

Espere Kay Newsletter – May 2017

Vacation



Dear Friends of Espere Kay,

In May we had the blessing of traveling to Rhode Island to see our beautiful daughter, Sophie, marry the love of her life. They are now officially Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Pearson! We spent two weeks in RI celebrating the wedding, catching up on appointments, visiting churches and spending time with friends and family. It was a busy two weeks but good. While we were away Max, our Chem Tech University Student, stayed at EK and helped manage the household for us. He did a great job as did the young adults. We were happy to say all was well when we returned home.

Fèt Lekòl La! (The School Party!)



Myrlande



Denise and Jesula



Peterson



Moniteca

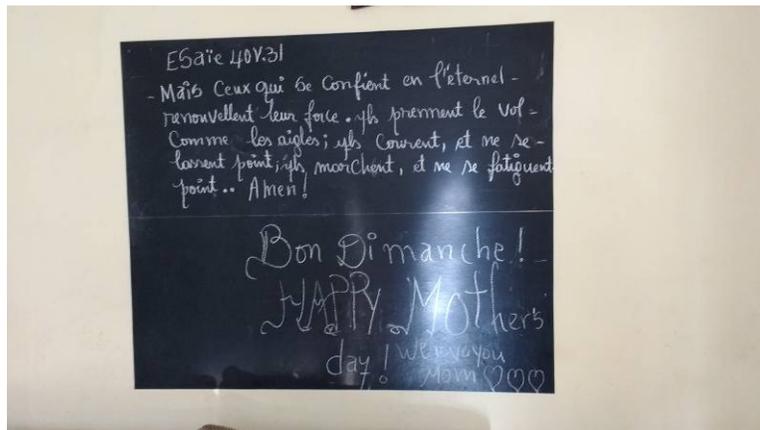
While we were away, five of our young adults had a big celebration at their school. They got dressed up in red and white, had entertainment provided by the students, and ate a huge feast. All of them were very excited about the party and said they had a very good time. Now it is back to regular schoolwork as they prepare for exams coming soon.

Visiting Area Churches



We had the blessing of visiting brothers and sisters in Christ at four area churches in Rhode Island. We went to prayer services at Church of the Apostles and Perryville Bible Church and attended service at New Hope Chapel and Seventh Day Baptist Church. At all four churches we were able to give an update on Espere Kay. God definitely had a plan as we shared some of the difficulties we overcame during our first ten months here in Haiti. As we discussed the pitfalls of the enemy and God's great power to overcome, we found out God was already speaking this message to the churches. A good example of this was our visit to Seventh Day Baptist. While there, Pastor Stall shared the tough week he had with his congregation. As the church was preparing for baptisms and stepping out for Christ by putting up a sign, the enemy attacked. Looking at the photos above you can see we are standing in a very dry baptismal pool. It leaked. It was temporarily being called, "The Pit of Despair." Pastor Stall used this as an illustration of some of the difficult times we all can face in life. We personally have faced time like these in Haiti as we moved forward for Christ at EK. Pastor Stall invited us into the pit where he and Pastor Daniel prayed over us. We would like to share with you, dear friends, what we have learned when we end up in the pit. We press into God through prayer and read His Word allowing the Lord to wash and renew our thoughts. We are happy to say we are no longer in a pit. We trust that the dry pool we were standing in at Seventh Day will one day be filled with water and the baptisms will move forward as planned. We serve a Mighty God and His plans always prevail. We are so thankful for the time we got to share with all the churches and we especially want to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, prayer and support.

Welcome Home!



Everyone was excited to see us return. It was a joyful reunion and the Sunday we arrived just so happened to be Mother's Day in Haiti! We came home to a blessed note and scripture written by the young adults. It was exciting to see them take the initiative as they encouraged us with Isaiah 40:31.

Prayer

Joys:

We have so much to be thankful for here. God has given us a beautiful home and Espere Kay is up and running well. All the young adults are currently in school, they have a safe place to live, they are growing in the Lord and all their basic needs are being met. Our dear Moniteca is well and living with us. We are thankful Peterson and Denise decided to publically proclaim their faith through Baptism. This means all the young adults except two have been baptized. We have shared the Gospel in greater detail with the two remaining young adults and now place their decision in God's hands. As a family, we have chosen a home church everyone is excited to attend each Sunday. We are beginning to see some of the young adults get involved in ministry there. Over the last ten months we have also had the opportunity to witness to visitors of EK and to encourage Christian brothers and sisters who have come to see us. There have been opportunities to minister to the young adults, correct them at times and to encourage them in their faith walk through Scripture. Not only have we ministered to the young adults who live here at EK but we have also had the opportunity to help other young adults who live in the area. We have had blessed times of worship and Bible Study. God has provided tutors for some of our young adults and we are seeing improvements in many of their test scores. We have often been able to make trips out to Loving Hands Orphanage to encourage the younger children there. We have had some great opportunities to help them grow in Christ. On a personal level, we have gotten through many of the challenges of transition, connected with some missionaries serving here, obtained our Permis (residency), learned more Creole, and grown a lot in the Lord. We are giving God all the glory for each accomplishment and are look forward to seeing what He is going to do next here at Espere Kay.

Requests

- Please pray all the young adults do well on their exams beginning this week
- We are able to renew our US Passports successfully
- Continued safety
- Wisdom for the ministry and for upcoming summer activities
- The seeds of faith planted in Moniteca and Myrlande will take root and grow
- As the Holy Spirit leads

Praying God's blessings for each of you, Deb and Dave