

# Lift Klds Haiti



Orphan loves had their first ever dentist checkup

All of our students celebrated agriculture day by planting trees



Celebrating Flag day in the Lift Kids Haiti schools

## *Protests Upon Protests*

*Haiti* has been dealing with months of on and off protests. The causes of these protests are messy and hard to explain. Sometimes they are peaceful and sometimes they get violent. The worst was in February when there was a 1 day planned protest for February 7 that turned into a 11-14 day protest (depending on location) that completely shut down the country and was very violent in places. Most of the population was not prepared with enough food, water or propane to make it that long so it was a very stressful and hard time. I was having potentially serious eye issues at the same time and on day 7 of the protests as gunshots (or fireworks as my kids called them) were going off right next to our house we decided to fly out to the U.S. to get my eyes check and also because we had no idea how long the shut down of the country was going to last. On our trip to the airport we saw most main roads blocked off with burning tires and every pedestrian we saw walking the streets had an empty water jug desperately trying to find water they could buy. It was heart breaking. We were happy that at least we could help a few people out by us leaving because some people stayed at our house and drank the water and ate all the food we had. Leaving was hard though. It didn't feel fair to leave but staying wasn't helping anyone either.



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Our trip to the U.S. was very unplanned and it turned out to be a super refreshing time as opposed to if we had stayed in Haiti it would have been a very stressful and discouraging time. We felt like God used my eyes to sweep us away for a time of encouragement and blessing. I had my eyes checked the first full day we were in the U.S. and I did have a tear in both of my eyes but the way that they tore the doctor said I will be fine. Praise God! We made the most of our time in the U.S. and visited with family, supporters, and some supporting churches. We also got Benson's new passport and our taxes done which would have been much harder if I were in Haiti. We also were blessed with a car!!! Some one gave a beautiful car! We are especially thankful to all those who donated funds to defray costs of our travel and also our living expenses while in the U.S. God really showed us His power to provide for all our needs.

The rumors of protests happen about every 2 weeks but it seems like there is at least few days each month of protests that are big enough shut things down. We have protest fatigue. This last round of protests were just last week. They were protesting because they want the president to step down. We had 2 visitors come to see us from the U.S. so we had to go out to get them and they ventured out to see the orphan loves and go to church in the mango tree village. Thankfully they were fine and only had to do 1 quick U—turn to avoid a large crowd of protesters throwing rocks at cars. It is tiring though to worry so often for the safety of your loved ones each time someone has to go somewhere. We are so ready for the protests to stop and for Haiti to get back to normal. Please, join us in Prayer.

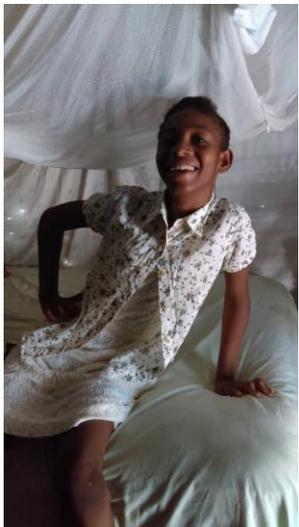


*New Kids Churches* We are happy to announce we now have 2 new kids churches. Pastor Samuel has started one right in Port Au Prince and Pastor Bito has started one near the mango tree village but before the river. We now have 6 kids churches. Praise God for teaching more kids God's word!!

*Staff Member Highlight* As Lift Kids Haiti continues to grow so does our staff. This is cousin Jeff aka James Petit. He has been helping with Lift Kids ever since we started in 2012 but the last year he has stepped up and he is now overseeing all of the kids churches. He makes sure all our kids church Pastors are equipped and trained well. He has many plans in the works to train up the kids church kids better in the Word of God. He also provides curriculum and memory verses to the kids church leaders for each service. The kids church kids memorize 50 verses each year!! Jeff also is a powerful worship leader when needed. We love him so much and we are excited to see all that God will do through him as we serve God together in Lift Kids Haiti.



*Petit Family News* In these past few months we have celebrated Kimberlee turning 4, Dylan turning 1, the ministry and our marriage turning 7, and we are so proud of Benson because he learned how to read and finished Pre-K. Our other fun news is Boss has started and garbage business, Bobo Ramassage D'Odures. The business is only little more than 2 months old and we already have more than 160 clients so it is growing fast. Garbage and unemployment are both HUGE problems in Haiti so this business is definitely hitting two birds with one stone.



*Time of Change* It has really been a time of change for us here. In August, we became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and with that came a whole lot of changes in policies and procedures plus just getting Lift Kids Haiti better established. It has been so good but a lot of work!

We also have had a staff change. We had to let Sadrac go from the Lift kids Haiti team. It was hard but needed to be done. Please Pray for God to speak to Sadrac and move in his life.

Soon we will hire a few new teachers for our 2 Lift Kids Haiti schools. This is a needed and fun change for us. Pray that we find the right people who really have a heart for

children and teaching God's Word.

Another huge change is we had to say "See you later" to our orphan love, Stephania. She turned 18 and her mom asked for her to come live with her. In the Haitian culture it is normal and accepted to send your kids off to an orphanage to live until they are 18 and then they want their child back. We didn't expect this to happen with Stephania so we were all surprised and sad. She is loved and missed.



**We received a ton of beans and rice to donate to those in need. With the Haitian currency getting weaker the food costs keep rising making life very hard so this helped a lot. We are always looking to provide help and hope to the children and people of Haiti. Praise God!**



## *Check out These Beautiful Stairs and Classrooms!*

In December with the help of a ton of good friends we were able to put the roof on the Mango Tree Village church building. The roof is also the floor of our future Bible school/classical school and training center. The next step was to build some stairs. Waylife Community Church decided to help by having a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser outside of Sam's Club and with one fundraiser they were able to send

enough to get the stairs done. We are so thankful!

The next step was to start building the walls of the classrooms. Real Life Wesleyan Church planned on coming to Haiti and help us begin to build the first 3 classrooms. The team ended up cancelling because of protests but they sent the building money down to get the work done anyways. We are so thankful! So now we have 3 classrooms, a bathroom and an office built on the second floor of the building. We have 9 more classrooms and a tin roof to build before it is done. We are so excited!



*Clean Water Project* We are just about finished with our third cistern in our third village. This cistern is in a village called Source Sable. This village has a brand-new clinic built by our friend, Pastor Alexi. The village was far from any clean drinking water. We have a friend in Florida that came to Haiti 2 years ago and worked with a medical clinic and most of the patients had sickness that were coming from the dirty water they were using to drink and cook with. This same Pastor has now raised the money to build this cistern and our last cistern because he knows that prevention is better than cure. Both of the cisterns he has helped us build are to hold purified drinking water that gets delivered by truck. The people in the community are so thankful to have access to clean water now. The water has to be purchased but it is very affordable. They

only charge enough to be able to buy the next truck full of clean water. This water project also went a bit further. There is a clinic and orphanage very close to the cistern and now both of them are connected to the well water and water pump so now they all have running water for the first time. We are so blessed to be able to assist others who have a calling to help those in need in Haiti. Praise God!



*Cancelled Teams* This year we were supposed to have 7 teams come to Haiti to work with us. Due to all of the unrest and unpredictable road blocks and protests, all of our teams have been cancelled or postponed. This is a big bummer because we love all of our friends who were planning to come and see what we do so they could partner with us, which we really need. Please pray that Haiti will be peaceful and that the protests will stop. We will hopefully have teams coming in the fall. Praise God.



## *Monthly Support Really makes a HUGE Difference!*

Ever since August when we became a 501(c)(3) we began to try to get monthly supporters instead of people that give each time I post about a need. Our supporters have been so amazing and generous. Now I know longer have to post about every need or emergency because we now have more supporters giving monthly so they cover the costs of those things. It has been so amazing! We for sure are still underfunded in our schools but we are hopeful that more people will partner with us in reaching the kids of Haiti with the Word of God. If you'd like to

become a monthly supporter of Lift Kids Haiti you can do so by going to [www.liftkidshaiti.org](http://www.liftkidshaiti.org) and click donate.

## *Discipleship Program*

We are super excited about a discipleship program in December that we are calling "In Ministry Training." Our plan is to take 2 key kids (12 and older) from each of the areas we serve and have them all come stay in a home in the Mango tree Village with some of our leaders. Each day the kids will have a Bible school class and leadership or kids church training in the morning and then they will have a chance to go out and evangelize and lead kids churches in each of the areas we serve. The goal is that the kids would be trained to be young leaders in the kids churches. Jesus told His disciples in John 4 to lift up their eyes because the harvest is already white. When you read on, you see that Jesus is seeing the needs that people have and He is being moved with compassion to meet those needs. It is our prayer that as these kids stretch and grow in this program that they would lift their eyes off of their own selves and look at the harvest which is already white to harvest and be moved with compassion to serve each week in their own kids churches and communities.



## *Future Projects*

Each year we have a project or 2 that needs to get done in the Lift Kids Haiti schools before the next school year begins. Our Tent city school went from being a boards and chicken wire building to now having cement walls. It looks so nice but we unfortunately still have a problem of drainage like mud getting into the school when it rains. It is a huge problem and it is caused by how the building is built into the hillside of the tent city. We have a new plan to shift the gross water away from the school and build another wall to protect the building. We hope to get this done before school gets started in September. We also have a need to build another classroom in the La Trambly school before the school year starts. These projects are a little bit expensive and we don't know how it will get done yet but we are going to trust God and we know He will provide because that is what He does.

We also hope to build a wall all the way around the property of the Mango Tree Village church and the school. This will protect the property. As of right now we can not store anything in the church because without a wall there is no security.



## *Pray For Us*

We would love it if you all could keep Lift Kids Haiti in your prayers. Pray for more supporters, for blessing on Boss' business which will help our family so much, we are still praying for a new truck for the ministry, also please pray for safety and peace in these days of unrest, and for unity in our team and that we will all have God's heart and do only what the Lord tells us to do.

THANK YOU ALL! We love you! Boss and Missy Petit