



Merry Christmas!

From the Peart Family, Missionaries to Haiti

Dear Praying Friends,

There is a familiar Christmas song which says, "I'll be home for Christmas." This year, we are glad to be celebrating a Caribbean Christmas at home in Haiti.

Since returning to Haiti in September, we have been running non-stop. With our late arrival due to Micah's illness, we had much to do in only a little time. We began school the second week in October, with a total of 289 children enrolled in all three schools. Already this year we have had 6 children make decisions to accept the Lord. We also continued our child sponsorship program with 59 children who received help to attend school this year. Several of these children have had parents who have died in the past year due to the cholera epidemic. Thank you for your support and prayers for our Christian school ministry.

Our first church plant, New Life Baptist Church, is flourishing under the direction of our Haitian national pastor, Pastor Chavannes. He has had people accept the Lord almost every week since September. We were pleased to see that he has been able to reach into homes and now entire families are coming to the church together. The extra chairs which came on the container were a blessing because they were running out of places to sit in the church. Praise the Lord for growth in this church plant.

With our return also came a lot of rain. It rained everyday from September until early November. The abundance of rain made it difficult for us to cross the river to get to our second church plant, Good News Baptist Church. The rain, along with insufficient funds, made it impossible for us to be able to build in November as we had originally planned. Right now, we are continuing to build the church people spiritually as we wait on the Lord's timing and provision for the building of a permanent building.

While in the States on furlough, the Lord really impressed upon my heart the need for our two churches in Haiti to participate in world missions. So much has been put in to Haiti, but the Haitians are doing nothing to give out to others. Since returning to the field, I have had an opportunity to preach on this topic in both churches. Good News Baptist church set aside the last week in November as a week of prayer, and they began praying for missionaries for the first time. We have tentatively scheduled our first missions conference for early May. Please pray for me as I teach this fundamental Biblical principle to a people who have been blinded by Satan to the needs of others and taught only to care for themselves.

Our family is doing well. Micah received a good report from the doctors in October, and he will be able to see an ophthalmologist here in January. Our family wants to thank each of you for your faithful prayers and support.

Harry, Melissa, Benjamin, Madelyn, Micah, and Bethany Peart