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Medical Team Shares Blessings in Haiti



JoBeth Boyles and Friend Ives in Haiti

Susan Cook of New Philadelphia Moravian organized a team of doctors and nurses who traveled to Haiti on March 6, 2010. This was in partnership with World Wide Villages, The Children's Nutrition Program, Save the Children, and the University of Notre Dame Nursing School

A second team coordinated by Dr. Leslie Smith of Konnoak Moravian returned from Haiti March 29, 2010.

As I entered into the town of Port au Prince on March 6th of this year, the thought came to me, "If I had any sense at all, I would be afraid." I was in the back of a crowded van with strangers that made up Team 8 at World Wide Villages. There were thousands of people living on the streets in shelters made of anything they could find. Livestock were running loose. The mountain had crumbled down on one side of the road, and on the other side the earth had opened up and swallowed homes and the people that had once lived there. At times part of the road was gone. A 20 mile ride took over an hour. Nothing but destruction and death surrounded us. As I took all this in, I knew that God had not brought me this far to have harm come to me. I had the peace that passeth all understanding in my soul. I had no fear.

Team 8, lead by Susan Cook of New Philadelphia, soon became a family. Words can never paint the true picture of what we saw and experienced, and we have a bond that will remain between our team. In Leogane 90 % of all buildings are destroyed. World Wide Villages is running a mobile hospital that is open 24 hours a day. Day clinics were held outside at the nursing school and mobile clinics were also held. Earthquake wounded come to the clinic several times a week for wound care, cast changes, and other medical care.

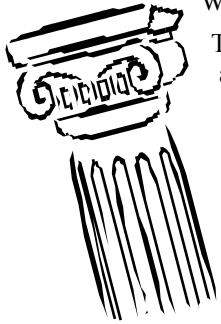
My first night in Haiti, I opened my Grandmother's King James Bible and Psalms 91 is what I read. God was speaking to me as I read that He would rescue me from every trap, I did not need to be afraid of the dark, and He would keep me from stumbling on the rocks. What wonderful words to me! It is a dark and rocky place, my Haiti. Each morning I would awake to the roosters crowing and soon I would hear singing. The first night I thought I was dreaming of our Sunrise service.

The next night I was certain I heard singing moving from place to place. This ended around sunrise. The third night was my night to work in the mobile hospital. One of the cleaners, Franzzy, had the words on his name tag, "Trust in God." He had been a teacher of 4 year olds at a school that was completely destroyed. He lost his mother in the quake. Yet he considers himself blessed. He lives in a lean to and is happy that he lives by himself. My other friend is Ives. He told of the earth opening up and swallowing him. The more he ran the worse he was. He said he stopped running, looked up at heaven and said, "Help me Jesus." When the earth stopped shaking he talked of the dead and dying all around him. He lost his home and his earthly goods but shows no anger. His only regret was the loss of his King James Bible. I asked what his favorite book was and he replied Psalms and how much he loved Psalms 91. I shared with him that Psalms gave me great comfort my first night here.

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A Message From Our President— “Let it shine!”



What is our mission?
To bring peace, joy
and Hope through
Jesus Christ to all!

We Hope for mean-
ingful lives.

We Hope for solu-
tions to world
hunger and peace.

We Hope for all people to get to
know Jesus Christ.

Is there any Hope?

Families are falling apart.

Violence and drugs are ruining our
schools and communities.

Diseases are killing our people.

Is there any Hope?

Can we have peace and joy in our
hearts?

Can we have fulfillment in life?

Can we have strength and empower-
ment to live meaningful lives?

Does anyone really care?!

These are questions that confront all
of us at some point in our lives. The
answer can be found throughout the
Bible.

Yes! There is Hope!

Jesus cares for each of us.

It is his promise that the God of
Hope fills us with all joy and peace
in believing that we may have Hope,
through the power of the Holy
Ghost, Romans 15:13.

God gives us power.

This power is capable of giving us
Hope. The Bible tells us God has
that power.

*We are not ashamed of the Gospel of
Christ; for it is the power of God unto
salvation to everyone that believeth,
Romans 1:16.*

No one is Hopeless whose Hope is in
God!

A Message From Our President,
Evon Crooks, Member New Philadel-
phia Moravian



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Haiti Medical Team

About this time the singing started up
again. My brothers in Christ told me that
the singing had been going on before the
earthquake and continues each morning
from around 3 a.m. until sunrise. They
walk house to house gathering more sing-
ers as they go. When they stop, they are
praying for someone. Dr. Paul, who was
working in the hospital with me that night,
shared that he heard the prayers - for US!
Sung in Creole, I did not understand the
words, but I knew the tune.

When upon life's billows you are tempest-
tossed,

When you are discouraged, thinking all is
lost,

Count your many blessings, name them
one by one,

And it will surprise you what the Lord
hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by
one,

Count your blessings, see what God hath
done!

Count your blessings, name them one by
one,

*Count your many blessings, see what
God hath done.

[*And it will surprise you what the Lord
hath done.]

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My grandmother's Bible is some-
thing I took at the last minute. I
had planned to take my Bible but
when looking for a tent in my ga-
rage, I came across a box that had
one of her Bibles. She was born
March 6th, 1893 and I left for Haiti
on her birthday. Today a young
man in Haiti has a King James Bi-
ble and he can read his much loved
Psalms. I add this part not to brag -
but to show that

When you trust God the Blessings
will follow

May we all take time to Count our
Blessings!

JoBeth Boyles,
Bethabara Moravian,
Winston-Salem, NC

Joy Comes in the Morning

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5 NIV

In the March, 2010 "Christian Century," an article appeared entitled *The Easter response: Now can we sing?* By William H. Willimon. Here are some excerpts.

The church works hard to bring to our attention areas of human heartache that the rest of the self-obsessed and insensitive world misses. ... Any show of joy or expression of praise amid such pain is incredibly thick-skinned of you.

But is this what God wants? If God had desired our constant mournful earnestness and concern, why did God make a gloriously effusive world filled with peacocks and humming birds and bright February days to mess with our grieving? If we look at the world from this angle, it's almost as if God wants us to be happy.

On two mission trips to Haiti with undergrads, there was widespread agreement that the most disarming thing about the country was the laughter of the children, along with their raucous singing. How dare they sing when their life expectancy is so horribly short? Was their laughter an escapist respite from the unmitigated tragedy of their lives, or a smart rebuke to our assumption that their lives were trapped in tragedy?

As darkness fell upon Port-au-Prince after the earth heaved that January night, people danced in the streets and sang hymns. On CNN, Anderson Cooper was incredulous.

But those singing-through-their-tears Haitians make me wonder: a truly theological analysis suggests that we may be meant by God for music, destined for joy. Maybe our fitful good deeds are not the end of the story. The church's relief bulletins rarely include that theology along with its lists of sins and disasters. This is what you get when anthropology overtakes Christology—it's always Good Friday. What's dead stays that way.

...What if the truth about God is that God is good? What if the ultimate destiny of this world is in God's hands rather than left up to us and our brief spurts of moral activity? What theological justification do we have for making "injustice the only measure of our attention"? Perhaps those singing Haitian women know more than we do.

But what if the grieving women who came to the tomb on Easter morning are right? What if Friday isn't the end of the story? What if God is rewriting human tragedy into surprising comedy? What if Jesus told the truth when he declared, toward the opening of his ministry, that he was turning today's tears into tomorrow's laughter. Thus Luke's good news ends not with the disciples' grim determination to right what's wrong with the world, but with their turning toward Jerusalem, the scene of the greatest of tragedies, "with great joy."

This world is full of death. Open your eyes and you will see the weeping all around. Human life can be, even for the undeservedly well fixed among us, one long series of funerals. Caesar sent thousands to the cross; still does.

As far as I can tell, there's only one thing we know that the world doesn't : we know another story. In the gloom, on the margins, there are women singing with Wesley and without earthly justification. Their only rationale is theological. They have learned the secret about God and can't help singing. The God who could have been sovereign chose rather to be love. Dare we risk defiant delight? Listen, in Port-au-Prince they are singing:

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

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THE LATEST TREND IN WORSHIP:



Brad Bennett, Sam Gray, and Larry Anderson lead worship
(Original Chelsee's Worship Team)

Coffee House Ministry

Each Sunday morning, approximately 30 worshippers of all ages gather at 11:00 a.m. in downtown Winston-Salem at Chelsee's Coffee Shop for a different worship experience. It was organized by three Moravian pastors, The Rev. Brad Bennett, The Rev. Sam Gray, and The Rev. David Guthrie.

Rev. Bennett said, "While retaining the components of a 'traditional' Christian worship service, it's definitely a relaxed feeling of worship as people enjoy a wide variety of songs that offer a lot of opportunity for group singing, ranging from hymns to upbeat contemporary selections and sometimes original songs. The music includes guitar, keyboard and bongos accompaniment. Contributing to the relaxed feeling is having the opportunity

to talk and/or ask questions as the minister that's leading the service shares inspiring, thoughtful reflections on the week's scriptures that are presented in a practical, meaningful way."

During the coffee house meetings, the group joins together in prayer, supporting each other during challenges and celebrating successes. They also send out prayers to the community-at-large, nationally and globally.

In recent years, the coffee house setting is used in many areas of the U.S. as places for worship. Many larger churches have a coffee shop within their own facilities.

Chuck O'Brien shared the reasons why he prefers smaller coffee shops to larger ones. "The free internet is nice and you meet people looking for good, positive

friends and positive things to do. It's hard to find that anywhere else."

"The beauty of this ministry for me is the blending of traditional and contemporary worship," expressed Beth Hayes, a regular attendee at Chelsee's. "The community feeling of fellowship is so meaningful. I also really appreciate the gifts of three different kinds of leadership in the worship leaders."

Excerpts from the "Coffee House Ministry" article appearing in the October, 2009 issue of The Salem Star, Richard Brown, Editor. www.TheSalemStar.com

April

Pray Every Day

2010

1. Maundy Thursday-Christ said "I am the living bread that came down from heaven, who ever eats of this bread will live forever." As you go to the Lord's table, remember those who are suffering from the devastation of hurricanes and other disasters. Pray for the teams that have served in Haiti and those who will continue to go. Pray for the people in Haiti.
2. Good Friday-We are always carrying in our bodies the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be visible in our bodies. Live each day so that your life will have made a difference. Samaritan's Pulse, Soar, Marc, Artic Bamabas, Billy Graham Assoc.
3. Great Sabbath-The Lord will arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks. Be of good cheer. Rest in the joy of the Lord. Enjoy His peace. Pray for Dr. Norvelle Goff Rudy and Gerard Rudy and as they witness and serve in Ahuas, Honduras
4. Easter-Sunday- He is risen! He is risen indeed! He has given us a new birth through His resurrection. Allow Him to transform your life with His love. Pray for the residents, caregivers and families of those in retirement facilities such as: Moravian Hall Square, Salentowne, and others. Pray for Dot Beam.
5. Monday-The Lord is faithful; He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. Pray for the Bishops of the Moravian church and their wives serving in the Southern Province: Robert Iobst, John Wilson, Lane Sapp (Lillyann), Wayne Burkette (Nancy) and Sam Gray (Lorena).
6. Tuesday-A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Pray for Dusty Harrison Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson University. Pray that many young lives will be touched by the Gospel.
7. Wednesday-My spirit abides among you; do not fear. Brian and Heather Marx who been accepted by MAF and assigned to the ministry in Indonesia. Brian is a licensed pilot and Heather a Christian chalk artist. If you want to contact them, the e-mail address is Bmarx@maf.org
8. Thursday-Mary said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." How blessed are we that He is always with us! Praise God for the wonderful progress Safiatu Braima has made. Continue to pray for complete healing of her leg. Pray for Mohamed Braima and Jack and Robert in Sierra Leone.
9. Friday-These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. Steve and Ann Marx as they work with MAF, Nampa, Idaho.
10. Saturday-Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Pray for the Antioch Project that many young people will find new and exciting ways to serve the Lord. The project offers opportunities to serve in Nepal, Costa Rica, South Africa, others. Pray for Billy and Sam and other leaders.
11. Sunday-Jesus says, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Pray for those who minister in diverse settings such as provincial offices, counseling centers, ecumenical agencies, prisons, hospitals, schools and colleges and the armed services.
12. Monday-The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Pray for the church in Uganda. It is a suffering church. The people are steeped in humility and are deeply spiritual but are living in great terror and intimidation. Pray for peace to reign in that area of the world.
13. Tuesday-When I preach (share) the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach (share) the gospel. Woe is me if I do not. Pray for Debbie and Juan Suarez & son Nick in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica as a missionary with the Board of World Mission
14. Wednesday-Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. Pray for the Directors of BWM and the mission societies of the Moravian Church. Pray for good leadership and good support.
15. Thursday- Jesus saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the tax booth, and said to him, "Follow me." He got up and followed Him. Pray for the staff, students and faculty of Alaska Christian College and for Helen Gullledge who is serving there. Pray that the openings on staff will be filled with God's choice of people.
16. Friday-The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Pray for church planters like Rob and Annie Thiessen in Mexico and Frank and Suzane Alioto in Alaska.
17. Saturday-Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Pray for the Woo Family as they live and witness to people in Asia.
18. Sunday-Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Pray for the Moravian Seminary in Bethel Alaska and Bethlehem, PA. Bless the students in this and all other seminaries who are devoting their lives to serving our kingdom. Pray for Riddick Weber in his new position at the seminary in Bethlehem.
19. Monday-You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit. Pray for Fellowship, and Community Bible Study, and for the leaders and students who attend these studies. Pray that other groups will be started in other areas.
20. Tuesday-We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent from Friedland Moravian Church who are serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia, for C & V in Texas and for K & C in the Middle East serving with Campus Crusade.
21. Wednesday-Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life. Pray for the church and the people of Labrador and for Glenna and George Tasedan who are serving there.

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Pray Every Day

22. Thursday-God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. Pray for all Stephen Ministers in congregations everywhere. Pray for those who need their ministry that they would reach out and find someone there.
23. Friday-It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and descendant of David, the bright and morning star. Pray for Mark Ebert and the Moravian Volunteer Resources as they reach out to those who are suffering in the loss of homes and livelihood through various disasters. Pray for support from many volunteers.
24. Saturday-The promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him. Pray for Samaritan's Pulse, Soar, Marc, Artic Bamabas, Billy Graham Assoc., Child Evangelism and for those serving in the name of Jesus through these and other organizations.
25. Sunday-Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton serving with WEC.
26. Monday-Before Me every knee will bow; by Me every tongue will swear. They will say of me, "In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength." Pray for those who are shut-ins and are unable to get out to worship and do routine activities. Pray also for widows, widowers and others who are might be alone or lonely.
27. Tuesday-The Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, a pilot from the Honduras Moravian Church serving with Alas de Socorro in Honduras. Pray for funds to acquire the plane which is waiting for that ministry.
28. Wednesday-The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. Pray for Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship in the Laurel Springs, Palmetto in Greenville/Spartanburg, SC, Suriname in Miami, FL, Margate in Ft Lauderdale, FL, New Covenant in West palm Beach and the Sarasota and Tampa groups in those cities in FL.
29. Thursday-When you return to the Lord your God, then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you. Let us continue to pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman from Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pa. who are serving through the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania. Their work is vital there.
30. Friday-Every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. Pray for Michael, Cecilia and Blessing Tesh and the children in their orphanage. Pray that their chickens will lay lots of good eggs and that they will provide good revenue. Pray for their safety and their health.

A Teachable Moment - from the Student

Sharing the love of God and His creation



Just as the taco meat was beginning to simmer, I received a knock on the door. When I opened the front door I knew immediately who the two young men were representing in their dark suits and white button down shirts. I did not have to read their clearly marked name tags to know the reason for their visit. I figured I had 10 minutes before dinner was ready so I did not have to be rude or cut them off at the pass like I might have done if we were getting ready to sit down at the dinner table at that very moment. Also, my 8-year old daughter, Emma Grace, was right there beside me watching and listening to see what I might do. I clearly told these two young men that I was a

Christian, that we attended church regularly, and I even worked for the Moravian Church.

Emma Grace Stevenson

They had a few questions and asked about raising a child in the faith. I shared with them my answers. I told them that most recently I was passionate about faith formation in families, any issues with children and reconnecting them with nature and God's wonderful creation. At that moment Emma Grace ran back into the house and grabbed a bracelet we recently made that represents the seven days of creation. Emma Grace was charming as she explained what each bead represented in that bracelet. The young men were so kind and patient listening to her retell the story of creation through that beaded bracelet. Together, we agreed that God created a great big world with all kinds of people, and we need to share His love with one another.

Heather Stevenson, Office Coord,
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A New Partnership—Salem Academy & Kisanji School

In 2008, when 12 North American Moravian women attended the first Women's Conference in Tabora, Tanzania, many new friends were made! The women also had the opportunity to visit many schools, including one that especially touched their hearts, the Bishop Kisanji Girls' Secondary School. Two of the women, Anne Geis and Roberta Pettit, immediately noticed the lack of supplies needed for learning, especially the absence of textbooks.



Esther Tesh attends Women's Conference in Tanzania

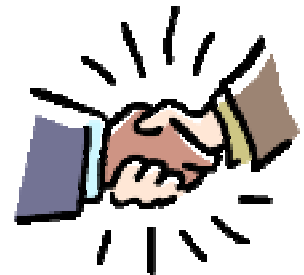
Upon returning to the USA, the two women consulted with the BWM on how they could help purchase textbooks for the girls' school. A second mile project was suggested and the women began to work. With the addition of Lilyann Sapp, the women went about the task of raising money to buy at least a few textbooks for every class at the school. Rev. Hannington Muhanuka provided the list of books and the expected cost. By the summer of 2009, with the financial support of the Women's Fellowship of Home Moravian Church, other Moravian Churches and individual contributors, the money was raised! Lilyann Sapp traveled to Tanzania and made the presentation of the textbooks to the new headmistress, Catherine Nombo, and her students, who were thrilled!

Now, the ideas were flowing! What else could we do to enhance the educational experience of girls? Not just Tanzanian girls, but girls everywhere. We real-

ized that in Winston-Salem we have a sister school to the all-girls' school in Tanzania—Salem Academy! We arranged a meeting with the Headmaster, but before we had the chance to meet with the Dean of Students, Ms. Thompson, tragedy struck the school in Tanzania. A strong thunderstorm blew the roof off one of the dormitories of the Bishop Kisanji School while the girls were sleeping! Through the immediate contributions of many anonymous donors both in Tanzania and America, the roof was not only replaced, but the building was brought up to the code required by the government of Tanzania.

After meeting with Ms. Thompson, the new partnership began! Following a short class on Tanzania, the girls from Salem Academy wrote open letters to the girls attending the Bishop Kisanji School. Due to an unexpected trip to Tanzania for work on the new vulnerable children project near Mwanza, Lilyann Sapp was able to hand deliver the letters along with yearbooks, a yearly publication of works of art produced by the students and other supplies. In addition, the school was presented with Bibles, books on Bible education and English dictionaries. Also delivered on this trip were mosquito nets for each girl purchased with money given primarily by Roberta Pettit's grandchildren. Upon hearing about the girls and the school, they gave their allowance to buy the nets. The circle of friendship that began at the Women's Conference continues to grow!

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Mission Awareness Dinner - May 2, 2010 - 5:00 p.m.-
Prelude 4:30

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