Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Larry

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I would like to tell you about my good friend, Gerfrid (Jeff) Predelus, whom I met through a mutual friend. When I originally met Jeff, my first thought was I did not need another Haitian asking me for help. However, God had a different plan. Jeff and I have become the best of friends. Jeff has five brothers and two sisters and lost his parents to cancer many years ago. He came to Christ later in his life and is now a strong follower of God. I can see the Spirit in his eyes.



Jeff at one of the schools he helped build through Digicel

My wife and I were one of three sponsors that helped Jeff through engineering school and he is now working for a company based in Port Au Prince. Through this job, Jeff has been the engineer of four schools being built by the cell phone company, Digecel. The Digicel group has been so impressed with Jeff's work that he was recently featured in a newspaper article!

Prior to my last trip to Haiti, Jeff told me he was going to ask his girlfriend of four years, Cassandra Telisma, to be his wife. I made the wedding rings for my friend and they were delivered in the traditional Haitian fashion. Jeff called on his two aunts and one brother to come to Port Au Prince to take the rings and meet with the bride's family. There, they asked Cassandra's family for permission to allow Jeff to be engaged to their daughter. Cassandra's mother and father accepted his proposal. With two pastors and other family members being present, the pastors prayed over the rings and placed the engagement ring on Cassandra's finger.



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Cassandra has one younger sister and her parents are business people in Port Au Prince. She currently is going to school to become a travel agent and will graduate in December and her and Jeff plan to be married later that month.

I am so very happy for them. I am blessed to be a part of their lives and I look forward to seeing them grow together and to see their children born and their family grow. I see a bright future for my good friend and am so very proud of this fine young man!

Update

School is out for the year and I was able to attend the end of the year celebration. This included prayer, bible reading, dancing, singing, and even a few skits. Also, the teachers were given certificates of appreciation. Progress on the finishing touches of the school are still being completed.

In July, we hosted the crew from Relief Nation. Dr. Wilson, his wife Julie, and their camera crew, Abbie and James came to the Servants Gift house to film and do interviews as part of an upcoming pilot for a movie. What a pleasure for me to be asked to participate in this with such a wonderful group of people.



Dada being interviewed by Dr. Wilson of Relief Nation



Prayer Requests

- Health for Dada and all the kids
- For a strong new school year
- God's guidance through the school construction
- For the school to be well established and run smoothly
- Sponsors for all kids
- Godly wisdom for Larry as he follows God's vision for Servants Gift
- Our new partnership with LY-PEDHA

Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Child sponsorship
 - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at sponsorship@servantsgift.com
- Larry is available for speaking arrangements.
 - If you are interested in hearing more about his trips and testimony please contact him at larry@servantsgift.com
- Monthly financial support
- Be a prayer partner
- To be added to our newsletter mailing list, please send your email and mailing information to Stephanie at steph@jasonmckee.net.