teens and meeting with them for a weekly Bible study. Along with my ministry duties, I will also be teaching English to the girls at the House of Hope and helping with their everyday activities. I look forward with great anticipation to my time in Haiti. I see a passion and hope in the people and I feel blessed to be a part of it. I feel honored to have this opportunity to share Christ's love with the girls at House of Hope and with the people of the Tabarre community. Through the love of Christ, we can take hope outside of the orphanage walls and share it with those that are desperate for it.

The new "Reach Out" sponsorship program.

Haiti is the poorest and least developed country in the Western Hemisphere. The January 12, 2010 magnitude 7.0 earthquake with a death toll of 300,000+ brought the plight of the Haitian people to the news media. The international donors promised \$5.3 billion in aid. Getting the aid and clean-up equipment to Haiti has been very slow. There are still more than a million displaced people living under tents, tarpaulins and sheets.

Education is valued very highly in Haiti. Parents would work two to three jobs before the earthquake to make sure their children could go to school. Since the earthquake many of these hard working parents can't find any kind of work. Unfortunately, many families have to choose between purchasing food and paying school tuition. Your sponsorship will provide not only tuition, but life-changing necessities such as food, clean water, and health-care to the families.

We've introduced you to our "grannies" in past newsletters. These grannies were found picking up trash near House of Hope and the surrounding Tabarre area to try to get something they could sell to get food for themselves and their family. Many of the grannies are now taking care of their grandchildren or great-grandchildren since their parents were killed or injured in the earthquake.

Sponsoring a child or granny for \$25 a month means that the basic needs of life will not be a constant struggle for this child and her family. Our grannies will have their physical needs met. Most of all sponsorship means that someone somewhere loves and cares for a child or granny that could face starvation and death. If you would like to sponsor a child or granny or have a presentation at your church of this new program please call Billie Knobel at (314) 291-1162 or Judy Knobel at (314) 739-6712 for more information.



Sisters-in-law Billie Knobel and Judy Knobel preparing Reach Out sponsorship packets.

Hailey Bednar and her 1000 bags for Haiti



Savior of All Lutheran Church, Cartersville's, Georgia member Hailey Bednar was touched when hearing of the struggles of Haiti this fall from the Trupiano's and was moved to help. She was particularly amazed to hear that Haitians would walk several miles per day just to get food and water, often times carrying young children while balancing water jugs on their heads! Therefore, she was inspired to collect gently used back packs, reusable shopping bags and drawstring bags that the Haitians could use to help carry items on their walks.

Hailey is an All Star Cheerleader at the Stingray All Stars. Often times at competitions, the attendance prize or award is a backpack. After 7 years of cheerleading she had accumulated quite a few backpacks that she was not using! The Stingray All Stars has approximately 500 athletes in the program, all of who had a huge surplus of these types of bags from competitions over the years! To generate interest, the owner of the Stingray's, Casey Jones, agreed to allow a squad-by-squad contest to see who could bring in the most bags. He was willing to buy the winning squad a pizza party! In addition, other cheer gyms around the country heard what Hailey was doing, and she received donations in the mail from Maine, Illinois, Texas and Florida!! Between all the squads, the Stingrays collected over 1000 bags for Haiti!

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