

# West Family in Haiti

February 2015

Serving in Galette Chambon, Haiti with ...But God Ministries



## 2014 Recap:

**Teams Hosted:** About 40 teams came and held VBS, Bible Studies, Pastors' Conferences, and various seminars to share the love of Jesus Christ to people in & around our village. To date, we have seen over 300 people come to know Jesus as his personal Lord Savior in our village, and many more have grown into a deeper relationship with Christ. Amen!!

**Housing:** Many houses have been built in both our village of Galette Chambon as well as Thoman. Many more teams are coming in 2015 to build more houses for people who live in deplorable conditions.

**Water:** We now have installed four water wells in our village. One is public access, one will supply water for bathing and irrigation to homes near Hope Center, one is for the orphanage, and one is for Hope Center mission facility. Praise the Lord!

**Food:** The chicken program is HUGE. Over 20 families are participating. They purchase the coup & chickens by giving back eggs which provides a job for a local woman as she buys the eggs and sells them in the market. God's plan of provision!

**Education:** Over 220 young people were able to go to school because God provided tuition, uniforms, books, backpacks, & shoes. We also started a 7<sup>th</sup> grade school, which allows nearly 50 bright young people to continue their education in our village. God has a plan for this generation.

**Clinic:** We have seen thousands of medical and dental patients in our clinic as well as many mobile clinics, & to date well over 100 babies have been safely born at Hope Center Clinic. Hallelujah!

**Thoman:** The New Hope Center II was built as God stretches His hand of love & provision farther into Haiti and the Warren's have moved in and are getting settled.

**Church:** Our church has grown tremendously, and now we have started a children's' church, which allows them to be disciplined, and the adults to focus on the message from the pastor. It's great!

## Looking Back & Forward

2014 was another amazing year for us at Hope Center. God provided the manpower & resources to do so many things that people have been praying about for a long time. We are so grateful to Him for His provision & wisdom. Some highlights are listed at right. As a family, we had the opportunity to serve together on several occasions. The kids came to Haiti for Spring Break, Jacob spent the summer with us, & all of them returned to Haiti to celebrate Thanksgiving. We made a very memorable trip to the Pine Forest & received many gifts of provision along the way. We enjoyed a wonderful FRESH Thanksgiving meal with friends from our village & every bit of it was a gift from God as friends in both Haiti & the US blessed us with vegetables, fresh turkeys & a goat! We've never cooked fresh turkeys, much less a goat! However, our friend Makil helped prepare the turkeys & Tony & the boys cooked the goat in a ground pit, luau-style! We invited the Warren's & Merystal's down to join us from Thoman, & everyone was truly THANKFUL for God's provision of love, friends, & food. Currently, we have been enjoying an extended visit with our family over the Christmas holidays & winter furlough. We are returning to Haiti February 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin many new projects that God has given us as we seek His will in building a sustainable community in Haiti.

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. — 2 Corinthians 9:8*

## Giving Thanks with Friends

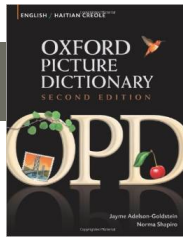
We are so excited that our friends Terry and Kathy Warren have moved into Hope Center II up in Thoman. They will be working closely with Pastor Mathurin and his wife Genese in the village of Thoman hosting teams and ministering to the people of that village.





## Education:

This year will be an exciting year in our village with education. We will add to our Hope Center secondary school by starting an 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and we will start teaching Creole Literacy & English classes at our Hope Center church. Teams will be able to help us in the classes when they come to serve at Hope Center. Anyone can help by contributing to BGM school or purchasing a textbook on Amazon.com. Email Mickie for details: [tnmwest@gmail.com](mailto:tnmwest@gmail.com)



## Clinic:

As many of you have watched with amazement the growth of our clinic at Hope Center, you can imagine how difficult it is to offer proper healthcare to a population of over 20,000 in a closet-like space as it is now.

Plans have been drawn and funds are being raised to add 4-6 more exam rooms, office space for records, a larger, covered waiting area, and more storage & pharmacy space. We currently have a Haitian doctor on staff, and we are hoping to hire some nursing staff this year as well, providing much needed jobs in our community. We are also implementing some Prenatal, Childbirth, & Post-partum seminars that teams will come and lead for expectant mothers in our village. Eventually, we are even looking at hosting Birth Attendant & Midwifery Training courses. This year we also plan to become an accepted landing zone for Haiti Air Ambulance!



## Orphanage:

Very soon, we will be adding seven more precious children to our children's home which means that we will have 20 children being cared for with 3 meals a day, clean bathing and drinking water, a comfortable bed, Godly guidance, a good education, and lots of love! There will be two young women joining us as interns this year to help nurture and teach the children daily, and we are excited about the opportunities teams will have to interact as well.



As you can imagine, it is not possible to even begin to tell you all of the things God has given BGM vision for over the next year, but suffice it to say that we are extremely excited! We feel so very blessed to know that God has placed people like you in our lives to help us in so many ways. Some of you support us financially, and please know that without your support, we could not live here and do what we do daily, so we are so very thankful. Some of you have supported us in other ways of tangible giving such as places to stay when we are in the states, or a car to drive, or a place to store our "stuff," or cooking us a meal, etc. and we cannot say thank you enough for tangibly helping us in these ways. God uses you to bless us. Then we believe that ALL of you support us through your prayers and encouraging words. Some people place prayer on the bottom of the list as if it's doing little, but we have come to realize that prayer is on the TOP of the list of support, and we are eternally grateful for those times when you lift us up to the throne room of God. We love you and are thankful! ~Tony & Mickie West

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*Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. ~ Proverbs 22:6*