

Beyond the Fence Newsletter - December 2018

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

I have been enjoying a devotional for advent this year called *Arrival* by Rev. Emily Hines. Hope, Peace, Joy, Love are all important aspects of Christmas as I prepare my heart and life for the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus. I pray that you have a blessed Christmas and that you experience Christ in a personal way this season as He is the Light of the World who brings real hope, peace, joy and love.



PARTNERSHIP

Robin is always excited to discover new partnerships. He loves to discuss potential projects with like-minded organizations. Dan Irvine introduced Robin to John Lyon of World Hope International and Kyle Stephan of GivePower. World Hope International is no stranger to WISH as they were instrumental in the WISH ice plant that was started over 20 years ago. GivePower is an organization focused on water and power projects in multiple countries around the world. The men spent a couple of days in Anse-à-Galets to explore a desalination project that would produce 20,000 gallons of potable water each day. We look forward to the days ahead and the different ways God continues to use WISH in the community.



December Teams

We were thrilled to welcome a Canadian team of mechanics, electricians, carpenters, welders, and all-around fixers led by **Dean Stephenson**. He along with Jim, Duane, Brad, Larry, and Rod got to work as soon as they landed on the island working on all kinds of equipment while at the same time mentoring several Haitian young men. There was a 5-day carpentry course for the young people at the training facility at the youth center. Construction knowledge has been so well received by many of the youth who eagerly practice with the tools left behind for this very purpose. We are thankful for the hard work of this team.



The 2nd Pastoral Training event happened in the first week of December. There are now 2 cohorts happening in the WISH Resource Center. **Sam Chimento** led the first group while **Bob Yarbrough** worked with the new group of students. **Leslie Harris** joined the group and spent time each day overseeing the program. It is always a joy to spend our evening meals with the pastoral training instructors as they share about their day and answer some of our theology questions. We are thankful for this program.



Dave & Leona Kolb bring the Christmas party for the WISH staff each December. The Kolb Family spend countless hours each year looking for sales and planning just the right way to thank the staff for all that they do. There are games and candy and lots of fun for all. In addition to all of the work they do for the party, Dave along with **Joel** repaired the electrical outlets and other items in the WISH Resource Center. The Kolbs also look for ways to bless the missionary families here. We can't thank them enough for their thoughtfulness.



Container Journey

Even though WISH sends containers two times a year, each one is unique. This one got caught up in the turmoil of the Port au Prince protests in November and pushed our patience to the test as it came out at the last possible moment. This one had critical equipment on it for the solar field and the operations of WISH which needed to get to a secure location before our family left for our Christmas break. We are relieved the container was unloaded and transported to La Gonave relatively easily. We are looking forward to watching the solar field take shape and getting the system up and running in the coming months.

There were several items sent for the youth centre that we can't wait to see in action. Chairs, lights, guitars, as well as other items that will be useful and valued by the youth.

Some of us are most excited about the new IKEA kitchens that were sent on this container for the 2 houses on the WISH campus. The ant and termite damage has gotten out of control. Stay tuned for the installation of those! And thanks again for all of the hands that went into organizing and packing this container.

PRAISE

- Thankful for this time of the year and the chance to reflect on all that God has done for us in 2018.
- Thankful the container was released before our family's Christmas break.
- Thankful to be with family in NJ & PA for Christmas.
- Thankful that the protests of November stopped.

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 our family as we look ahead to 2019. That we will honour God with our time and our family as we balance the needs of WISH and visiting teams and our family.
- Pray for Peterson as he continues to work on his plans for post high school.

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