

Outreach Update

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support for our recent Haiti outreach. Nefthalie (Tali) Suglia, one of the interpreters who went with us shares, "I still can't believe that we have moved on with our busy lives, but I know that Haiti will remain deeply in our souls. Who could forget the pain and agony that my people have endured? I think we saw evidence of how resilient we Haitians are and how we remain standing with our heads held high and our hearts full of hope, even though we have been subjected to so much devastation. The stories we heard were so similar and yet so personal to each individual. As a listener, I found myself feeling weak, speechless or even numb when I heard my people have no place to stay, no longer have families, don't know where the next meal is coming from and yet they retain their hope and faith." Tali moved from Haiti to the US 10 years ago when she was 16 years old. After the earthquake, over 600 patients traveled to Hospital Lumiere (Hospital of Light) in Bonne Fin (which means Happy Ending), which is

~ 100 miles from Port-au-Prince.

Local hospitals were filled or destroyed... One of the local Haitian physicians, Dr. Rudolph Richeme, also lost his home in Port-au-Prince, but traveled to Bonne Fin to help. Hospital Lumiere had been scheduled to close prior to the earthquake...but God had a different plan. There is much

potential if the hospital is restored. They have no running water on the nursing units and very little lighting. In the first weeks they worked desperately to triage many patients, stabilizing fractures and performing many amputations. When our team finally arrived at Bonne Fin (through a flood and by way of a helicopter ride provided by Samaritan Purse), there were approximately 70 orthopedic patients in the hospital, and we received approximately 10 outpatients each day who needed further orthopedic care, admitting some of them to the hospital. Family members provide all personal care and food and sleep on the floor and often under the patient's bed. We were able to provide physical therapy to the patients and train a bilingual PT aide to continue to treat patients with proper care. I took a physical therapy book which he will be able to use. (cont.)



Jodeliene

SAVE THE DATE!

Adult Retreat

August 14, 2010

The Bible Walk Museum.

RSVP required by July 14.

330.315.5523

Mark 2 Lunch/

Silent Auction

October 9, 2010

The Chapel in Akron

Honduras Mission Trip

November 12 - 20, 2010

Join a team!

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Haiti Outreach continued...

There are so many stories to share...One little girl stole my heart. Her home was demolished and her entire family crushed in the quake. Jodeliene's grandma pushed her in a wheelbarrow for 100 miles to Hospital Lumiere. Natalie, a PTA here in Ohio gave me toys to take to the children and one baby doll was just right for little Jodeliene! I was able to take it to her early one morning and she smiled and her grandma cried and showed me a picture of her family. We talked about Jesus... Little Jodeliene was discharged but did not leave the hospital while we were there. They had no place to go. Please join us in prayer for the many needs in Haiti.



Jodeliene and Margaret at Hospital Lumiere, Bonne Fin Haiti



Strength of Heart

Through The Roof Ministries participated once again in the highly anticipated **Ohio Christian Education Association** (OCEA) conference in March held at The Chapel in Akron. An exciting synergy flowed through the halls as believers from all over the state and from every walk of life joined together to grow, learn, and share in Christian community. A steady stream

of interested individuals visited the Through The Roof Ministries booth during the three day event and we enjoyed personally connecting with people. OCEA also offered a wonderful venue to introduce *Heart Force*, a discipleship training manual of Strength of Heart. With the joint effort of many ministry friends and a grant, *Heart Force* is now available for distribution and use by individuals and group Bible study. It was a fun surprise to discover the *Heart Force* workshop filled with people curious about it. Several were searching for ways to help and encourage friends and family members who suffered from illness or disability; others hungered for hope in midst of hardships. *Heart Force* shares powerful tools from the Bible for believers to use their life circumstances to bring glory to God and advance his kingdom. For more information contact Shanda Grubb Gobeli at shanda.gobeli@the-chapel.org or 330-315-5523.

Through **Fellowship of Friends** local outreach we seek to include individuals with and without disabilities in a variety of venues to promote healthy socialization opportunities and independent living skills in fun and purposeful ways. In early 2010 we enjoyed meals and conversations at Hattie's Café on Brown street and The Spaghetti Warehouse downtown Akron.

Ultimately the goal of the monthly gatherings is to point individuals toward connecting deeper with Jesus Christ. Through one-on-one discussions and group devotions, giving thanks at meal times and praying for the people who



come, we are eternally focused as we integrate locally around Summit County and beyond. We appreciate your prayers for our upcoming outings which includes bowling (a favorite of all), a trip to the creation museum, a summer retreat and more. We hope you will join us!



LOCAL OHIO UPCOMING EVENTS:

Creation Museum

Friday, May 28, 2010

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Akron Fossils and
Science Center

2080 South Cleveland-Massillon
Rd., Copley, OH

Akron Zoo

Friday, June 25, 2010

11:30 AM

Edgewood Ave.,
Akron, OH

RSVP 330.315.552

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UPCOMING REACH OUT INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE

SIGN UP NOW:

*Central America
Mission Trip*

2010 Schedule

Mission Trip date:

November 12 - 20, 2010

Estimated Outreach
cost - \$1,800

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more details.

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