



News from Trinity HOPE

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Rejoice in the Lord

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“The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,” Nahum 1:7

Memories of Christian friends in Haiti came flooding back into vacant spaces that were not filled with the minutiae that this world poured in today. While reading news from Haiti, my heart went to the children and families I have met who live there. They are now impacted by gang activity with even fewer ways to make money to feed their families. They focus on survival each day, unable to think beyond the current need.

Imagine seeing a Haitian child in an extremely small school the size of a single stall car garage. She would be sitting on a board tucked between two other students in a room that is 90 humid degrees, learning about geography, French, and Jesus. Through all of this, she would be beaming with an ear-to-ear smile. This is unimaginable to our way of thinking. How can she possibly be so happy? It is because she has the promise of a Savior and she leans daily on His everlasting arms?



One little girl, Rolanda, comes to mind. I met Rolanda at Martin Luther school in the Central Plateau area of Haiti.

Martin Luther is a very small school, about the size of a two car garage. Rolanda lives with her mother, father, four brothers and one sister. It takes her about an hour to walk to school, but she is grinning ear-to-ear as she approaches the school. She loves school, and she wants to learn to read to her mom and dad. She loves learning the alphabet. When I asked her how old she was she had no idea. Her family does not celebrate birthdays. This family literally just survives each day and is thankful for the meal the children receive at school.

Rolanda and her family do not understand health insurance, retirement plans, savings accounts, three meals every day, a closet full of clothes, a cupboard full of processed food, an air conditioner, indoor plumbing, lights, television, or a computer...they just have Jesus. They take refuge in His grace and know they have a future with Him, regardless of this crazy world in which they live.

While we all hear of the violence and gang activity that plagues Haiti, I pray you think of the Haitians that are just trying to survive each day. Pray that they continue to receive God’s Good News and love each day, sharing it with others that live in fear during these times of trouble in Haiti. They are the victims who just want more for their children, just as we do here in America.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:4-6