

H.O.M.E.

Haiti Outreach Ministry of Evangelism

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Lakay!

The second HOME team soccer club kicked off on March 23rd. Pastor Jusme from Croix de Bouquet had ten excited boys age 10-14 lined up and ready to receive practice uniforms and socks. The CIY team had just finished a two hour VBS program and all the children were gathered outside for the kick-off game. The doors opened and out trotted the ten team players along with their coach. Americans and Haitians formed a tunnel for the team to run through while chanting "Lakay" - HOME in Creole. Cheers and high fives all around. Over 100 people from the community gathered to enjoy a 7-3 HOME Team victory over the Christ in Youth team!!

Haitian Outreach Ministry of Evangelism is reaching to the young people of Haiti with the positive message of Christ through sports. The HOME team soccer program provides more than just a sports outlet; this mentoring program exists to raise up Christian leaders in the community. Good grades, community service and regular devotions are requirements to play.

For \$30 a month you can help to provide coaches, equipment, nutrition, and uniforms for these boys.



Oh, My Soul



After a few delays from the bus being stuck in the mud we arrived at the village of Dispiso. This community sits in the middle of sugar cane fields and is surrounded by a backdrop of mountains.

Our objective was to distribute rice, oil, fish and tomatoes door to door while praying with the members of the community. We were greeted by smiles and laughter. People helped to carry the boxes and bags to the church in the village.

Mud walls, thatched roofs, wooden doors and dirt floors housed family after family. Our Foundation for Peace and HOME translators made it easy to talk to the people who invited us into their world so openly. They waited patiently at the doorways of their homes and made sure none of their neighbors were overlooked.

As I made my way to the church two precious little girls took each one of my hands. I asked them to "chanter" (sing) with me. Imagine my surprise when they started to sing the Matt Redman song, *Bless the Lord oh My Soul...*in perfect English! The voices of two children prompted a joyful noise as the entire village gathered.

Sing Like Never Before - Oh My Soul will never have the same meaning to me again.

Thessalonians 1 is a letter written by Paul to the church in Thessalonica. He is encouraging them for becoming a model to other areas and believers. In the 8th verse he says, "...your faith in God has become known everywhere."



I think if Paul were writing to Despiso today it would sound much the same. I came to share and pray for others, but left encouraged and confident that this local church was impacting not only its community but others close by and abroad. The gift was mine to receive.

Monthly Activity

Christ In Youth and Young American's Christian School both were hosted by Foundation for Peace in March. We thank the staff of FFP for opening their hearts and home to us.

Activities Included:

- 5 Youth events
- 6 Soccer games
- Preaching
- Door-to-door evangelism
- 2 Aging home visits
- Construction work at Men Ne Men Language School
- Bible lessons at orphanages
- Food and hygiene kit distributions

We also thank the staff of HOME and the volunteers who work side by side with them every week ministering to the least of these.



My heart cries, "We are serving an awesome God" when I see how God put the same thoughts in the minds of individuals to preach the acceptable year of the Lord - to preach freedom and to heal the broken-hearted to the least of these in Haiti. HOME for all...HOME, sweet Home!

Luke 4:18

-Ribinson, HOME Pastor

