

REPORT ON HAITI MISSION TRIP

On July 30th 2010 a team of 21 adults and teenagers set out on a mission to the country of Haiti. They travelled under the auspices of Elmslie Memorial Church working through Youth with a Mission in Haiti. The team was made up of members (ages 12 to 68) from five different churches namely, Elmslie,



Savannah United, First Baptist, Chapel Church of God, Seventh Day Adventist and Christian Life AOG in Payson, Utah. After arriving in Port au Prince to 100 degrees F, they travelled 2 ½ hrs northeast to a town on the coast called St. Marc. There they worked in a tent community of earthquake victims. Their work consisted mainly of three parts: Construction of houses, Vacation Bible School and ministry to the people.



On arriving we found six preconstructed columns. From there onwards working with the Haitian people we moved rocks and blocks by hand, mixed cement, constructed more columns, assisted with trusses, painted walls, doors, windows, hung windows and doors and did whatever it took to see a concrete house go up and completed in four days, in time to meet and hand over the keys to two families ready to move in. We paid for this house which cost US\$6000. We also completely painted a house already constructed and assisted in the construction of a second house.



Team members handing over the keys



The team in front of the house they built

Each afternoon the young people put on a Vacation Bible School for the children. We re-enacted Bible stories using the Haitian children, sang in English and Creole, coloured and played games, not to forget hugging, holding and loving the children. On the last day we had a party for them giving out over a hundred bags of goodies, footballs and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.



Colouring Time



Hula Hoops from Book Nook



Playing with the children

Ministry took place in the form of visiting tents and talking to people about their experiences in the earthquake, praying for them and giving them clothing. The gospel was preached, people got saved, we prayed for many and performed skits and dramas. Our young people also took part in a church service serving as musicians, singers, performing a drama, and of course singing the popular song 'Cast your Burdens'. Friendship evangelism was a big part of our ministry as we bonded with the Haitian people. The team worked hard and ministered right up to the last minute, bringing tears to our newly formed friends as we parted.



Tent community



Sharing the gospel



A lady who was stuck under the rubble

We carried approximately 20 pieces of luggage with donated clothing, toys, school supplies, sport equipment and school uniforms. We were amazed at the outpouring of financial support from the church and community. Thank you to everyone who gave generously. Special thanks to our prayer partners and all that prayed for us. Haiti is not an easy place to minister and we surely coveted your prayers. Our trip was very successful. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!