



HELPING A COMMUNITY

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

One of my staff members came to me last week to tell me that she was pregnant. She was crying. These were not tears of joy. And for her, someone who lives daily with affliction, tears do not come easily. No, these were tears of incredible sadness, brokenness, and despair. Why? The reality is that she was in an incredibly difficult situation: her jobless, abusive husband is threatening to leave her if she doesn't abort the baby; being recently evicted from their house, she has no place to live, and she can barely afford to feed the two children she already has, let alone find daycare so she can come to work. The thought of bringing another child into this world is too much for her to bear right now.

This situation breaks my heart. As a parent, as a brother in Christ, this breaks my heart. What really breaks my heart is that this situation is not uncommon. I asked her permission to share her situation, to inform our supporting community of the pervasiveness of the brokenness and the cycle of poverty that exists in the community in which we are serving. The family, and household structure, is under persistent attack and is so fragmented it makes for very unhealthy communities. Often, children are given up to orphanages or to work as child slaves in someone else's home because parents cannot afford to take care of them. Economic, social, physical, and spiritual issues are literally pulling apart the families in our community.

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One of the goals of Adoration, as a Christian community centre, is to strengthen and provide support to families and households - as they are the building blocks for a healthy community. Our desire is to come alongside them, to support them by giving them the tools to keep their families together, alleviating their suffering, so that they can have both houses and homes. Here are some of the ways in which we are humbly trying to do this.



Through the school a solid Christian education is provided, taking in two children from each family that is accepted into our program, in hopes that when they are finished they will not only have the tools and capacity to be effective in their community and to find a way to support their family, but also, by the grace of God, that they will have the character formation necessary for them to effectively serve.

We are intentionally disciplining our youth, helping them to plan for their futures, setting goals and pushing them to excel in their studies. We are providing adult literacy classes to help parents build their capacity for learning and for leading. We are providing health and security seminars. We are intervening in difficult situations like the one above, by providing counsel and support to these troubled brothers and sisters with very difficult problems.

But the most important thing we are doing, by the grace of God, is being the hands and feet of Jesus, leading people to the Healer, to the Restorer. We are proclaiming Christ and the life that is to be found in Him. He is the only one who can take broken hearts, heal them, and transform them into hearts which seek to serve Him and others in the community.

This is where poverty alleviation starts and finishes. This is our constant prayer and our hope, infusing a daunting task with promise.

— Randy Lodder

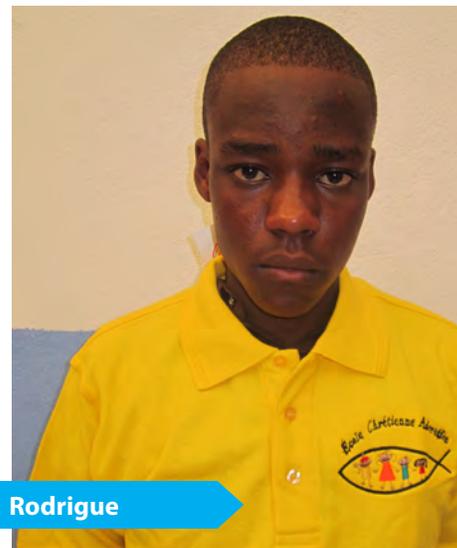
Work Team Reflections

In the midst of one of the coldest winters in many seasons, six individuals had the wonderful opportunity of flying into hot and dusty Port-au-Prince. First impressions always seem to give way to a sense of appreciation for a culture that is so much different than ours. Even though we saw areas of awful poverty, those who had been there before were also encouraged to see vast improvements since the devastating earthquake in 2010.

We were met at the airport by Randy Lodder who took us to the Adoration school, explaining a long list of jobs that he hoped we could tackle. It sounded like a tall order, but we were up to it. With God's help and no days of sickness to detract we more or less completed the list. We were able to manage a complete gutting of the kitchen and its needed expansion by moving the food storage area to the lower property. We tiled the floor and the concrete benches of the remodelled kitchen. Many hours were spent creating new bathrooms, which included putting up walls and trenching to existing sump tanks (a smelly feat).

Work on the lower property involved laying block for walls, creating shelving for the new storage room, hanging new doors and general cleanup of the whole building, which was done with the help of both students and parents. All of this work meant that the property was ready for classes to start there on the Monday following the weekend that we left.

Rodrigue is 18 years old and is in Grade 7 at Adoration Christian School. He lives with his aunt who lives about an hour from the school when walking. His mother at-



Rodrigue

tends the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Delmas (which meets at Adoration Christian Centre) and visits Rodrigue every Sunday after church.

Rodrigue's favourite subject in school is Creole and when he grows up he would love to become a lawyer.

When asked what his favourite thing to do at school was a big smile came over his face and he said, "I love to play soccer." Right now, Rodrigue is excited to be playing in a soccer tournament at Adoration.

It was terrific to speak to and share life stories with many of the teachers, workers and students during our workdays at the site. We left with a great appreciation for all of those involved in the day to day life of the local people. Life in Haiti is so different and so much more difficult in ways that we can ever imagine. Although it's hard to fully grasp these differences, attending church on Sunday at the Adoration school brought home the joy of knowing that we were among our brothers and sisters in the Lord and that no matter where you are, there is a special bond among those who are members of the family of God. What a Saviour!

WORD & DEED

The Blessing of Child Sponsorship

In Haiti, many families struggle to provide food for their children, let alone an education. Adoration Christian Centre seeks to address both these needs through their sponsorship program, which provides children with an education centred on Christ, as well as breakfast and lunch.



By sponsoring a child you give, with God's blessing, not only the hope of a brighter future but also the Hope of a future with the Lord. Please consider supporting a child financially and prayerfully through sponsorship – there are **48 students** still waiting!

Welcoming Children of Light

On January 1, 2014 the Children of Light (COL) project in Indonesia officially became part of the Word & Deed family of projects. Word & Deed welcomes all the donors who have faithfully supported this project over the past number of years and warmly thanks the COL board, especially Andy & Gerda Vandenhaak, for their work in facilitating a smooth transition.



Word & Deed representatives Bernie Pennings and John Kottelenberg visited COL in January and report that the project is positioned very well for continued growth. There is capable indigenous leadership in place, a strong focus on biblical training and the project is supported well by the local people. Three hundred of the 1,200 COL students are supported by sponsors.

TEACHER PROFILE

Hainesa Joseph joined the administration team at Adoration Christian Centre in June of 2013. She is responsible for a variety of tasks, including helping to administrate the Sponsorship Program. She writes and updates profiles of sponsor students as necessary, updates sponsorship pictures and manages correspondence between students and their sponsors. On top of all that she also prepares financial statements for cash flow at Adoration and is secretary to Randy. She is a busy lady at work!

She loves her job because Adoration is a Christian organization that is working with the community to help the community, giving assistance to those who are in need. Outside of work Hainesa is a very talented hair dresser and has a dream of starting a beauty salon and a transportation company.

At Adoration, we are thankful for Hainesa and for the many talents that she brings to the table. She does her work thoroughly and effectively and desires to serve Her Lord and Savior through all her life.



Hainesa



Melissa

Birth Date:
September 9, 2009
Melissa is four years old and is in the Kindergarten 1 class. She lives with her aunt in a tin house. Her mother is mentally handicapped and she never hears from her father. Her aunt works as a dressmaker to take care of her.
ID: 22.101.463



Surpris

Birth Date:
September 11, 2003
Surpris is ten years old and is in the second grade. His parents are separated and he is living with his mother and little sister in a tin house. His mother does not have a job, but she works hard as a petty vendor to support her family.
ID: 22.101.471



Jovanie

Birth Date:
November 10, 2007
Jovanie is six years old and is in the first grade. She is an only child and lives with her parents. Her mother sells eggs and her father works in construction to provide for the needs of his family. They live in a wood house.
ID: 22.101.481



Pierre

Birth Date:
September 7, 2000
Pierre is 13 years old and is in the sixth grade. He has one brother and two sisters, and he is the second child of the family. His parents are separated and he is living with his mother in a tent. Both of his parents are petty traders.
ID: 22.101.490

To sponsor one of these children or others like them, visit www.adoration.net and click on the "Sponsor" tab at the bottom of the page.



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Bring Hope to Haiti

DONATION AMOUNT

- One-Time Monthly Annually
 \$250 \$100 \$25 Other: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ PROV _____ POSTAL _____
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PHONE _____

SPONSOR A CHILD

- Monthly: \$35 USD or \$38 CAD
 Annually: \$420 USD or \$456 CAD

PAYMENT METHOD

- Make Cheques payable to 'Adoration'**
 Payment via Credit Card or Paypal on our website: www.adoration.net
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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