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# Thousand Hills

## Ministry

### From Iowa to Haiti and Back...

In late July our team of 16 left Iowa and headed to Haiti with Thousand Hills Ministry. For some this was a return trip but for many, including 5 teenagers, this was a first time experience. The purpose of our trip was to build fencing around a chicken house, work at the orphanage with projects for the kids, help in the clinic and **be available for the usual surprises God has in store!** You might guess that He did not disappoint.

Right away the men started in on the fencing. They enjoyed working with the Haitian men and **developing friendships** with them and the many children who stopped by to check on the progress. While the men were busy with fencing, the women went to the orphanage to work with the kids and hopefully give the women who work there a much deserved break. They enjoyed crafts, coloring, dancing and singing. It was such a joy to spend time with them and to see what **an amazing job the Haitian women there do** with the kids.



Unfortunately, some on our team were plagued with stomach issues that caused a few changes in our schedule. But even in this, **God was at work.** He reminded us that our plans are not His plans and the down time was used for God to really work in the lives of those on the trip. Even as we have been home and looked back over our time in Haiti, several of our team members have commented on how God used the slower pace of this trip to deepen and focus their relationships with Him.

~It was so exciting to see the progress that has taken place in the area of Bois de Lance! Many on our team were so inspired by how Thousand Hills really encourages ministries but also families. It was exciting to watch the **Haitian men taking pride in their work and supporting their families.**

~One other impact we have seen is how this trip has inspired many of us to find ways to serve God at home. There are others who are working on finding ways to continue supporting the efforts they began in Haiti. **God ignited something during our week there** in the hearts of our team that has continued to burn even as we are settled back into our daily routines.

Lorna Gioffredi, team leader.





It's a season of fruit at Thousand Hills! Over the years one of our partners, Markham Woods church sent teams to Haiti with me. During their last trip they installed irrigation pipes to carry water needed to irrigate the parcel adjacent to the orphanage at Open Door.

Today, our partner Palmcroft church in Phoenix, is sending a team to have a well drilled which will provide the water for

this irrigation system! and... the glorious part is this water is not just for the crops, but now will also serve the children at the orphanage. A shared well provided in the desire to serve will bring life to this ministry of the church! Another beautiful thing... this new well will be solar powered! That means no more hand pumping for daily water. It also means there is enough power to fill the 700 gallon water storage tank Palmcroft is also providing. The solar powered well will be powerful enough to fill a storage tank and water the crops, (not at the same time- for those engineers out there) and no diesel gas to purchase... Whoot!

This inspiring solar project will also teach us how solar power can be leveraged to power future agricultural wells. What a gift this source of knowledge will be for many churches in our Haiti network!

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

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Jacques

## Sustainability in action.

Investing in the right people will have greater potential to improve the physical and spiritual lives of the people of Haiti. Through our partners we have identified two more Christian leaders to do just that.

Jacques Saintelus is a prominent veterinarian in the Cap Haitien area as well is a successful chicken farmer. With his years of success he has become a mentor in animal husbandry and raising poultry for profit.

Junior Hyppolite has been a student of Jacques for many years. Junior is now enrolled in the University Christian du Nord d'Haiti, completing his college studies in Agronomy. A next generation in-country leader.

Our vision has taken an exciting step forward. Investing in Junior through providing him with a 500 bird poultry house- his own small business, he is supporting himself with his business, as well, he will be teaching and inspiring others in our network with his gifting. Praise God!