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We started our trip to the Orlando airport with three, Benis, Benden, (soon to be two year old son) and I. There we met the rest of the team members from New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church and we were off to the mission field in Haiti. I, Dominique Guerrier, had emotions on this mission trip ranging from over whelming joy when souls were rescued from the pits of hell and written into the book of life, to feelings of utter remorse and sadness for those children who were starving by no fault of their own. During this mission trip unlike the rest, the Lord imprinted on my heart that He is doing a mighty work in La Gonave even though the labor is a great. This is a big vision because it is from the Lord.

I saw a beautiful glimpse of what God had reserved for his princesses on the little island of La Gonave. In October 2008, seventeen young ladies of the 10th grade Sunday school class at First Baptist of Ocala shared a special note, beautiful hair accessories, scarves, and their class picture to share with the teenage girls of Mapou. On Saturday, March 28, 2009, fifteen young Haitian ladies were blessed and encouraged that young American ladies, across the ocean, similar in age, would love them so much and make them feel special. The story of the woman at the well meeting Jesus and a call to live a pure and holy life was shared.

On Sunday morning while the church was celebrating with a spectacular thanksgiving service. Benis shared the plan of salvation with the evangeube! One of the young ladies came and gave her life to the Lord! Sunday afternoon, the community was fed after the service due to the monetary blessing given by a Sunday school class of First Baptist Church. New Covenant team gave de-worming pills, clothes and shoes to the most needy in the village.

Monday and Tuesday morning we completed an inventory of the first aid items we had. Needless to say, as soon as the villagers saw us with the medical supplies, they started lining up. Nurse Smiley assessed many people. After she treated each individual, we told them, "Do not tell anyone because we did not have enough medication to treat so many people." Mothers with sick babies who walked many miles were seen. Men, women, and children all came seeking medical attention. We did not turn anyone away, but served the best we could with limited resources.

Monday and Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the community were enlightened with Mrs. Joan Smiley leading a bible study on Esther. After the study, special gifts from Avon given by Fred Windon and Avanel Mead were shared with forty-five women. Then to answer God's calling, six gave their lives and accepted the Lord as their personal Savior! We praise the Lord for this harvest!

Construction work was well on the way despite the hardships of obtaining water. Water was scarce and we bought 7 barrels of water for \$150 Haitian dollars and brought up in buckets by the villagers and donkeys from several towns over. We also paid a pick up truck \$300 Haitian dollars to bring the rest of the water for us. Then the four inside columns of the church were poured and the cement flooring of the depot was poured as well,



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windows and the door were placed in the building. The villagers continue to work on the road because trucks require a better accessibility for the well drilling machinery to reach Mapou village.

On Wednesday, the team went into the city to visit ‘Wesleyan Hospital de La Gonave’ and assess its needs. The team prayed over some of the patients which included a man dying of Aids and a small infant dying of malnourishment. Unfortunately, the hospital had many basic needs and unable to adequately function in many ways. One need among the many is a refrigerator; as the hospital does not have one!

While the team went to the hospital, Benden and I stayed behind. I had a quiet time in prayer walking and meditating on God’s vision for Mapou. I know God has a specific and beautiful plan for this village. I saw a new Mapou Village. I saw school children smiling and being fed, I heard songs of joy with praises ringing from the beautifully completed house of God, a well was providing clean water for the area, young people were educated and training others, people were working, and efficient homes were built in the area. Mapou was the lighthouse in the area and for the surrounding villages on the mountain and the missionaries were coming from this village going out to the rest of the island. I praise the Lord for allowing me to see His vision. God reminded me that the battle is His and this vision will one day come to pass.

From our heart to yours,

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