



Hearts for Haiti

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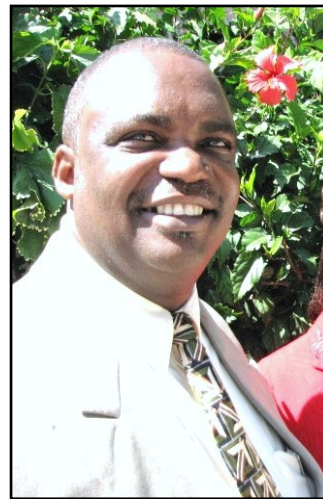
- Good-bye for now, Pastor Joel Beaucejour.
- Re-building after the earthquake.
- New leaders for COPI Haiti.
- Opportunities

On May 23rd 2010, our National Director, brother, friend and tireless leader entered his eternal rest with our Lord Jesus Christ just fifty years and five days after his birth.

At his funeral, I heard this said about Pastor Joel Beaucejour: *“he was big enough to love the world and small enough to hug a child”*. Over the last twenty-two years, Poppy Joel has hugged, loved, and cared for hundreds of children: three of his own and several more just like them. Joel helped untold children come to the Lord at Children of Promise Haiti.

Joel and his wife Rose began the ministry at the direction of Ball World Missions (now Children of Promise International). Devoted to the cause of bringing children to

IN MEMORIAM



Pastor Joel Beaucejour
May 1960-May 23, 2010

Jesus, Joel served enthusiastically, faithfully, unselfishly, and lovingly for all these years.

Joel was a target for kidnapping, escaping execution through the grace of God during one successful attempt and barely escaping a second attempt. He remained a faithful warrior for Christ—even when his wife and family fled for their safety to Canada.

I have never known anyone who met Pastor Joel that didn't come away loving him. He saw the best in people and instilled them to work with him for the Lord. I would not be in my current position with COPI if Pastor Joel had not only encouraged me, but pushed me to accept the responsibilities entrusted to me. He and I, and many others, were truly brothers and sisters in the Lord. Praise the Lord we will see each other again in Heaven.

REBUILDING PROGRESS

Most of the debris left by the devastating earthquake in March has been picked up and reused or removed. As of June 7th, all of the security wall around the compound has been rebuilt to at least four feet high and by the time this article is published, the wall should be finished at about 10 feet.

Contributions from many churches, organizations and individuals have made this possible: because our Lord knows our needs even before we ask.

My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory (Phillipians 4:19). This promise is in being fulfilled in our sight! *Thank you!!*

We were blessed to have an engineering company visit our complex and do an extensive analysis and make recommendations for restoring our buildings to a useful and safe condition. As a result of God's goodness, we are now confident that the buildings can be repaired with complete demolition and rebuilding.

Teams will be visiting the compound in July and August to assist Haitian workers in reinforcing and rebuilding damaged structures to make them safe for habitation. Please pray for all who go that they will be safe from the heat, hurricanes, injury and that many hearts will be transformed.

MARCH



Temporary sheet-metal walls were erected shortly after the earthquake to protect the children (view from the main entrance).



Portions of the storage areas were reduced to rubble by the quake.



Temporary living space was erected using rope and blue plastic tarps to protect the children from the elements.



Another view of the temporary sheet-metal compound walls and the rubble that was once a security wall.

PROGRESS!

JUNE



Most of the sheet-metal has been replaced with concrete blocks and reinforced columns.



The damaged walls are torn down, the rubble is removed and the area is ready for rebuilding.



Thirteen larger, more livable tents have been erected on concrete block platforms to keep them out of heavy rains.



Well-constructed, reinforced concrete block forms the base for the new security walls.

Our Proposed Home Director Committee



Jimmy Joseph and Esther



Madam Sulfise

Jimmy, Madam Sulfise and Pastor Nidaud make up the committee to run Children of Promise Haiti in the wake of Pastor Joel's call home. They will strive for unanimity as they make decisions with the help of our Lord. Please pray for them as they undertake this great responsibility and pray for guidance as I travel to Haiti in August to help work out logistical problems and reassure the workers and children in Haiti that we are still here and God is still in control!



Pastor Nidaud Beausejour

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: Now that the dust has settled a little bit, we are aware of opportunities and the need for CHILDREN OF PROMISE HAITI to take in more children. Will you please tell your friends, family and church members the joy you receive in helping provide food, clothing, education opportunities and MOST of all: the chance for God's children to hear about Jesus and invite them to join with you in this effort. We have the room, but it does take dollars. Thank you.

— Please PRAY Daily for COPI Haiti —

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 _____
- Sponsoring a new girl's home or boy's home for \$_____ per Month Year One-time Other _____
- Helping to purchase a new vehicle with a contribution of \$ _____
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