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ADORATION & DISCIPLESHIP

Director's Report
by Randy Lodder

One of the reasons we selected the name Adoration for the identity of our Christian centre and school is so that we would be continually reminded of the goal of all our plans, labours and ministry. The goal is adoration: We want to worship the LORD in the glory of His majesty with all our lives, work, study, play.

We want others to do the same.

We want others to come to know Christ Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, to grow in Him day by day and to bask in the grace that is theirs, in and through Christ alone.

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With a new season upon us there are, once again, many changes taking place. First of all, we said 'au revoir' to Cornelius, Mindy, Chloe and Joel Broersma, as they have finished up their tasks here and have returned back to Canada. We have taken the opportunity to fill their roles with a few of our Haitian brothers and sisters who now have more responsibility in the centre and school. We are very thankful to the LORD who is providing solid, indigenous leaders who have a heart for service.

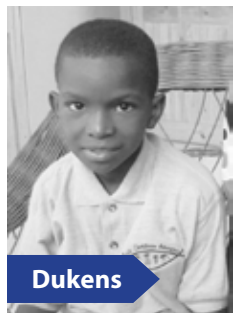


Teaching & Learning

This summer we have been engaged in training locals for different leadership positions, facilitating professional development for our teachers, hosting youth seminars and overseeing volunteers who were helping to get the building ready for a new school year, as well preparing all the different programs and activities.

We have a few new programs starting up. There is a new class to help older students 'fast-track' through elementary school, an adult literacy class has been established and we are adding some cooking and sewing classes. In addition, we are adding Grade 9 to the school as well as increasing enrolment in most other classes. We are blessed to serve over 400 students this year - children, youth and adults!

We pray that through all this activity one main thing would be accomplished: discipleship. As we walk and work closely with the local church, l'Eglise Presbyterienne Reformée de Delmas, we pray that it would be built up and continue to be light and salt in the community. This summer we were privileged to witness five baptisms and a profession of faith comprised of students, staff and community members! We rejoice in this and pray that the Lord would bless us and His church throughout the world, that as we follow Christ, grow in Him and fall on His grace that others would come to do the same and bring Him the adoration that is due His glorious Name! **A**



Dukens

Dukens is 10 years old and is going into Grade 4. Dukens is the oldest child in his family and lives with his father and mother, younger brother and two younger sisters as well as his uncle and aunt who are his mom's brother and sister. Dukens' father works as a security guard and his mother stays home looking after the other children. This is Dukens' first year at Adoration Christian School, he heard about the school through his cousin Clara Mical. He is excited about playing with his friends and reading books at school. **A**

Adoration Christian Centre exists to support the local Haitian church in alleviating poverty by enriching the community through quality Christian education. Adoration Christian School exists to prepare and equip students to impact their community and the world for the glory of Jesus Christ. To reinforce and fill in the gaps between the centre, the school and the community we have a Social Assistance Program at Adoration.



Wislande

Wislande Zamor is our Social Assistance Coordinator, she has been with Adoration since August 2011. Her previous two years at the school were spent teaching the Grade 1 students. Wislande has been teaching for almost 20 years at a variety of different schools and a variety of different grade levels. She heard about Adoration when another teacher of the school invited her to attend Adoration's Grade 6 graduation ceremony.


Wislande loves to teach, but she is excited about her new position this year. She loves to organize, help people and help people organize their lives, which is a pretty accurate description of what a Social Assistance Coordinator does. Her responsibilities include overseeing the food program, managing the repayment plans for the housing program, receiving requests for medical assistance to those in Adoration's community, overseeing professional training for the youth to prepare them for future jobs, and overseeing community education programs. The variety is intriguing to Wislande and she is excited about assisting people for the glory of God. "If you help people who can't do it, they smile and sigh because you've helped them out." She's excited about her position and thanks the Lord for the opportunity to assist the Adoration community. **A**

Sindia is 16 years old and is going into Grade 8. Sindia attended a school in Petionville last year but because of the expensive school fees and medical bills from her mother's sickness her mother could not afford



Sindia

to send her there this year. Sindia lives with her mother and stepfather as well as her three sisters and three brothers. She is the fourth child of seven children. Her mother is a vendor who walks around the streets selling oranges. This is how her mother found out about Adoration. She was passing by selling oranges, saw Adoration and asked for information regarding the school programs. She was given the dates for inscription and after filling out

her inscription form, having an interview and a home visit Sindia was accepted into Adoration's secondary school. Sindia enjoys physics and math and hopes to be a nurse someday. 



Adoration Students

Work Team Reflections

In August, Nick Kottelenberg and I had the great opportunity to be on a construction work team that went to Adoration Christian Centre in Haiti for ten days. Although we were a small team, we managed to get a lot done in preparation for the coming school year! Our days were spent priming/painting cupboards, painting the inside of the school, building/painting tables and benches, and putting in doors. Nick helped do computer work as well. The last Thursday we were able to visit some of the homes of students who go to Adoration. It was humbling to be invited to sit in their homes and talk about the students' excitement about going to school, but also about the struggles that they face. It was also an eye-opening experience that really showed me how, through God's grace, Adoration Christian Centre is really able to be a blessing and a valued service for the Haitian people.

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Property Update: Upon request from the Adoration Board in Haiti, the Word & Deed Board has agreed to proceed with the purchase of the current property, subject to Adoration gaining status as a Haitian charity (a prerequisite for Adoration to own land), establishment of clear title for the property and having funding in place to make the transaction. We know dealing with the Haitian government is never easy and we pray that the purchase may happen quickly to alleviate the crowded conditions and to provide stability for the project in the long term.



Children of Light: In 2011, the Adoration Christian Centre project merged with Word & Deed (W&D). This year, with thanksgiving to the Lord, and at the initiative of the Children of Light (COL) board, W&D and COL would like to announce their intent to merge and be fully integrated by December 31, 2013.

Given the similarity of our mission and mandate, the overlap of our respective supporters, the need of COL for administrative services given her growth over the past few years and the 19 years of experience W&D has to date, the intent to merge is believed to reflect both practical wisdom and an encouraging degree of cooperation among our supporting churches and denominations as we together, in a diaconal ministry capacity, strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the developing world.

Both organizations have developed a culture of enthusiastic involvement and support and the success of the merger depends on this continuing under the indispensable blessing of the Lord. May we together be instruments in His hands to the salvation of sinners and the strengthening of His church both in Indonesia and in the many other countries Word & Deed has the privilege of working. Inquiries can be directed to:
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— John Kottelenberg, Word & Deed Public Relations

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One of the best memories that I have was working right alongside some of the staff and volunteers of Adoration and making new friends. It was cool to see how Nick and I were able to guide them in the work, but also how they were able to teach us many new things as well! Even though there are differences between us (language, cultural norms, etc.) I realized how we're still very similar in our desires, goals, and feelings. We all have educational goals and dreams for our futures. We all joke around and laugh at certain things, but also feel sadness and fatigue at other times. We all love lunch time/break. And most importantly at Adoration, there was this awesome feeling of having a common joy in serving the Lord.



I can't express how truly thankful I am for the staff at Adoration and the work that they do, for the volunteers that worked with us, for the people that invited us into their homes, for the people that make these mission trips possible, for Adoration as a whole, and for all the sponsors who enable the students to achieve their goals/dreams through the school. Most of all, I'm thankful to God for his providential care over Adoration, and I pray that He continues to be with all the workers and supporters.

— Sabrina Olij



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