

HOLLIDAY ADVENTURES

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Back to School Excitement!

We are always excited for what the Fall brings. With the beginning of a new school year, we see opportunities for our girls to grow and make new friends. We also see opportunities for us to be difference-makers in the public school system. Many of our children's classmates came to our church's VBS program this summer, many come each week to our CLUB56 and WildFire youth programs, and many families have ventured back to church for the first time in years!

PHD CANDIDATE

For years, I have considered pursuing the next level in my education, a Doctoral degree (hard to resist the idea of being called Doc Holliday). Time and money have always been the roadblock. Recently, Atlantic Coast Seminary offered me a scholarship for their PhD program, and my doctoral thesis for a book on Developing Leaders in Developing Nations has been approved. I'm excited for what I will learn, and for how it will sharpen me in ministry.



Another Season of SOYM

Our third year of the School Of Youth Ministry in Haiti has begun. Ten students ranging in age from 21-32 are enrolled in SOYM this Fall. Their four month intensive residential training program, followed by a six month internship, is just the beginning of what I expect to be great things that God

has in store for this year's students. Our first month of training focuses on the student's personal development... their relationship skills, personality, spiritual identity in Christ, spiritual gifts, life journey and calling. To learn more visit www.soym.org



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Jaclyn's first day at Millenium Middle School was made easier by having big sister Marisa there to show her the ropes. Emma and Mary-Faith are in 4th & 2nd grade at Bentley Elementary.



BIRTHDAY GIRLS: Marisa turns 14 on September 14th. Jaclyn turns 12 on September 29th. We are so proud of our two amazing birthday girls, and pray for their hearts to continue to grow bigger for God & His world!



OPEN DOOR SCHOOL begins classes in just a few short weeks. It is our fourth year sponsoring the School & Feeding Center, and we are in need of more child sponsors. Please pray! www.opendoorhaiti.org

Developing Leaders, Developing Nations!

by Doug Holliday

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Ten years ago in Amsterdam, God birthed in my heart a call to “the ends of the earth.” Instead of calling it the “third world,” we can more accurately call it the “majority world” as the economic, social, political and educational environment we see there prevails across most of the globe. But maybe the “call” to the ends of the earth began before Amsterdam. Maybe it began when God stirred my heart through the early days of the Promise Keeper’s movement to build bridges with African American pastors and break through the racial, social and economic barriers I saw in my own heart and community. Or maybe the call began on a college summer tour with Athletes in Action throughout Central and Eastern Europe, bringing the Gospel to impoverished communist countries like Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia. Maybe the call came when I stepped foot on the Campus of Liberty University in 1983 and was confronted with fellow students from around the world who would quickly

become friends. Maybe the “call” goes back even farther. Maybe it was when my parents would load the back of our station wagon with bags of groceries, clothes and toys and drive us across the California border into the shanty towns of Tiajuana, Mexico. I will never forget the scene of women and children gathering around the back of our wagon and the joy on

their faces. Or maybe the “call” was imbedded in my heart and mind as a young boy when my mom would play tapes for us at bedtime about the lives of famous missionaries. My favorite was John Paton, a missionary to the cannibals in Vanuatu. Or maybe, just maybe, God has been preparing me my whole life “for such a time as this.” Here am I, Lord. Send me!

ACTIVE LEARNING



The five mile hike to the waterfalls is an amazing experience for our SOYM students, especially when we strap them up and send them over the cliff for the climb of their life! Unforgettable...

* Team Building exercises like the “Electric Fence” reinforce the leadership concepts we are teaching our students in SOYM as they work together, communicate, problem-solve & achieve.



HAITI ADOPTION UPDATE



Jennifer and I just returned from Haiti, where she had the opportunity to meet the two orphaned girls we’ve been praying about adopting, Edline and Edithe. It was surreal for Jen to have these little ones immediately call her “mommy” and hold her hand, though not surprising since they have been calling me “poppy” for 9 months. Little Edithe was almost angry when we left Haiti without her. Pray for us. Adoptions in Haiti are complicated, but we are moving forward with the process with a Haitian lawyer.



THANK YOU!

Your generous support, fervent prayers and timely encouragement are a source of strength for the ministry adventure God has our family on together.

We love you and pray for you often, praying God’s blessing on your lives, for Him to expand your borders and place His hand on you, and for you to be kept from evil.

Serving Christ together.

Doug, Jen & the girls