

Fall 2016

Dear faithful friends:

In the middle of the Sunday morning service on July 17th, Enock came calling, "There's a fire in the older boys' dorm!" We went to see and, sure enough, there was smoke pouring from the sheet metal roof and flames were shooting out the door. Everyone went into action – the older boys went in and beat the flames while others were taking out everything that they could save. Girls were carrying water in buckets and basins from all points in the yard where they could get water. In about 2 hours the fire was completely out. We all praised the Lord that no one had been in the building; no one was hurt while fighting the fire; only 6 boys lost everything and most of that was quickly replaced. The building itself was completely demolished and cleaned up by our boys working alongside a team from Pittsburgh who had come to construct a house for someone down the road. What a blessing they were to all of us! A pastor stood by waiting for the usable sheet metal so he could cover his church with it. Even a fire can be a blessing to others! One thing that amused us was that after the fire was completely put out and we were sitting in our living room discussing God's goodness, we heard alarms and sirens in the distance and before long the bright red fire engine from Cap-Haitian came into the yard! They doused the whole building with water so no sparks would start up again. We were just glad that we were not counting on them to put out the fire!

It has been so good to have our 3 girls here in Haiti from Indiana Baptist College. They will be returning to the States on August 11th, Lord willing. Irmama and Wideline will be starting nursing school at a community college in Pittsburgh. They will be staying in an apartment together within walking distance of the school. We thank the Lord so much for friends who are helping with their education.

Nadine is going to return to Indiana Baptist College to finish her last 2 years for a degree in education. If any of you would be interested in helping her, you can send your gifts to Dunbar Baptist Church, 22 First Street, Dunbar, PA 15431 specifying that it is for Nadine Pierre's education. The church will send it to the school. This is an urgent need at this time and we will greatly appreciate your help and your prayers.

Evangelist Stephen Wrachford, our pastor's son and our friend from Dunbar Baptist Church, will be coming to Haiti for the 2nd and 3rd weeks of August. The first week he will be helping a missionary in St. Raphael and the second week he will be having a week of meetings at Pastor Cebien's church near Cap-Haitian. We also want him to do some preaching in EBAC Christian Academy. How we pray that the Lord will do a work through this young man. Satan has really been trying to get a foothold in the lives of some of the orphans. He has always been working but we seem to be noticing it more this year. Please pray that the Lord will have the victory in each young life.

We thank those of you who have already sent us your Christmas presents and we thank all of you who have taken names of the orphans and workers for Christmas. What a help and a blessing you are to all of us!

Well, much has happened – much more than we can fit into this small letter. We thank you for your prayers. We need them so badly and we are counting on you. We thank you so much for your willingness to help us.

Working together for Christ,

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