

Beyond the Fence Newsletter - November 2018

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WE REMEMBER & WE ARE THANKFUL

From November 11, when our thoughts turned to the memory of the service and sacrifice by many military men and women in Canada and the US, to November 18 when Haitians remembered the victorious battle fought in Vertières that caused the French to write out the terms of surrender, we remember and are thankful.

Our hearts also filled with gratitude this 4th Thursday in November when Thanksgiving is celebrated in the US. This year in Anse-à-Galets, almost 40 of us joined together with a potluck and a time of praise and thanksgiving. We remember and we are thankful.



November is a month for many of us to stop and show gratitude for all of the good things in our lives. We are so incredibly grateful for all of you and for the support you show us in so many different ways. We remember and we are thankful.



RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

In our summer newsletter we shared about the Mare Sucren Wesleyan church and their need for a roof and the way God worked in the hearts of children at Beulah Camp to raise funds. This month we visited the church and were thrilled to see the roof in place and many other improvements to the church. They are continuing to work on the church structure and will join together December 23, 2018 to celebrate God's provisions and faithfulness.



KINGSWOOD - HAITI STUDENTS

The Wesleyan Church in Haiti has a desire to empower their youth in many different ways. One way is through a partnership with Kingswood University in Canada. There are currently 4 Wesleyan youth who have applied to this program and are working hard to be selected. One component they are working on is their English Language proficiency. Many people worked together to assist these 4 youth in 3 weeks of intensive language study.

Maya Gilles is the GP missionary coordinating this program in Haiti and has worked tirelessly overseeing so many little details.

Nancy Lanni is the English professor at the Wesleyan University of Nursing who worked with the students and provided many different opportunities to strengthen their language.

Daryl Madi is the visiting pastor who allowed the students to join him on his flight to La Gonave.

Dr Sasser is the visiting dentist who allowed the students to translate for his group in the WISH dental clinic.

Robin Churchill helped the 4 students with their lodging during their time here, with WISH hosting the 2 young ladies and the La Gonave Wesleyan Station hosting the 2 young men.

The rest of us enjoyed interacting with the students and are now praying faithfully for these young people who can change their communities with the love and knowledge they gain at Kingswood. For those of you who would like more information about the Kingswood-Haiti initiative, [please follow this link](#).

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NOVEMBER TEAMS

After a quiet October we were happy to start November with Pastoral Training. **Pastor Daryl Madi** joined us for the first class of the new Pastoral Training Session. We always enjoy hearing the thoughts of the visiting teachers and count it an honor to join them in this vital ministry to local pastors.

Another November regular is **Dr Bill Sasser**. He has been coming for over 20 years to the WISH clinic with 3rd and 4th year dental students. This team was a little smaller than usual but they worked hard and managed to serve the same amount of patients as other years. The team was joined once again by Dr Tom and a new to La Gonave dentist, Dr Kirsten. We welcome them back at any time.

Many of you know that Robin retired from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police before coming to Haiti. Because of those ties, we welcomed a group with connections to the RCMP this month. The youth in the community have shared their desire for more computer training. So the 4 women brought several laptops loaded with Microsoft Office and 23 youth participated in 3 days of WORD and PowerPoint training. In addition, the **RCMP Team** spent an afternoon with Haitian Nursing School students helping them build their computer skills. It was fun to get to know these 4 women better and we are thankful for their desire to partner with us in working with the community.

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HAITI UNREST

Many of you have reached out to us with prayers as news of the unrest in Haiti has spread. We cannot even begin to predict how the situation will unfold in the coming days and months. We are all praying for a peaceful future while also acknowledging the need for justice and an accountable government.

We are thankful that the protests never reach us in La Gonave. Our community is very aware of the issues facing the country and talk about them but since we have lived here, this has never resulted in protests. We do see the trickle-down effect on our neighbors and even ourselves. When streets are blocked and mass transit isn't running, products can't be carried on or off the island. This results in shortages of food and diesel and other supplies. When visitors make the tough call to cancel their visit, many people suffer loss of income as guesthouses are empty and there's no need for other goods and services visitors would otherwise support.

Today, our community doesn't have any diesel to sell. But because of partnerships WISH has joined with the Wesleyan Mission. The Breezy Sea left this morning with 2 WISH employees. They will take empty propane and diesel barrels to the gas station on the mainland. The filled tanks of diesel will be shared between WISH, the Wesleyan Mission and the Wesleyan Hospital.

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PRAISE

- Thankful for so many of our partners reaching out to let us know they are praying for us.
- Thankful the fall container for WISH is in country.
- Thankful for children during story time who are so engaged in the books.
- Thankful that Ginger has recovered after her surgery.

PRAYER

- Pray for the country of Haiti that there will be peace as the country moves forward.
- Pray for the ministries of WISH and the La Gonave Wesleyan Station that the focus will be honouring to God.
- Pray for WISH worker Wadnerson's baby who has been sick.
- Pray for funds for a reliable truck for WISH.

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