



LUCIEN FAMILY NEWS

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NEW LUCIEN HOME CONSTRUCTION MAKING PROGRESS!

Everyone who contacts us wants to know how the new house is coming. As you can see in the photo above, progress is being made. While we've had to struggle with transportation problems and getting supplies delivered over flooded roads, etc. things are moving! The first and second floor walls are up and the second story ceiling/roof should be poured in the coming weeks. We've had many friends and visitors stop by and offer advice on different things. Lord willing, sometime soon, Debbie will be asking all of her friends for decorating suggestions. If you plan on coming to visit us in 2008, you'll probably get to see us living there! (Yeah, God!)

Our [prayer requests](#) for the immediate future include:

1. Speedy recovery for Caleb who's suffering now with a bulging disk in his back. He needs to rest
2. We are praying for the Lord's provision to complete the elementary classroom building, the second floor is needed to keep class sizes small.
3. Support for teacher's salaries, area students cannot pay sufficient fees to cover expenses so we must subsidize with donor's gifts.
4. Great need for reliable transportation. While we appreciate various donated vehicles we've received, we remain in need of a very sturdy pick up. Please pray with us for the Lord's provision.
5. Area students are taking national exams in the 6th, 10th, 12th, and 13th grades now. Be praying for them!

PUPPY EXPLOSION!



One of many pineapple plants growing in our new front yard!

Praises!

1. Elementary classroom building first floor is now in use-we'd asked you to pray for this in our last communiqué.
2. We asked you to pray for increased security in Haiti and the Lord has provided that! PTL!
3. God has kept all of Hosean's staff & missionaries safe & sound!

DID YOU KNOW?/ PRAISE GOD!

*COLLEGE DE LA GRACE, OUR MINISTRY'S HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI TO BE ONE OF ONLY THE TOP 6% OF SCHOOLS TO START A NEW VO-TECH CURRICULUM?

*THIS PAST SCHOOL YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE ALL OF THE SCHOOL'S 850 STUDENTS A HOT MEAL EVERY DAY, THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS!

*HOSEAN INT'L, LONG RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. GOV'T, HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED BY THE HAITIAN GOV'T AS A NON-PROFIT NGO, DESPITE RECENT UPHEAVALS AND COUPS.

Our daughters, Charissa age 12, and Lydia, age 10, became the proud owners of 9 puppies when our long time guard dogs proved to be prolific. The picture at left was taken when they were 6 weeks old. While they've been fun for awhile, they are now making their way to new homes!

Report from Winter/Spring Outreaches

We had several groups come to help us with new projects this winter and spring. Highlights included the placement of a new basketball court at the school campus. All ages are really enjoying this new addition. A team from Trinity Lutheran church in Minnesota came to work alongside our Haitian team to build this court as well as other outreaches. Some of their comments on their experiences are below:

“. . . As we worked together physically, we came to know each other personally. As we prayed together, we came to know each other spiritually. The bond between our 12 team members and their many Haitian friends from all walks of life in Pignon grew strong. . . . As the beautiful flowers spout from under the rocks of Haiti's dry land there are signs of life. . . God is alive. He is indeed alive, in the energy of the Haitian people and their devotion to the Lord” (Carol, Minnesota)

“The last day the team arrived at the work site late. The Haitian crew had made a lot of progress. We were quite humbled. We did not want to take over or intrude on their team work. We were unsure of how to proceed. Before we knew it, the Haitian workers extended a bucket-carrying stick our way, inviting us to partner with them to carry the cement. We were graciously welcomed and quickly engaged as their co-workers and partners. The conversation, laughter, and teamwork those days were a memorable blessing.”

“. . . The last day, all workers, Haitian and American were standing watching as we finished. I asked the foreman 'Bos Eli' to share a prayer of thanks. The translation of his prayer made it memorable for us. . . Eli gave his thanks to God that not only had we raised the money for the court supplies, but we were willing to leave our homes, come to Haiti and work side by side with them to accomplish THEIR goal. Wow! God's presence was powerfully present.” (Terry, Minnesota)



MN team in action with results enjoyed below...January 2007



Nantucket Island Construction Team Visits Our Island

A wonderful team of hardworking guys from Nantucket, MA joined us in March to help get the walls up on the second story of the elementary classroom building. Used to the cold winter temperatures of Nantucket, they came with bearded faces and ready hearts to serve. Before they left Haiti, half of them had shaved their beards and helped us put up the walls! Praise God for such willing workers! (team on arrival in Pignon, & Adam H. learning Haitian drums)





Campus of College de la Grace (above); Students on the internet in the computer lab (below)



Returns on Human Investment

Anyone who works with people in general and young people in particular knows that oftentimes you don't see results right away. Hosean Int'l has spent a large portion of it's funding for the past 25 years in training and education of people. It's difficult at times to quantify returns but we'd like to share with you some recent letters from former students:

Written by R., a student currently in medical school in Cuba.

"Dear Director (i.e. Caleb);

School continues to go well and I'm hoping to do better this term to get all A's. I want to be a good ambassador for my old school and community of Pignon. When I come next time, I want to volunteer my time to tutor some of the students who need help in Math & Physics. Thanks for everything you have done for me. May God bless you and give you strength to continue His work."

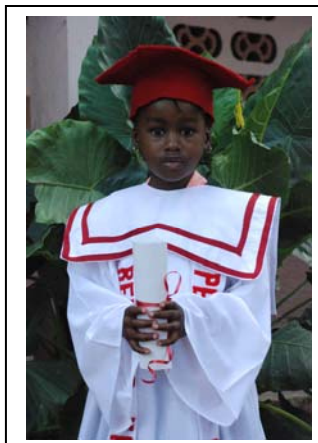
It has been very encouraging to those of us in Haiti to see the graduates from our school finishing at the top of their classes in university. They are performing well in all their chosen fields of study. Some of these students are the first in their families to be literate, let alone attend university. Rejoice with us, and please continue to pray that these outreaches can continue.

Graduation Day!

On June 22, it will be graduation day for the school's kindergarten class. All of the pre-school classes will be in attendance to perform an exhibition for their parents and families. In Haiti, this is likely the only graduation they will attend unless they go to university. There is not a formal high school graduation as the students must pass national exams and those results are not available until long after the school year is over. This past year, a full 25% of our student body was attending due to the provision of sponsors from the U.S. If you'd like information on how to help in that way, contact our office. It only costs \$1/day and makes a huge difference in the lives of these children and their families.



Kindergarten Class of 2007 (above)
They all look very serious, don't they?



SUMMER PLANS 2007

We started out the year with several different outreaches planned with ministry partners from the states. As it turned out, several of them had to cancel out for various reasons. Despite that, several outreaches will continue as listed below:

Women's retreat- June 25-June 30th; typically having 400 women from all over northern Haiti in attendance. St. Mark's Baptist Church of Little Rock, AR is assisting with this camp

July 1-5th **Children's camp** with 350 elementary aged students attending overnight camp. St. Mark's youth team from Little Rock, AR is working with them.

We are still hoping to have another outreach for children depending upon the Lord's provision. It costs **\$13 per child** or \$4500 to completely pay for a second camp for 350 more children. Every year we're approached by area kids begging us to have a second camp. It has long been on our hearts to host a second camp. If anyone would like to contribute to this, please let us know ASAP.

This eager attendee (at right) is recording the message by balancing her cassette player on her head during the service. Thus, it will be shared with many more ladies.

Last year's Women's Conference- eagerly learning



New Challenges in Our Lives by Caleb

We've been watching the news and seeing the rising costs of fuel worldwide. However the impact is even greater here in Haiti. **A gallon of gasoline in our community of Pignon costs \$6.38** (yes, that's US dollars). A gallon of diesel fuel is costing \$4.16 USD. Of course this makes our life even more difficult as we try to continue our different ministry outreaches.

A second issue for us is the current exchange rate. When we planned the school year and all ministry activities, we had budgeted \$12,500 USD for monthly operations. Right now, to accomplish the same activities, it requires \$13,888 USD. This is an 11% increase in need simply due to the changing economy.

Please pray for the Lord's provision for His work! With the onset of rainy season in our area, it also becomes much more difficult and expensive to get supplies to our community. The roads are atrocious and the rivers are flooding. This basically slows down everything we are doing.

On a personal level, we have lost one supporting church which gives 11% of our annual income and also just found out that our medical insurance is going up 18%. This past month, the only useable vehicle in the ministry has had a broken transfer case and an electrical problem. After looking throughout Haiti for a replacement fuse, we finally found it in the U.S. for \$3.83. You can imagine knowing that such an inexpensive part has held up work for a month! All this to say, there are many daily frustrations and ongoing challenges for us as we try to keep the outreaches moving forward. Please keep praying!

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