

Letters from Haiti



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A Note from Larry

October brought Jean and I back to Haiti to what has become our “other” home. We arrived Thursday evening at the airport welcomed by our friend John. Upon arriving at the project house, we were greeted with a big sign that said ‘Welcome Back Home We Love You’.

The focus of this trip was to follow up after the team trip in July. Dada felt our team visit was wonderful, as did the kids. They have been entertaining themselves by practicing imitations of different team members and loved sharing them with us. Later, as we looked at photos we brought for them, they asked about everyone.

Following church on Sunday, the kids were very proud to show us around their school. We got a complete tour of the classrooms, as well as where each child sits. All of the kids sit in the front of the room, however they insist it is not because they misbehave. I suspect with 10 children in school we helped fund a good part of the new building.

Jean enjoyed some alone time with



the kids while Dada and I took care of some business outside of the project house. They watched the movie Madagascar and the kids giggled while repeating some of the lines. They also read some new books that were delivered. Yvelt, Wilvenson and Kerlen repeated every word Jean read, and Jephthe declared he wants to speak English like Sister Jean. Finally, Jean trimmed everyone’s fingernails and toenails, which was quite an experience.

We love these kids and it is always hard to leave. We returned to Port-Au-Prince after dark, which is a story for another time.

Ruth Simeon

One look into those big beautiful mesmerizing eyes of Ruth’s, you know this child is a blessing from God. Ruth is a very sweet and loving child who deserves every bit of love and care that she is now receiving at Maison D’Amour. Ruth was born on September 6, 2005 in a town called Gros_Figir. When Ruth arrived at Maison D’Amour in January 2008, she was malnourished and very quiet. She is now a very healthy 4 year old that is thriving in kindergarten. She is a typical little girl who loves playing with dolls and coloring. She also loves to sing bible songs and her favorite

is “Father Abraham”. With the interaction from the other children in her home and at school, Ruth is overcoming her shyness and is becoming a very independent person. With God’s love and the care at Maison D’Amour, Ruth has a wonderful future ahead of her.



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Project Update

During their recent trip to Haiti, Larry and Jean were able to see some of the new improvements to the project house property. Dada continues to make additions that make everyday living a bit easier for everyone.

One of these improvements is the addition of a cement water holding tank. Due to the issues with the water in Ganthier, a new tank was made and now allows them to have clean water all of the time at the house.

The second change is a new outdoor toilet built in the backyard. The old tank was getting full and becoming very unpleasant, but the new toilet and surrounding structure look very nice.

Another addition is that the family now has 1 piglet, 2 goats, and several chickens and chickadees. Dada is able to keep the animals in the empty lot behind the project house.

During Larry and Jean's visit, four batteries were purchased and the process of getting them connected to the inverter was started. This will be a very nice addition to the house, allowing



Maison D'Amour

them to have electricity all of the time.

Finally, the new front gate has been ordered. The opening has been measured and a price negotiated. Please continue to pray that the price does not increase between now and its installation. Also, pray for the funding to cover the expense.

All of these improvements to the property will make the lives of our family in Haiti easier, but the value of the improvements does not compare to the value of the people who live within its walls. The project house is really just a home filled with love.

Prayer Requests

- Dada and our kids
- The Servants Gift team
- God's wisdom as Larry speaks about the project
- Stability in Haiti
- Project licensing cooperation of government
- Feeding program in Madam Bauge village
- Our faithful donors and their families

Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with Servants Gift:

- Child sponsorship
 - For more information contact Nancy Wadhams at wadhams@verizon.net
- Specific project needs
 - Screens for all windows and doors (by December)
 - 5 ceiling fans (needed by December)
 - Education workbooks ages 4-12 years
 - Faith and educational DVD's
 - 2 more bunk beds
 - Donated frequent flyer miles
 - Bedroom for Dada
- Speaking engagements for Larry
- 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.



Larry being greeted by the children