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the STOUT'S SERVING HAÏTI

In January 2009 Brian spoke to a Sunday school class in Phoenix and discussed an opportunity to go on a mission trip to Haïti. The class excitement spread. Meetings,



PASTOR DAN, ENCOURAGING THE YOUNG LEADERS OF THE CHURCH TEACHING GOD'S WORD ON LEADERSHIP

ideas, praying. Fundraising, pie selling, team-time preparing what they would do. Everyone was involved in the planning, including Brian's parents, Jim



ROMA, AN EDUCATOR HERSELF, WORKS WITH THE TEACHERS OF ODH SCHOOL

and Karen Stout. (January, 2010) One year has passed and the team launched their dream, they were ready to go and serve the church in Haïti. Then... the killer earthquake! Brian flew to Haïti alone to make contact with our Haïtian friends there. Finding them all safe was a relief. However, upon his return to the US the Cap Haïten airport closed and Brian realized he



SUE AND HER TEAM TEACHING ADVANCED SEWING SKILLS TO ENCOURAGE JOB CREATION

would not get this team to Haïti, not now or anytime soon. The Phoenix missions team trip was postponed and for the next YEAR they never gave up hope of going to Haïti to fulfill all that God had put on their hearts. January 2011, after another 12 months of waiting, praying, and preparing it is now time to go to the tropical island they had dreamed of for two years! Enjoy the pictures of their trip:



JOAN AND ALLISON PULLING TEETH TO THE GLORY OF GOD



PUTTING ON THE ROOF



Making progress...

Who knew that "raising the roof" would be this much fun. Well, someone needed to take pictures :-)



My Mom and Dad meet Pastor Wiljean and see for themselves all that God is doing at Open Door Ministries.



Larry, Mike, and Jim, (my dad) with Winston. Winston is the orphanage carpenter and a member of Open Door Church.



Karen, (my mom) with Juedlin (the student Kathy sponsors.) My mom had heard so much about Juedlin and was thrilled to finally meet him.

Brian's mom's turn

Brian had done his best to describe what Open Door is like, but after being there and seeing for ourselves Haiti and what God is doing in the ODH ministry, well, simply... AMAZING! It's like "trying to describe the Grand Canyon", he kept telling us. He was right!

After arriving at the church, we met Ma Pas

(Pastor Wiljean's wife), Pastor Peter and his wife, Hellene (they have a paid job through the game board project sewing) and seeing the many beautiful children, Brian's Dad and I fell in love with Haiti and her people. We now could, to some degree, understand what Brian felt after his first trip there in 2003. We were there to serve, but were treated as honored guests.

To see our son doing

what God has called him to was wonderful. We are so proud of him and thankful of the work God has prepared for him. He handles himself with such ease and grace. He had the same smile on his face during our first question as he did our 100th... Also when I misunderstood Pastor

Peter telling me about the "car" he purchased with the money he made from from his job sewing the game board bags, Brian was gracious to tell me it was a "cow" he purchased and not a car. :-)



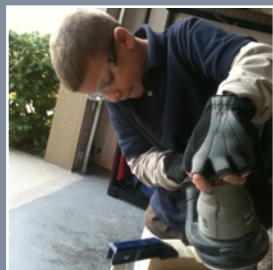
We were so taken with the church service on Sunday. The people dress for honoring God and worship Him with such abandon. What love they have for our Savior, and how encouraging that was to us. Not only did we sense the Presence, but were awakened nearly each morning with the sound of music praising the Lord. The roosters joined in too!

"Would you go back?" was the last question our Missions Director asked us during our teams return debriefing meeting. Without hesitation, all 10 of us said yes, yes, yes! I pray God will allow us to return soon.

With Love,

Karen Stout

At home...



Joshua turned 9 this month! He enjoys power tools and playing outdoors with his friends.

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

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