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Look for the blessings!

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As I read Mike's update from last month, my eyes filled with tears of sweet joy. I sat in awe, listening to how God is working with or without us in our Haitian family. They've grown so much, and the ministry through James, Edeline, and the nannies continue as they speak of trust and reliance on God throughout the struggle that has gone on these past few years. It's been so very long since I've been able to wrap my arms around those precious kids, but listening to how Mike was able to remind them of our love and of God's design for them to grow up and honor Him with the life they hope to lead, blesses me and fills me up to the brim. I pray for that message and his encouragement to sink in deep and partner with the continuous study of the Word they do each week.

A second blessing from Mike's trip is the encouragement that filled my heart. I won't try to fake peace. The last few years have been a heart-wrenching struggle in my heart. While we pray for the faith to trust in God, I couldn't help but wonder if one of these times, we were going to get the answer "no" to our prayers for safety and protection. But God has been so very faithful. Seeing Mike return to Haiti and be able to speak into our family there has filled me with hope. God's work never stopped. And though the circumstances were very difficult for everyone in Haiti and in a different way also for those of us watching seemingly helpless from the states, God promises to use these experiences. In 1 Peter 1:6-8, it says, "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy..." This is one of many promises we hold on to as the steps to the restoration of peace seem slow in our eyes.

My prayer this year is that you, too, may be filled with encouragement and hope for our family and for the ministry happening through Mission Experience. Please continue to pray for God's will to be done, for our kids to grow in their faith, for their faith and the faith of our staff to be strengthened and refined, and for the joy of Jesus to overwhelm them as they trust in the Lord each day. Blessing to you and your family this year, and may all of those things be true in your lives as well!

Elinor Paulison, Child Welfare Advocate



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WE NEED YOU!

First, thank you all for your hard work on your quilts for the auction last year. They all sold at the auction. I do have a special request this year. (This will not be an annual request, although last year, I found out that homemade items go better than anything else at the auction.) I am going to push for more homemade items this year. The truth is, we may take a year or two off after this next one.

This year, I request that some of you make one-of-a-kind quilts for our Mission Experience Tenth Anniversary. Maybe your whole quilting group could work on one together.



You can use our logo if you would like. Contact Leslie at leslie@missionexperience.org; she can send you the artwork. Examples of this: You can do a quilt with the logo in the center with a unique design; you can do a quilt with the logo in the middle with Bible verses surrounding it; or you can do a quilt that focuses on Mission Experience Haiti, God's Garden (name of our property) Grace Academy (our school) or Mission Experience Orphanage. Please be as creative as possible. I look forward to your designs. If you are willing and able to make one this year, please let me know. We would like them by mid-September so we can use them in our advertising.

We are already planning this celebratory banquet. The location is booked at the banquet room at the Denver Zoo on Sat. Nov 2nd at 6:00 PM. The entertainment and speaker are already booked for the night. We are excited as it will also be a missionary reunion for all who have served with us from around the US! We are also trying to get visas for our director in Haiti and a couple kids.

Thank you,
Pastor Mike



Meet our spotlight student of the month Joudeline!

(Pronounced Jude-lynn)

She is 19 years old and in the 4th grade. Her favorite subject in school is Grammar. Joudeline does

well in Math class.

She is quite good at helping with the twins around the orphanage. She helps out with meals and cooking and has a career goal of becoming a chef.

Fun facts about Joudeline - she likes to sing & play the drums in music class. Her favorite color is pink.

Please join us as we praise God for the gift, He has given us in Joudeline; and as we pray for Joudeline in her current and future endeavors!

GRACE ACADEMY NEWS

Schools in Haiti have been closed for about three weeks due to the demonstrations that now seem to have tapered off after the carnival. The good news is we have continued to function at Grace Academy. Our teachers continue to show up and provide homework packets for our kids. Every Friday, the parents come and pick them up. Then, the parents and teachers have a WhatsApp group where they can ask questions about the homework and discuss their children's progress. Those who don't have this app (Which in a third-world country is surprisingly few) can come and talk to a teacher. We are excited that God continues to move through Grace Academy. **Please continue to pray for them all.**

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