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Time for friends

I recently returned from my second visit to Terre Blanche, Haiti.

Haiti was amazing.

My first trip was with a medical team. That trip was amazing but in a different way. I went on this trip with just my friend and three board members from Haiti Foundation of Hope.

We went to set up a plethora of new medical supplies and equipment. In the back of my mind I also wanted to get to know the community and learn about other ways of helping besides the clinic.

We finished the clinic work in three days. After that we were able to build strong relationships and help the people of Terre Blanche in an emotional and spiritual way.

I would like to talk about my friend, Antoine, whose life has been changed by the emotional and spiritual help the foundation is providing.

Antoine Joseph, 32, was born in Terre Blanche. He has five brothers and two sisters. He's also an uncle. Before 1993 no one in Terre Blanche knew Christ. But then Pastor Delamy began coming around and talking about "choosing a good life or a bad life." This intrigued Antoine.

Life was hard in Terre Blanche. Antoine remembers there being nothing. It was a dry desert with no trees and cracked ground. There was no employment or electricity. There wasn't even running water.

With the love, experience and ideas that Pastor Delamy brought, the community has developed in many ways. Now there are two water wells. Many people have been employed to

help build the clinic and school. Some people, like Antoine, have continued to work at the clinic. There is a school for about 700 kids and it has a superb passing rate.

Antoine says he prays everyday for Pastor Delamy, Haiti Foundation of Hope, and all the work they are doing.

Antoine enjoys his work at the clinic.



From left, Kelly, Antoine and Beau take time out to enjoy a coconut.

He fills out dossiers (patient charts) and works security. Sometimes he works all night, sleeping in the clinic. He has been employed at the clinic for 14 months and wants to keep working and helping his people.

Antoine says that he lives with much hope. "Anpil Espwa!"

Now Antoine and his brothers and sisters have joined in the experience of the Lord. He says his parents still practice voodoo but he prays for them everyday. I will pray with him. Antoine is the youth leader of the church in Terre Blanche and is a lay leader. He loves being a part of the Lord's work and hopes to share it with a good Christian woman – another part of his life I will help him pray for.

I personally hope to form a youth ministry and build a soccer field in Terre Blanche. The connections I made will last a lifetime. I can't wait to return and make my connections spread deeper and further.

Written by Beau Rappaport, 22



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FOOD CRISIS and how you can help

Haiti has been hit hard by the worldwide rising cost of food. People are struggling to feed themselves and their families. The crisis led to protests and riots earlier this year. Working in one of poorest countries in the world, volunteers with Haiti Foundation of Hope have seen that malnutrition is a real concern. They have also seen that hunger has a solution: food.

There is an ongoing feeding program for children who attend

school in Terre Blanche. Every student receives a hot meal each day, and for some it's their only meal. Like everything and everyone in Haiti, the feeding program is being affected by the rising cost of food.

We thank those of you who have generously donated money to buy food and ask you to continue. We ask everyone else to consider giving in this time of need.

You can donate online at www.haitifoundationofhope.org or send a check by mail.

Thank you for giving hope.



OTHER WAYS TO HELP

WOMEN'S TRADE SCHOOL - Donations will help women who are learning job skills to improve their families' lives. Six women, who have completed the three-year course and passed a national exam, will graduate this month.

PRAY - Remember those living and working in Haiti.

JOIN US - Apply to travel to Haiti on an upcoming team. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed. Remember that teams fill up quickly.

INSTRUMENTS - Haiti Foundation of Hope is looking for musical instruments for children to learn to play. Anyone who would like to donate a working instrument can contact the foundation.

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