

Half Past Something!

Our time in Haiti is passing by so quickly. There is so much to do, and so little time! Fortunately it is all for good with new staff coming into place who have exceptional gifts and experience to carry forward the response in Haiti. Ron and I have passed the half way point in our commitment here. If time flies when you are having fun, then fun it is!

What's Up?

Plywood, plywood and more plywood! Construction teams are going strong. Once the recipients of a wood framed house have done the work of anchoring it down and finishing the foundation with cement provided by CRWRC, the plywood goes on. The houses are then sturdy and safe!

Capacity building

CRWRC is sponsoring a 4-day leadership training for members of the community advisory group in the month of August. Please pray as they explore topics such as collaboration, communications and problem solving.

Trauma:

The earthquake stories continue to amaze us. Even for those who were completely

spared, the trauma and magnitude of the quake comes through in their family stories.

Imagine being 80 years old. Over the years you have built 5 houses in Port au Prince which you rent out as a source of income. In 40 seconds they are all gone – completely. 14 tenants are dead. Then imagine this man's son out searching for him and finding his father 3 days later wandering the street in a state of shock. Taking him home, they were followed by a small crowd and he found there were 42 people camping in their yard – hungry and afraid. The stories never end.

How do you heal from such an experience? The idea of talking to a psychologist here seems to have a stigma attached to it, although there are many people in need of professional help.

In the meantime, CRWRC leads the beneficiaries to process their grief and to dare to interact, to get some exercise to reduce their pent up stress. Maybe even laugh?

Just maybe! A lady in her 70's laughed with joy when given the chance to kick a ball! CRWRC psycho social sessions have included 1,000 participants to date!



"Merci! Merci! Merci, CRWRC," shouts a woman at one of the session. "Miss Lauris, Miss Lauris, merci, merci!"



Home Sweet Home

"How can I be anything but happy? God has given me a house!," said Andrea (pictured right). Destin is also all smiles about her new wood framed house – she says that feels much safer now. Destin and her husband are working on a creative floor finish using broken tiles (pictured below). It looks lovely! When CRWRC Senior Project Manager, Ken Little, asked whose idea was that – she said hers. And who did the work? Her husband. Some things are cross cultural!



PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask for prayers for:

- No cyclones
- Many more people safe inside new homes
- Healing from trauma
- A smooth transition for new staff
- Housing for new staff which suits their needs
- Good health to stay energized and focused



CONTACT US

ron.g.fuller@gmail.com

laurisfuller@gmail.com

CRWRC-US

2850 Kalamazoo Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49560
1-800-55-CRWRC

CRWRC-Canada

3475 Mainway
PO Box 5070 STN LCD I
Burlington, ON
L7R 3Y8

WWW.CRWRC.ORG



CRWRC

Living Justice, Loving Mercy

Wisdom from Haiti

Proverbs and expressions are always fascinating! The Bible has many wonderful ones and local cultures have their own. Here are some from Haiti just for fun:

Two prese fe ou bo sou nen.
Too hurried makes you kiss on the nose.
In a hurry, one will miss the mark.

Se pa ak rara kenbe zwazo.
You don't catch birds with a carnival band.
You will scare away a person you are trying to convince if you talk too much.

Tout kod gen de bout.
Every rope has two ends.
Every dispute has two sides.

These proverbs are sourced from a book published by a wonderful Baptist Mission.

The proverbs are good reminders as we move about the communities, wanting to build quickly, trying to listen more than we speak and hearing differing points of view on just about everything!



The CRWRC-Haiti Disaster Response Team

Back Row: Tommy, Sem, Allan, Lauris, Phil, Theodore, Jeancky, Smarth, Diego

Front row: Cleeford, Henry, Murphy, Ron