

The DIFFERENCE MAKER

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“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need...” Romans 12:12-13

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Our next generation speaks -

House of Hope has gotten back into the swing of everyday life post summer work teams. I have been working hard on getting back into a good routine with Moya and the rest of the girls since my return to Haiti. Carole helped me create a play space and I now have the girls in a schedule of rotation to come up and play while I do therapy with Moya. It's a good chance for them to break off into a smaller group to play a game, read some books, or just escape to a quiet space. It's not quite one-on-one time with me, but I feel like it's more quality time since I'm with a group of only about 5 or 6. It's also killing two birds with one stone as I get to spend some good time with Moya doing stretching and physical therapy. I am back on schedule with sponsor gift handouts, sandal replacements, and clothing reassessments. After church yesterday I spent all day going through every item of clothing in the house, getting rid of what was ripped or not wearable, and setting aside clothes that were too small for hand-me-downs. Today I plan on restocking the girls' boxes with what is needed. Next up will be making sure each girl is outfitted for school as it will be starting in October. The rhythm of life definitely marches to the beat of its own drum here in Haiti, but we are marching along. Thank you for your prayers and support. – **Shara Puckett**



For those of you that don't know me I am Thom Loeffler and I spent the summer along with Kate Hight as an intern at House of Hope. During the summer I thought and played music at the many VBS's and assisted Shara Puckett, Paul Clark and Kate with the work needed to be done with the girls and the house. I cannot begin to describe what I have learned or how I have grown over those ten weeks. God is surely doing great things in the lives of many in Haiti which is evident in the people that I have built relationships with including - our girls, the community and also the work teams that came to bless Haiti through this great ministry. Currently I am attending St. Louis Christian College pursuing a degree in Inter-cultural Missions and I look forward to seeing y'all next summer as I start my English ministry in Tabarre! - **Tom Loeffler**

It's safe to say that summer 2011 was the best summer I have ever had! It was an absolute joy and blessing to be one of House of Hope's summer interns. I learned so much about the community, the people, the language, and the culture. It was also a wonderful time of personal growth and growth in my relationship with the Lord. All the Vacation Bible Schools we held were a huge success. Seeing so many children having fun while learning about Jesus was an amazing thing to experience. I enjoyed being able to build relationships with the children in Tabarre and Cite Soleil that live outside the walls of House of Hope. While serving in Haiti over the summer and ever since I've arrived back home, I've felt a very strong calling to serve in Haiti for more than just a summer. God's calling has been undeniable, so I plan to move to Haiti full-time in February 2012! I will be implementing AHBZ's new sponsorship program, "Reach Out", on-site at House of Hope that will benefit many of the children I got to interact with all summer long. I'm confident that this is part of God's plan for my life, and I feel so blessed that House of Hope is where He has led me to! - **Kate Hight**



This last summer has been the most fulfilling part of my ministry. In the last two months my time in Haiti moved from a time of adjustment and learning to getting into the real purpose of why I am here. Throughout the summer I got to start working with the kids and their families throughout the community. With the VBS's we did, I got my first opportunity to meet and interact with the kids outside the walls of the House of Hope and start building the relationships that are necessary for my work in the future. I was able to get to know the kids that I want to reach out to and give them the chance to get to know me and know that I am here for them and that I will be here to help them. Some of the kids I met this summer I was part of the first time they were ever able to hear about the hope of Jesus Christ. It is because of this summer that I will be able to go out in the future and interact with kids and families in the community in the name of Christ, and know that I will be trusted and listened to. I would like to thank everyone that participated in the summer activities either through visiting Haiti or through prayer. Because of you guys, the mission work I do is possible. Thank you all. - **Paul Clark**

Help is needed for several important projects

There are several improvements which need to be made to the orphanage to make sure that the children are cared for properly. Those that have been to House of Hope will understand the needs:

1. Enlarge the front downstairs bedroom to relieve crowded conditions. The children have wonderful beds built by Hope Lutheran Church, but the floor space is tight. Enlarging the bedroom will open up floor space. Estimated cost is ??????
2. Abandon outside pit toilets and install two additional bathrooms inside the house. Plumbing rough-in is already available. The project will include installing a proper outdoor kitchen where the outdoor toilets are currently located. Currently the staff is doing wonders in a very cramped space. Cost of new bathrooms and enlarging the kitchen is **\$12,000**.

Also, the church is currently meeting under a 40 x 60 foot tent. A concrete floor was just poured last month. While the tent has served well, it is a temporary shelter. Replacing the tent with a simple pavilion will provide a permanent shelter and can be used for classrooms for Patti's School. For now, several classes are being held in the orphanage. The cost is **\$55,000**.

Clinic construction is moving quickly

Walls are almost up. The columns and beams are ready to be poured. The ceiling/first floor roof will be installed in December. A container is shipping October 31 with exam tables and other equipment in anticipation of the clinic being ready by the end of January. Funds are still needed for the upper floors and to sustain operations. The dream is to have Americans and Haitians work together to keep the clinic open full time.



13 mission teams have already reserved their spots for 2012

Mission teams are a blessing for both House of Hope and for those who participate. Many lives have been changed by a trip to Haiti.

Team members also leave a big impact on Haiti. You may ask "What can I do?" The answer is that whatever your skill or talent, it can be used. This past year people have led and participated in medical teams, helped with construction and repairs, taught vacation Bible school classes, helped distribute food and supplies to tent cities, spent time with the children, and much, much more. The opportunities are endless.

We thank all those who helped during this past year. You have made a big difference in many, many lives. Also, without your individual skills, much would still be undone. Thank you for teaching, building, painting, fixing, encouraging and just plain showing your love.

Adoption Update

Over the summer, many people who participated in work teams at House of Hope inquired about the process to adopt the children. Adoption is one way to minister to the girls at House of Hope while also allowing them to change and bless your family! Children of the World Adoptions in St. Louis is the agency responsible for adoptions of children from House of Hope. We are a Hague accredited agency with many years of experience in international adoption from a variety of countries. We have several adoptions in process with AHBZ. For more information and to see if you qualify to adopt, visit www.childrenoftheworldnet.com or call Lynde Langdon at (636) 699-0942.- *Lynde Langdon*

Annual AHBZ Appreciation Dinner

Saturday November 5, 2011.

New location
Hope Lutheran Church
1975 S Old Highway 94
St. Charles, MO. 63303

- **5:00 PM DOORS OPEN WITH CRAFTS AND SILENT AUCTION**
- **6:30 PM HAITIAN MEAL**

GUEST SPEAKERS:
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ANGELO BRISENAULT



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