

Haiti Update

Thursday – Evening – October 6, 2016

Current plans are to leave for the SA Airport early on Friday morning, spend Friday night in Ft Lauderdale, and arrive in Port-au-Prince on Saturday morning. According to the schedule, we will miss Hurricane Matthew and other storm clouds that are floating around. We never put much faith in weather forecasts, but we always check them.

I plan on returning on October 15. Helen will be meeting a medical team that is coming in on the plane I am leaving on and will stay another week.

Before Matthew hit, we heard that the orphans from the Faith Lutheran Orphanage were moved to the second floor of Faith Lutheran Church in Gonaives. We have not heard anything since Matthew arrived.

The Port-au-Prince Airport reopened for business on Wednesday, October 5. With relief supplies coming in, the airport is very busy.

I heard from Newton Michel yesterday. We met at a Monolithic Dome workshop. He lives not far from San Marc and reports that he is doing OK. He wrote, "At this time, I do not know people who suffered disaster caused by Hurricane Matthew (communication is lost with Grand'Anse and a big part of South Department. But it is sure there's a lot of roofs stolen by winds."

This morning I heard from Lophane. He and his family are OK.

I'll be taking my supply of **Kay pou Jubilee** books. We will not be using them on this trip, but Lophane will have them and will start distributing them before we head back in December.

Our plans for December are to finish the Candice Dominguez Girls' Dorm and build one home in Jubilee. If we can get the details worked out, Candice will come for the dedication just before Christmas. If a few more details are worked out, she will bring her family.

As all of you know who have "interesting life styles," it is support and understanding from the spouse that allows us to go out and do what we do. Keep Judy, and Helen's husband, Lloyd, in your prayers.

Communication back to the states will not be as good as it has been on past trips when we have complained about how bad it was. When I can get a report sent out, I will send it to Alice Klement at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran. She will edit it and pass it out to those on the church mailing list. If I do not get a report to her, she has my permission to fabricate one. If you would like to receive those interim reports and are not on the church mailing list, let Alice know and she will forward them to you. (Alice@shepherdlutheran.com).

We are asked regularly how we can donate to help the people in Haiti. Here is information on two organizations. Shepherd of the Hills is my home

church. We work through a group called Mission: Haiti. There are a plethora of organizations called Mission: Haiti, so it can be confusing. Money donated to Shepherd of the Hills is funneled through Mission: Haiti. This ensures that we do not overlap in our work. Mission: Haiti has a lot more experience working in Haiti and ensuring that funds are carefully applied and tracked than Shepherd of the Hills.

Mission: Haiti

Email: missionhaiti99@aol.com

Website <http://missionhaiti99.org/>

The Mission: Haiti website needs someone to give it some tender loving care. Several people have planned on upgrading it, but with so much to do, it does not get done.

Office address Mission:Haiti
2269 University Dr. #227
Davie FL 33324

EIN # 59-3599396.

Mission: Haiti is an IRS recognized 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

Donations can be made by sending a check to the office address or by going to their website and donating via PayPal. If you donate via PayPal, be sure and send an email listing how you want the funds used. Alternatives include, but are not limited to feeding orphans, construction, VBS, Community Health Missions (medical missions) and lots more.

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Donations can be made by mailing a check to the church. Be sure to specify which fund you want the donation to apply to. Alternatives include construction, orphans, general fund, travel for key people, etc.

PS: I was going to have this finished by noon and have the church send it out with the weekly newsletter, but it is now well after 8:00 pm and I missed the deadline. For some reason I thought getting packed to leave in the morning was more important than writing. Hopefully you are chuckling.