





# Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc.

Serving Kids in Haiti since 1999—Incorporated 2003

Speaking Up! Proverbs 31: 8&9

Déjà vu? Please, God, Forbid! The term déjà vu is often used when we get a feeling that we have been in a place or experienced something exactly like this before. The aftermath of the fall 2012 hurricanes is threatening the people of Marre Blanche, Haiti and their neighbors with similar problems that wreaked havoc after the hurricane of 2008. At that time people were starving and children were dying. We are praying that God will spare them of such. Sadly, however, they are having a difficult time recovering. Pastor JeanThony Perime describes the people as **Hungry**.

Since the hurricanes they have gotten very little rain which they depend on for all of their water needs. There are no mountain streams or lakes. They have little food to feed their families, no additional food to sell at the market and they lost the seed which would have been used to grow new crops.

**Please Pray for Rain** 

# Be Blessed

James 2:16-17 says, "You shouldn't just say, 'I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat.' What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help?" [CEV] This is why we are focused on helping the people of Marre Blanche qualify for school food. Everything costs more and takes more time in Haiti. They have no vehicles in their area. Making connections by phone is costly and hampered by poor connections and coordination of schedules with translators.

Clean water is vital to good health. Pastors JeanThony and Wisny delivered two 500-gallon water tanks with cinder blocks and cement up the mountain in late January. A platform and secure concrete cage will be

built to prevent theft of the tanks. A solar powered purification system will be installed by Shoeman

Water Projects as soon as there is enough rain to fill one tank. At that time the people will be



trained to maintain the unit. We are praying for a water well for the new Christian school that will be built later.

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### Spread the Word

Help us make people aware of the struggle of these people by sharing our 5- or 8-minute ministry video with your church or group. It is in production but will be available soon. The people of Marre Blanche are among the poorest of the poor in Haiti. Their location is one of the greatest hindrances to their getting help. They have no vehicles in their community requiring us to pay hired drivers from the nearest city.

We considered soliciting a fourwheel drive truck. However, the rental truck delivering the water tanks experienced tire damage beyond repair and other damage. Until the road is repaired we believe an all-terrain motorcycle is their best option. In Haiti and other Caribbean countries motorcycles are used as taxis. They require less liability and will provide some relief for the pastor and his members.



# How Often Do You Take a 9-Hour Walk?

Pastor JeanThony makes 90% of the arrangements for the work we do in his community. He needs better transportation so he can help us help his people. Currently, he is taking classes in Port-au-Prince. Weekly he walks six to nine hours to catch a truck which drives him two more hours (depending on the traffic) to reach his destination. Then he scouts out prices for work we are doing and sends us itemized lists by phone or email while he is in the city. An all-terrain motorcycle could also be used



to transport a sick child and parent to get health care instead of having to walk 3 1/2 hours.

Hurricane Damaged Road

### **Your Shoes for Water**

A fun project for your youth, local school, church, group or you is collecting new and used shoes to help offset the cost of drilling a water well at the new school when the time comes. Currently, a church in the Kansas City area and one in St. Louis are hosting shoe drives. Our ministry Board members have collected shoes at work and individuals have simply cleaned out their closets of shoes they are no longer using.

It is easy! See the back of the attached flyer: "How it Works" for details. Just call us to let us know you are beginning and we will give you all the assistance possible.

We would love to come to your church. Call Us!

# Haiti Mission Trip 2013

This is our 14th year of traveling into Haiti. God has blessed us and taught us a lot about trusting him, his timing and his plan. Everyday of the year we do something toward furthering our steps toward the goal he has set before us. We thank and praise Him for the means provided by so many which allows us to continue this work.

This year our trip is planned for July 19 to 27. God has blessed us to have a commitment from Dr. Belezaire Waindel to accompany us and conduct a medical missions outreach. Dr. Belezaire was born in Haiti, but has practiced medicine in Georgia for many years. Currently, he is living in the Dominican Republic. The Haitian people are excited. Some of them have never been treated by a doctor.

Soccer is on the agenda again this year. What a big hit that was for the kids and their parents. Columbia College soccer coach Jon DeSha is returning with the team. Others include a social worker, nurse, corrections office, two translators and others for a team of nine or ten people. *Thank you, Lord!* 

Our major purpose, as always, is to bring the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Please pray for our success.

#### 5K Walk-Run for Haiti

Saturday
April 20, 2013
Register Early
Bring Your Team



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## "When You Give to the Poor,

it is like lending to the Lord, and the Lord will pay you back." Proverbs 19:17 GNB

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