

Rejoicing in Haiti

By John Miller

Dear Friends,

While our Haiti sponsors have been contacted, I want to bring everyone else up to speed regarding our Haiti project, and what we are planning for this year.

For the past five years, hundreds of people have played a role in the lives of the children in Haiti. We began our journey by rescuing them from an abandoned night club and then relocated them three separate times over the years. Today, with your help, they are being well cared for, educated and moved into their new permanent home.

I want to thank you for your prayers and support for this project. Over \$2.5 million dollars has been invested in the lives of 82 children over the years—setting them up for a

better future. Your support has saved lives and shared the love of Jesus to thousands throughout Haiti. We are thrilled to announce they are finally in a place they can call home.

If you have traveled with us in the past two years, you have read the book, *The Great Omission*. Steve Saint does a great job explaining missions

projects and what our long-term role needs to be from a biblical perspective. In areas where Christ's name is not yet known, we are to be the voice that introduces Him to unbelievers. God does not always call us to be a permanent fixture in one particular place, but rather, "Missions is like scaffolding that is used to erect a building. It is temporary to lend support until the structure can stand on its own. Then it is pulled away and moved to another location where it is needed."

For the past year, the Lord has shown us that our calling in Haiti is changing. Since 2009, we have diligently fulfilled the role of primary support to the Haitian staff and the children. Many of you have traveled to help teach trades such as sewing and carpentry, provided medical and dental care and introduced the children to the Gospel of Jesus. This is a role that we have been blessed and privileged to carry out.

Many of you know about Katelyn's Fund, our partnering organization. Katelyn's Fund specializes in orphan care and orphan advocacy—making them a perfect fit for Haiti. They will begin taking a more hands-on role with the Haitian mothers and staff and advising on long-term care for the children. They will also help counsel special needs cases in Haiti. Our responsibilities as an organization are going to change from being the primary funding arm and care group to a more supportive role. This will allow greater independence for Haiti and help to encourage collaboration from other Haitians.

What this means for us: This transition has allowed us to focus more on the work in the Dominican Republic and on the unreached church. Our work in the DR now has 150 children, and it is fully funded through your sponsorship



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dollars. The ladies Bible studies are going strong. Our sewing team, led by Jackie Beckner and Stephanie McMahan, began a new sewing initiative, teaching over fifteen women in the DR.

In a small way, for five years, One Vision has also been involved in helping the unreached and persecuted church. Moving forward, I believe that a greater emphasis needs to be placed on this work. Supporting local Christians, who are actively risking their own safety to share the Gospel, is specifically what the Lord has called us to do. (If you have 10 minutes, please read Hebrews 13. It's one of my favorite chapters.)

We have begun a sponsorship program in a restricted nation. This sponsorship looks different from Haiti or the Dominican programs. We are not able to report on specific areas, or names, and can only give general updates with photos. But the women and children we are supporting are benefitting, and hearing the Gospel. If you would be interested in supporting this work, please contact our office.

Over 10 years ago, One Vision began our ministry in Brazil (see some of the photos below). Brazil is one of my favorite areas to work in, not because of how receptive people are to God's word, but because of how they are encouraged to reach the lost themselves. This coming August, we will be returning to Brazil to help build a church in the state of Piaui. Our hope is to begin a more specific, longer-term work in the area. Please remember our team as we travel and this special community in your prayers. We will update you with more information after our August trip!

Thank you again for all of your support,



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, August 1st Lambert Acres Golf Course

TIME: Registration and lunch will begin at 12:45. Shot gun start at 2:00 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 per person (includes lunch + cart)

REGISTER BY: Friday, July 17th

FORMAT: 4 Person Scramble

CONTESTS: Putting, Longest Drive, Closest to the Hole, OVI Prize Ball

SPONSORS: Hole Sponsors: \$150.00
Cart Sponsors: \$50.00
General Donations: Any Amount

QUESTIONS? Call (865) 579 3353 or email rcox@onevisionintl.org.

From the Archive: It's hard to believe, these photos are from our very first trip to Brazil in 2005!

