

Espere Kay Newsletter – October 2017



Greetings from Espere Kay!

Dearest friends, we would like to begin this month's newsletter with a brief discussion about becoming Manman ak Papa (Mom and Dad) to eight young adult orphans in Haiti. Most of the young adults here at EK have no living parents. The three who do have a parent have only moms who are unfit to care for them. Although all the young adults lived at Loving Hands Orphanage while they were young and had some good role models there, most did not have anyone to call mom or dad. Then they moved to Espere Kay. Now, when we enter the school yard or they introduce a new friend, you can see the joy on their faces to be able to say, "That's my Mom or my Dad!" We are here to help support, to encourage, to love, to correct as needed, and so on. There is a bond between us (especially after living together for over one year) that can only be explained by the love of Jesus. They look to us as the heads of a household where everyone works together to make a safe, comfortable home to live in. Is life perfect here? No, but is life perfect in any family setting? We have our challenges but, in the end, the love triumphs. This is a great picture of the love God has for us. Though we were orphans, our heavenly Father adopted us who believe in His Son into His family with all the rights and privileges. Eph 1:4 – 5: *"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will."* What happens when we mess up? God, by His loving grace, corrects us and forgives us. Pro 3:12: *"because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father the son He delights in."* It's the same here at EK. We use the Word of God to correct and renew a right heart. Heb 4:12: *"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* If you ever have the chance to visit us here at Espere Kay, you will meet a group of people who are not perfect but who love Jesus. You will enter a home where we worship the King of Kings and together, as imperfect sinners, we are learning to love as Christ loves us. Rom 5:8: *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Visitors from the north



The Team



Worship night



Yvette and Mama Luc with the Children at LHO

At the beginning of the month, we had a team visit from the states. They came from Florida, Rhode Island and Canada. Although they spent most of their days doing medical clinics, they did get to spend some time at the orphanage and here at EK. It was fun for them to be with the young adults, some of whom they have known for years and are currently sponsoring. Our fondest memory was their last night here when we gathered together for worship. What a beautiful sound to hear the Lord's praises ring out at EK!

Mat 19:14: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Jesula and her niece, Aicha

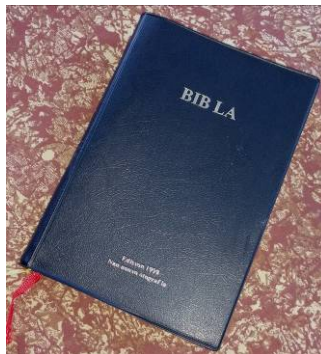
Occasionally we have little guests visit us at EK. This month Jesula was asked to help with her niece while her sister went away to tend to her sick grandfather. Sometimes our girls help watch little ones from the neighborhood or from families they know. It's always fun to share the love of Jesus with these precious children.

John 4:23: “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”



Almost every Tuesday and Thursday you can hear beautiful praises ring out from downstairs at EK. Stevenson and his group FJM, lead by Frantz Junior Moise, have practices that often turn into praise parties. Occasionally they have Bible Study and sometimes they just worship. The group is made up of about 15 -20 people who sing and play a variety of instruments such as saxophone, cello, piano, guitar, etc. While the team from up north was visiting us they had the opportunity to attend one of the practice sessions. Some said it was the most beautiful worship music they have ever heard. The group is in the process of putting together a music video of the song, “No Longer Slaves,” sung in French. They have been recording in a studio and hope to have the video finished sometime in November. We will keep you posted!

Bible Study Update



As we have entered into a new school year, we decided to begin a new study with the young adults. We are looking at the difference between our cultures and the Bible. Our hope is to learn more about Haitian culture and what people believe here, to share some of our American culture with the young adults and for all of us to see what the Bible says about our beliefs as Christians. We also hope to increase the young adults’ Christian worldview, taking a look at what other faiths believe and comparing it to what we believe. It has already been eye opening to learn that Voodoo is still the dominating belief here and that living as a Christian is very counter culture. We learned a proverb that says “en pye anndan, en pye deyò.” It means one foot inside, one foot outside.” This is how many Haitian’s choose to live. Although they may call themselves Christians they are still following some of the traditions of the Voodoo Culture. They are trying to live both at the same time. We shared with them that this is not unlike our American culture today where people live with one foot in the world and one foot in Christ. We talked about how all of us as true Christians should be living according to the Word of God alone. *Mat 12:25b: “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined.”, and, Matt 12:30a: “He who is not with Me is against Me.”*

Prayer

Joys

As always, we are so very grateful to our gracious Father in Heaven for His provision for us and this ministry. We have great news! By the grace of God, currently, all our young adults are sponsored! We can not thank everyone enough for their support. We continue to have opportunities for discipleship of these young adults and others who come into our home. We have also had the Blessing of giving Bibles to those in need and to reach out to others with the Gospel. There is still so much need in Haiti both physically and spiritually. Please join with us in praying this nation will take a turn and fully give its heart to Christ. Pray this next generation of young adults will be the ones to step away completely from Voodoo and follow Jesus, the true hope of Haiti.

Requests

Please pray for the following and as the Holy Spirit leads:

- For peaceful resolutions to conflicts between the people and the government here
- God's continued presence at Espere Kay, allowing us to be a light to this area
- Wisdom for us as we continue to disciple and lead here
- For us to grasp the Creole language even better. (We will begin a new class this week.)
- More open doors to share the Gospel and that we would do so with clarity and effectiveness
- An even greater understanding of the culture here
- Productive new Bible Study
- Any ways God would wish to use us for the furthering of His Kingdom here.
- Myrese and Jhonn to have a successful school year as they begin classes
- Good exams results for all the young adults who just took them
- Spiritual growth and wisdom for all of us at EK
- God's continued provision and protection

We know many of you are faithfully praying for us. We can not thank you enough. By God's grace, together we will make a difference here in Haiti for His Kingdom. May the Lord richly bless each and every one of you in the days and weeks to come.

In Christ,
Deb and Dave