

Espere Kay Newsletter – June 2017



Greeting Friends of Espere Kay,

June was another busy month here at Espere Kay. Most of the young adults were taking exams and finishing up their year in school. Myrese was studying for her state exams for graduation and is currently taking them.

For Dave and me the month began with a bit of a scary experience. We went out to do a few errands which ended up in us being chased down by some thieves. The robbers waited until we turned down our road to go home before trying to overtake our car. They thought they had us because our road is a dead end and didn't seem too populated. They were bold and did not conceal their identities. As we were nearing our house, a motorcycle pulled in front of us with two men on it. One of the men pulled out a gun. Dave told me they were after us and said to get down. I immediately bent down and began to pray out loud. Dave continued to drive towards the man with the gun and he jumped out of the way. We just continued to drive down to the end of our road. By the time we turned the car around, the men in our neighborhood were advancing on the thieves and they were running away. Eyewitnesses said there were four men and two motorcycles. We don't know where so many men came from in our neighborhood that day but we were very grateful. It was as though the thieves saw a legion of angels coming after them and they did not want to stick around to find out what might happen. The whole incident was a little frightening but we felt the presence and the protection of the Lord surrounding us the entire time. God truly came to our rescue and we are giving Him all the glory. The men did not see where we live but we have taken the added precaution of raising the sight line on our front gate so people can not easily see inside. We learned a few lessons that day and will do some things differently in order to hopefully keep something like this from happening again. God also used that day for His good as only He can (Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."). It strengthened the relationships we have with the young adults and gave us an opportunity to model praying for our enemies (as we prayed for salvation for those who tried to rob us). When we asked the young adults how they felt about the robbery, they said they were okay. They believe God had his hands on us and will continue to protect us for the work He has us doing here. It also gave us the opportunity to build a bridge with our neighbors. We gathered as many as we could find and gave them cookies and Bibles. We thanked them for their help and prayed with them. They explained they believed they were only doing what was right. We were here serving God and helping Haiti so helping us was the right thing to do.

We want to take this moment to thank all of you especially for your prayers of protection. God has heard you and He continues to watch over us here. Mesi Jezi! (Thanks be to Jesus!)

Gardening



Both Peterson and Myrlande enjoy gardening. Myrlande started some tomatoes from seed and Peterson planted corn and papaya. We also had some squash and peppers growing. Unfortunately, our rainy season was not very rainy. We tried to water every day but still everything was struggling. All we have left are some peppers, tomatoes and papaya. We are still hopeful. Our neighbor encouraged us to try more plantings in the fall when the next rainy season begins and the sun should not be quite as hot. It continues to be a learning process here at EK!

Guitar!



As some of you may recall, Stevenson has been praying for an electric guitar for awhile now. Good news! God has provided both a half sponsor and an amp for him to use at EK. Stevenson is working here at the house to pay off the rest of the debt. He is currently playing electric guitar for a group from our church. They practice twice a week and include time for prayer and Bible Study. The group plans to go up to Cap Haitien in August to play worship music and share their faith in Jesus.

Loving Hands Orphanage



Summer is a great time to go out to Loving Hands and do activities with the kids. We brought some coloring pages and read from Genesis 1. When I asked, “Who made all the animals on the earth?” All the children yelled excitedly, “God!” They then had fun coloring in pictures of God’s wonderful creatures. Some colored in two or three!

Time for fun!



Place two concrete blocks at one end of our driveway and two at the other, spaced about 3 feet apart for goals, and you instantly have a soccer field for playing football (what we call soccer down here). On this day, Jhonn and Peterson were challenging some of their friends (Jonathan and Richcard, frequent guests here at EK) to play. Sometimes we have to treat bloody toes or knees but all in all they have a great time!

Summer School



Although most of the young adults recently finished school, summer is a great time to work on some basic skills. Currently Deb is having a weekly French Comprehension Class with five of the young adults using the French Bible and a translator (Jonathan – fluent in English, Creole and French). Dave continues to hold a weekly Bible Study for everyone and will begin mathematics classes this week.

Campaign for sponsors!



Jhonn



Myrlande



Peterson

This month we are spotlighting three of our young adults who are currently in need of sponsorship. Myrlande needs sponsorship for education, Peterson needs sponsorship for his basic needs and Jhonn needs sponsorship for both. If God places it on your heart to help any one of these young adults, please go to our web page at:

<http://www.helpinghaitisorphans.org/our-ministries/espere-kay/young-adults>

Your donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated!

Prayer

Once again we have a lot to be thankful for here at EK. Most of our students are going to be moving on in school next year. This came as a great relief to many as they were struggling at the beginning of the year. God gave them the wisdom and strength to turn things around and finish well. We are thankful for God's continued protection and provision. We are grateful for all of our sponsors who come along side of us in this ministry. By the grace of God, we have been able to cover all of our costs thus far. We are thankful for the provision of both Creole (their heart language) and French (their study language) Bibles so our young adults have easy access to the Word. Most of all we are grateful for the prayers of our brother's and sister's in Christ and for God's presence here with us as we continue to do His work in Haiti.

Please lift up the following requests:

Myrese as she finishes her final exams this week. The young adults will all be diligent in continuing their studies over the summer. Summer classes will help strengthen them in their knowledge for the Fall. The young adults will take advantage of this extra time to press into God's Word. Spiritual growth. Complete sponsorship for all the young adults. Good health for all. The ministry and God's continued leading, wisdom and discernment for us. God's continued protection this summer as we and some of the young adults travel around Haiti. As the Lord leads you.....

We pray you all have a happy and blessed summer. May God continue to pour out His abundant blessings on each one of you.

In Christ, Deb and Dave