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Ministry

Dearest friends,

We hope this update finds you all doing wonderful and enjoying the summer pace. I love summertime! I love having our children home around us, reading good books together, and just taking in how truly amazing they are. Growing-up in Arizona the summer days were oh sooooo sunny and long. But, now living in Florida, we enjoy a mid afternoon thunderstorm and that gets us out-of-doors to play with neighborhood friends playing capture the flag and visit with neighbors. We enjoyed with several neighborhood families a fantastic firework celebration over the Fourth of July; the mom's remarking how blessed we are to have one another to share this stage of life. There have been a couple fun VBS groups to attend, as well, one where Zac was coach teaching basketball skills and Bree teaching soccer skills. Josh enjoyed a local church outreach basketball camp where he learned a three-point jumper and 9 reasons to stay out of jail! Bree enjoyed Worship in the Arts camp at our home church. Bree was encouraged to grow in artistry and faith. The "Let Us Pray" evening of worship was telecast live on the web and our family in AZ

was able to watch her perform! WOW! A real sweetness as being 2500 miles from home is often hard on each of us. God is so good!

Brian leaves for Haiti next week with THM partner to meet with Pastor Jude. Pastor Jude's church is a new church plant, that Brian has been sharing with you. The time is here! After, a team from Iowa will meet Brian at Open Door. A few on this team went to Haiti with me March 2011 and others are going for the first time. They have big hearts that want to see their mission work have life changing and lasting impacts, not just in Iowa but also in Haiti. They will complete the water system for the chicken houses and install a security fence around the two houses.

God gives good gifts! Jesus works here and now. Together, we serve in HIS name. WE ARE GRATEFUL for each of you! YOU spur us on to keep on keeping on. Thank you for your support. May God richly bless you with his deep love and joy.

With affection,

kathy & brian



A friend purchased this book, for us. To our surprise, we find the publisher choose a picture of Zac for the cover. The title matches our desires...

THE KIDS OF SUMMER





Chicken or the Egg...

That question has been around for a long time. Our poultry farmers are experiencing that dilemma now. Chicken meat or eggs, what fetches the most profit? What creates the most jobs?

Our initial trials are just wrapping up, and it looks like eggs are the answer. I don't think it answered the age old question, but eggs are the right answer for our farmers.



Fortunately, we received wise counsel early that allowed us to change directions pretty seamlessly and we are now putting more of our focus and attention on the eggs.

Our team from Iowa will be installing a security fence around the two houses already constructed, and we will begin the quick process of converting the houses from meat production to eggs.

This endeavor continues to remind me that God is the one who brings blessing. We can plan, work hard, but blessings are from above. God is the one who brings blessings, He asked us to prepare for them. God maybe teaching that same lesson to our Haitian friends as well. A simple thing as chicken farming can teach many a life lesson, if we only slow down and listen.

Prayer request:

1. Families spiritual and physical health
2. Blessings as I lead a team in July to Haiti
3. Blessings and wisdom as I introduce a ministry partner to Pastor Jude this month
4. Financial support of my family to increase
5. For God to enlarge my personal community/ team of ministry ???
6. Rain for our friends in Iowa

Thank you for all your support and prayers. We can't do this without YOU!

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Solar Power & Farming

Equipping farmers in our growing network to become more efficient with the land they have is a key value of Thousand Hills Ministry.

Ti-Ro-Ro (green shirt) is a member of Open Door Church. The land pictured here is about two acres and is a typical

*size for this region. His family knows how to farm, the soil is rich, what is needed most, **irrigation.***

Palmcroft church, in Phx, has a team planning to install a well and solar power system for the orphanage at Open Door. The well will also be used to irrigate the 3 acre corn field adjacent to the orphanage. Our hope, what we learn about solar powered wells there, will have a tremendous impact on farmers like Ti-Ro-Ro, his family, network partners and many others.



One of our partners, MFK Haiti, has seen a 60% increase in crop production with irrigation! Their farming trials are encouraging, but I guess it's very basic. Water enables life!