

Making Disciples... Who Make Disciples... Worldwide!

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HELP SEND JENNIFER ON A MISSION TO HAITI WITH ME SEPTEMBER 2-7. (\$850)
BESIDES DOING A DENTAL CLINIC, WE ARE CONSIDERING ADOPTING EDITHE & EDLINE, AND SHE WOULD LOVE TO MEET THESE PRECIOUS LITTLE GIRLS!

Celebrating 10 Years! Amsterdam 2000

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**10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK,
10 DAYS IN AMSTERDAM
CHANGED OUR LIVES FOREVER!**

I'm writing this edition of Holliday Adventures from Nairobi, Kenya. I'm here to work with our Disciplemaking Trainers who are impacting youth leaders across Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania & Burundi. I'm here because, after meeting them at the Billy Graham Conference for Evangelists in Amsterdam, Hammre and Mickey invited me to minister with them in Kenya... and I finally came... in 2004. I'm here because Kenya is now a second home. Our family lived here for 6 months while adopting Mary-Faith, and God planted Africa and its people in our hearts. I'm here because God is at work here, and He has called us to join him, building His church, helping the hurting, training young leaders & impacting the next generation. In Amsterdam, it was not the world renowned conference speakers who influenced my life the most, but rather the humble servants with out-of-this-world faith like Hammre, Mickey & Wiljean from Haiti. This marks my 14th trip to Africa over the last seven years. Thank you for joining us on this amazing faith journey by praying, giving, encouraging, celebrating, or even going!

Bwana Asifiwe!



Hammre, Mickey and Myself with a few other attendees at Amsterdam 2000.



Mickey & I traveling to Kigali, Rwanda for training



Hammre & his fiance', Sharipher

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Changing Lives in Haiti

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR ORPHANAGE

When friend Sam Todd called and asked me about the possibility of a group of college football players going to Haiti this summer to help build our orphanage, I had no idea what miracles God would do. When he told me that the trip was being organized by a couple of Christian players, but that half the group would not know Christ, I got excited. An evangelistic missions trip... where the missions team is the target... it was enough to make a youth evangelist drool. I began praying, "Lord, use this week in Haiti to change these young men's lives for eternity. Let them encounter You in a big, big way." Ten players made the trip, along with their head coach, a passionate Christ-follower.

The guys surprised me. I thought they would come, farm boys from Iowa and Nebraska, ready to roll up their sleeves and work, but I was amazed at how they threw themselves into the

culture. They made new friends, played with the children, challenged the Haitian Youth to a soccer match. They dove in head first.

And while they surprised me, I think that Haiti... and God... surprised them. They were broken over the poverty. They were amazed at the joy they saw. They had their eyes opened to a God they never knew.. Each night, I opened the scriptures and related them to our experiences in Haiti. One night, I opened to Matthew 25 and we read the story about the sheep and the goats... you know, "As much as you have done it for the least of these...." They could all easily relate, feeling that the good work they were doing was for God, and that they saw God in the Haitian people. But the discussion got interesting when I asked, "Is it really this simple? Do good for people, and you're a sheep... you're in. Don't do good for people, and you're a goat...

you're out? If not, then how do you get in?" I went on to explain the simple message of God's grace, forgiveness and salvation.

After a great week of work laying the foundation for Open Door's orphanage, on our last night in Haiti, we had a great team meeting. The guys opened up and shared honestly about how Haiti had impacted their lives and how they met God there. And then it was my turn to be surprised. I asked, "How many of you would say that it was here in Haiti this week that you reached up, took Christ's hand, received his forgiveness and gift of salvation?" As the words were coming out of my mouth, heads were nodding, and then the hands of all five guys who came on the trip not yet knowing Christ shot up in the air without hesitation. I had to hold back the tears. Lives changed for eternity!

Serving Christ, Doug & Jennifer



A mid-afternoon downpour led to a raucous game of mud football. Our Haitian friends laughed the whole time!



Pouring the Orphanage foundation.