

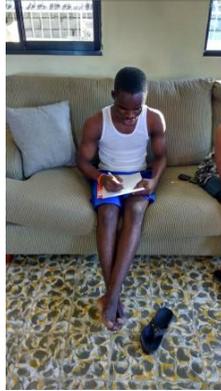
Esper Kay Newsletter – December 2016

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Iwaye Nwel ak Bon Ane!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6

December was a busy month here at Esper Kay. It began with the young adults studying for their second round of school exams. Everyone worked very hard and we are praying for good results.



After exams, Stevenson left for a week to help evangelize with a church group in the countryside. We knew we would miss him for Christmas but were excited to support him as he used his gift of guitar playing to help with the Lord's work in Artibonite.



The week before Christmas, Yvette Siliac came to Haiti. She is the founder/owner of Loving Hands Orphanage. We had a nice visit with her at Esper Kay and then we met her for a special Christmas celebration with the children at Loving Hands in Turbe.



Finally, Christmas arrived. We had a very nice Christmas here at Espere Kay and we hope you did too. It was full of food, fun and worship. We were blessed to have our daughter Sophie visit us for the week. The young adults enjoyed getting to know her. On Christmas Eve we were busy preparing for the big day. Some of the young adults helped to bake cookies (which we ate and gave as gifts) and Jesula performed with a Christian singing group at a Gala. On Christmas day the young adults were pleasantly surprised to see gifts under the tree with their names on them. Before opening, we went to church to worship and then came home to begin preparing the meal. Right before dinner, it was finally time to open presents. The young adults were very happy to receive cards and several kado (gifts). There were lots of smiles. After the gifts it was finally time to eat. What a Haitian feast we had! It was a long day but a fun day. We are all thanking Jesus for making it such a special first Christmas together. We would like to extend a big thank you to all of you who made our Christmas here a little brighter either through providing gifts or items for the home. We are so blessed!



After Christmas we took all of Espere Kay, Sophie and a few friends out to the beach. It was a Christian beach so we spent the day playing, singing worship songs and enjoying God's creation (there was even a little dancing involved). Mesi Jezi for a great day away!



Now it was time to give back. The week after Christmas, the young adults and Sophie helped prepare sandwiches and cookies for a Bible Study out at Loving Hands Orphanage. We read the story of the Angel's visit to the Shepherds in Luke 2 and then asked the children if they knew why we celebrated Christmas. The answer was, "because it's fun!" We all agreed it was fun but then began to explore the real reason for the season. We brought a coloring activity for them to do of the nativity and by the time we were finished with our discussion, they all knew we celebrate Christmas because it is the birth of God's Son, Jesus. We finished the day by having lunch, decorating Christmas cookies and opening the gifts we brought to the children. It was a great day at the orphanage!



Finally, we ended December by attending a New Year's Eve service at our church. We spent the evening in worship, singing praises, hearing testimonies, reading the Word and praying. It was a great way to ring in the New Year. We have much hope for Espere Kay for 2017. We are excited to see what God has planned for this home and the young adults in the coming year. It is our prayer that the Lord's plan go forward in whatever He wants to accomplish here at EK. It looks to be a very bright year!



Please Pray for Us!

Prayer Joys - Join with us in thanking God for the following:

For all He has done in making EK a reality in 2016

For visits from friends and family

God's protection and provision

For the growth we've seen in the young adults

Prayer Requests – Please pray for the following as the Holy Spirit leads:

A movement of God in Haiti for His Kingdom in 2017

God's plan to go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit here at EK

Obedience to God's leading

Discernment

An increased knowledge and thirst for the Word of God

Protection against the lures of the world and worldly thinking

Good exam results and a successful end to the school year

God's continued provision and protection

Deb and Dave to successfully receive their permis in January

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Eph 3:20 - 21

Mesi Anpil! – Thank You Very Much!

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support of this ministry in 2016. God has done some amazing things in bringing together Espere Kay and in providing for this ministry. We know He has a great plan for each of us and we are excited to see what He will do in 2017!

May God bless you and may you also have a blessed new year.

In Christ, Deb and Dave