

GREETINGS FROM ESPERE KAY!



First Sunday Together

Dear Friends of Espere Kay,

Aug. 31, 2016

We hope this message finds you all well. We are one week into living at Espere Kay (Hope House) together. Last Wednesday we went out to the orphanage and several homes to pick up all the young adults. There was much excitement about finally moving to Espere Kay. When everyone arrived, the young adults settled into their rooms. It had been a long day. The girls took a moment, got on their knees and thanked God for their new home. As a family, we made dinner together and continued to give thanks to our good Lord that we were all finally here together! The praises continued as we gathered for a time of devotion, worship, prayer and reflection that night. God is truly blessing this group. Our first week was busy with registering for school, buying books and getting uniforms made. Everything is a process here and nothing is simple but the good Lord is helping us figure it all out. The young adults helped to create a schedule and we are following it for everyday life. There is a lot to do here between cleaning the house, buying food, making food, laundry, taking care of trash, etc. The house is just humming every day with all the activities. We'll never forget the first morning after the kids arrived. We were having our own personal devotion time in our room when we could hear the sounds of sweeping and moping throughout the house. The kids cleaned all the floors from top to bottom before they even started breakfast. It was amazing. They have been cooking their own food and have made some wonderful dishes. Cooking is not an easy quick process in Haiti. For the afternoon meal they begin to prepare around 10:00 and food is on the table usually by 3:00. One of our favorite times of day is after the cooking and dishes are done. Sometimes they play football (soccer) in our concrete front yard. We have sustained a few minor injuries but, praise God, no one has gotten seriously hurt. If not playing football then they play Haitian cards or sometimes they just go for walks together investigating the neighborhood. Following our "play time" we have been meeting for worship. God has really blessed this time as we sing in both English and Creole. We pray together, offer praise and have begun to add sharing scripture. Some of the young adults are a little shy about praying out loud but that is something we hope will change as we do it more and more. Right now they like to ask for Mama and/or Papa to pray for them.

Please keep us all in your prayers as we go through this adjustment period. Pray we will soon have electricity 24 hours a day. Pray God continues to knit us together as a family with His love. (We can sense He has great plans for this group.) Pray we will continue to learn the language as communication can be trying at times. Pray also for God's protection over all of us and for good health. Keep the young adults in prayer as they begin school, hopefully in September. Pray they make good friends and do well in their studies. Mesi anpil! (Thank you!)

May God bless each and every one of you as you continue to come alongside Espere Kay with your love and your prayers. May you have a blessed school year back home and may God continue to watch over all of you.

In Christ, Deb and Dave



Moving Day! The girls on their way to Espere Kay!