



Hearts for Haiti

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By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be approximately eight months since the earthquake hit Haiti. Many of you have responded so generously to the rebuilding fund. This issue will give you a pictorial report of how you have blessed the children and staff of COPI Haiti and to thank you for your faithfulness. The Lord says in Philippians 4:19: ***And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*** He gave us help when as humans we were overwhelmed by the need. To all of you, you are a blessing. In addition, we were able to take a team of workers for the first time in nearly four years. What joy filled our hearts to interact with the children on your behalf.



The east end of the main administration building which also houses the boys' home, the guest rooms, and the food storage depots had extensive damage. There was major damage was to the lower wall which is the supporting wall for the second floor. Taken March 2010.



Supporting the second floor, removing the damaged walls and preparing spaces for new larger support columns were some of the first day's reconstruction activities.



Larger deeper support bases and complete lower wall removal were completed and now we're now ready to begin rebuilding



With support columns of six ½” rebar erected and cemented in the base, it was time to start laying up blocks.



The block was all laid and support columns partially poured awaiting curing . By the time you receive this, the doors will be reinstalled and only some interior work will remain before the building can be safely inhabited again.

What a team! It was hot and painting was sticky, but look what they did!



The sun and the 100 degree plus heat had dried out the doors and luan paneling so that two and three coats of paint were needed to cover and protect the wood. The blue tint in the lower right hand picture is from the blue tarp the men used to construct some shade. By 9:00 a.m., the sun was beating down intensely. Painting the interior paneling was a hot, hot job but it brightened the interior of the room and gave the rooms a feeling of home.

The only comment I heard from the team was on occasional “ Boy is it hot!” and it was!!



Former classrooms (destroyed January 12th then removed to keep from injuring anyone in March) now replaced with temporary housing for staff and children, moving them out of tents and helping protect them from hurricanes.



The front wall and gate in March - then as repairs were partially completed in June - and finally as it looked on August 10th, 2010.



The south wall: not much of a barrier in March - somewhat better in June - now provides a sense of security. The entire wall around the complex has been finished except for stretching some razor wire along the top.



The wall on the balcony of the girls' home left a breach in security. On the right it has been raised and strengthened to give peace of mind to those who need it.

Mama Val made sure the children had something to do as well!



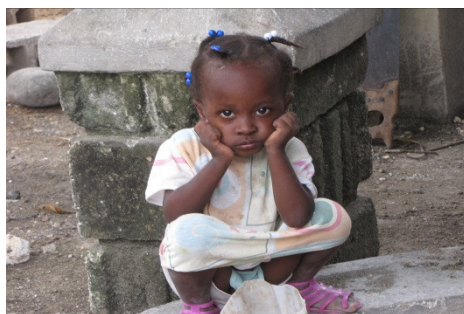
Mamma Val and Jimmy give the children some instruction on how to do the project.



Boys and girls from 6 to 25 all enjoyed decorating and personalizing backpacks left over from a VBS stateside.



A great job of coloring was evident as in the photo above and others.



Ingenuity, imagination, participation, decoration, medication, attention, amazement, wonderment, involvement, loving, caring, sharing, excitement, fulfillment, wonder, awe - these are some of the joyous emotions seen and felt as **YOUR** ambassadors to **Children of Promise Haiti**.



Will you please pray for the children? Our experience has shown that when a child is regularly remembered to our Father in Heaven, **He** answers that prayer. Pray in general: God will answer specifically. ***Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.*** Matt. 6:8 KJV

The Lord has asked me to help COPI Haiti by:

- Increasing my monthly support to \$_____ for each child/worker or \$_____ for my sponsored project(s)
- Providing a monthly One-time Other: _____ donation for _____
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- Helping to purchase a new vehicle with a contribution of \$ _____
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