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Walking Hand in Hand with the People of the Light & Peace Missions in Haiti

What Real Men Do in Haiti

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A lot of men ask me what the guys do on Mission trips. Unfortunately, there aren't too many projects that our guys can do that our Haitian men can't do better themselves.

But most of our men who are on a team aren't at all hesitant to play jump rope, feed a sick baby, do yoyo tricks, or blow bubbles for the kids.

A team from Chester, NJ, however, is planning a small project that will relieve a lot of our fears for ourselves and for the kids at the orphanage.



There's a stairway leading up to the second floor that doesn't have a handrail along the open side of the stairs. Although the young kids aren't allowed up on the second floor, it's even a little scary for us missionaries who venture up there to visit the computer lab or to sit on the roof at night to gaze at the stars.



Two other little projects the men are thinking about are making screens for the kitchen windows and maybe even constructing a screen door. It usually takes more than a few strips of flypaper to keep the flies out of the kitchen.

Mosquitoes aren't quite as easily eliminated. During the rainy season, special mosquito pellets are dropped into the puddles and flooded areas around the orphanage to keep the little buggers from breeding. It's the best we can do for now.



Back to the missionary men — I've seen them walking around with babies in their arms, playing soccer with the boys, having bicycle races down the gravel driveway and even helping the widows glue flowers on their tote bags. Our men aren't afraid to do what needs to be done.

If you're a man — or a woman — that would like to be a member of a mission team, please give me a call. Our Chester Mission Team is going to Haiti May 5—11 and we still have room for a few more people. Is God calling you to go? Don't say no!

Photos taken by the February Mission Teams



Can you guess what this photo is? It's the most extreme terrace farming that exists! There's not too much level land in Haiti that can be used for farming, so the only place to go is up. To tend his crops, the farmer has to tie one end of a rope to his leg and the other to a nearby tree —just in case he slips—so he won't go rolling down the mountainside. Huge trucks, piled high with fruit, vegetables, charcoal and people, wind through the mountain passes to transport their goods to Port-au-Prince. Most rice, however, is imported from the USA.

Rows and rows of these little houses were built along a flat plain at the bottom of a rolling hillside just north of the town of Bon Repos. The Light & Peace Mission church and My Father's House Orphanage are just around the corner and down the street a mile or two. The houses have flowers planted around them, and some have been painted pastel colors that make this huge village an awesome sight. Large "bladders" of water and rows of latrines are available for the homeowner's use. Solar street lights provide security at night.



This is the new memorial that was recently installed at St. Christophe's, the mass burial ground for the 300,000 Haitians who died in the January 12, 2010 earthquake. The inscription reads, "We will never forget you." A scary reminder of that horrendous day occurred on March 7, when a 4.6 earthquake shook Haiti once again. Thanks be to God, no major damage occurred, and no deaths were reported. People everywhere, however, were afraid to sleep inside their concrete block homes, including our kiddies at the orphanage who are back sleeping in tents.

The orphanage kids may be sleeping in tents again, but they've got some brand new mattresses to sleep on. The big double size bunks hold four small to medium size kids, but the wear and tear these vinyl covered foam mattresses endure is great. Pastor Ronald says some of the little guys still wet the bed, so the vinyl covering on the mattress is a big help in keeping the odors down. The ten new mattresses that the Day-spring/Trinity Hills mission team purchased will provide a good rest for 20 little kids. Most kids in Haiti are used to sleeping on concrete floors.



The National Palace has long been the seat and symbol of Haiti's government, but it still stands in ruins two years after the quake. Although the debris has been removed from the streets, there are still areas of PAP that are sad reminders of the devastation that took place there. Even an empty lot in the middle of the city is a reminder that a building once stood there, and the people who lived there or worked there are probably no longer with us. President Martelly is doing his best to work and communicate with the people, but Haiti has always been a difficult place to make big changes.