



The Peart Family

Missionaries in Haiti, West Indies

Serving with:
Open Door Baptist Missions
1115 Pelham Road
Greenville, SC 29615
864-297-7890
www.odbm.org

Sending Church:
Liberty Baptist Church
980 Bishop Road
Inman, SC 29349
864-473-1063
Pastor David Duncan

The Peart Family
PO Box 1056
Inman, SC 29349
864-708-0516
info@thepeartfamily.com
www.thepeartfamily.com

Field Address:
Harry & Melissa Peart
Unit #1066-FBM
3170 Airmans Drive
Ft. Pierce, FL 34946
Skype name: pearts

June-August 2011

Dear Praying Friends,

As a child in Junior Church, one of the first verses I learned was John 3:16. At the heart of this verse is sacrifice: God's sacrifice of His only Son to provide redemption as well as Jesus's sacrifice of His very life to provide salvation.

As missionaries, we are often lauded for our "sacrifice" of leaving the amenities of the USA and family in order to serve the Lord on a foreign field. During these last few months of our furlough, God has shown us that all that the USA has to offer pales in comparison first of all, to the sacrifice the Lord made for us and secondly, to the joy we find in serving the Lord in Haiti. It has taken the Lord leaving us here in the States for over 15 months now for us to realize how much Haiti has become a part of our lives and how much it defines who we are. Our seemingly "sacrifice of things" has been turned into a "sacrifice of praise" to the Lord for allowing us the privilege to reach into the lives of Haitians.

Recently, we have been reminded of true sacrifices on the part of people in order to help our ministry in Haiti. Roanoke Valley Baptist Temple, one of our supporting churches in in Roanoke, VA, made a decision to get involved. After reading our last prayer letter, they launched "Operation Haiti," a drive to provide many of the supplies needed on our container list. They arrived with a huge trailer full of desks, chairs, globes, and other items. They also provided over half of the funds needed for shipping the container. On Friday August 5, more than twenty men and women sacrificed their time and energy in order to help us pack our container. Even before that, many people sacrificed belongings and money to fill and to ship the container. The Junior Church at Calvary Baptist Church in Greer, SC, decided to raise money to sponsor a child in our child sponsorship program. Two sisters brought in a \$10 bill. When questioned by the teacher if they were really supposed to give the whole amount, they said they had washed dogs in order to get the money to give for the Haitian child to go to school. We were humbled by the fact that two little girls would make so great a sacrifice for the children in Haiti.

Our time of furlough has been filled with instances like the ones mentioned above with many of you sacrificially giving to meet our needs and many of our innermost wishes while we have been here. As we return home to Haiti, God has burdened our hearts even more to see the Haitians in our area saved and growing in the Lord. We desire that same sacrificial attitude in our Haitian churches that we have seen in so many churches here. As we finish up our longer than expected furlough, we praise God for His goodness. We started out with Harry having physical problems with his heart to Melissa having to have her gall bladder taken out mid-way through to finishing with Micah going from specialist to specialist to take care of his medical problem. We praise God that all 6 of us have been given a clean bill of health to be able to return to our home in Haiti.

Whether in the USA or abroad on the mission field, the call to sacrifice is found in another verse I learned in Junior Church. Romans 12:1-2 says, "I beseech ye therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Also at the heart of this verse is sacrifice, our sacrifice of our own wishes and desires in order to offer our lives in service to the Lord, an act which is our *reasonable* service because of the great sacrifice God made for us. The challenge has been given to all to take up the cross and follow Christ no matter what the cost or sacrifice required. In these seemingly last days before the Lord returns, will we accept this challenge of sacrificially offering our all to the Lord for His service or will we reject it, holding back those worldly things which are so precious to us? Praise be unto God that He chose to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Privileged to serve Jesus,

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