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Joe McDonald Ministry Update June 2009



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| Haiti: Mountain Kids | "Happy House" Kids | 2 nd trip to a new school | Valley across the river and creek |
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"Our hearts are happy when you are here" said the teacher at the "yellow school" in Ft Royale near Petit Goave, Haiti. Ed Lockett, Pastor Mano and I were visiting one of their schools to have fun and entertain some of the 400 students.

I looked at the young girl speaking with Ed in the native language of the country, French Creole, as they both looked toward me. Later Ed shared with me that she had said: "My Father was killed and they took his motorcycle. I need a Father and I want him (me) to be my Father."

We climbed the mountain in the 4X4 Nissan for some length of time. At times we passed men with heavy loads on their shoulders. Occasionally they would have a small horse of burro. Women carry everything on top of their head. Huge heavy loads and as we passed them they would stop, look and smile, then continue their journey either up or down the mountain. No complaints, just a smile and a wave and on with whatever difficult task lies ahead.

We arrived at the mountain village with Ed, Pastor Mano and a car load of kids. Our program will "be in the church" Ed told me. As we got out at the village, I asked where the church was. "That's it" Ed replied.

The building or church had no roof and only parts of two block walls. One of the 2008 hurricanes had removed the roof and other walls. One open side looked down the mountain to the valley far below. Step off what remained of the floor and eventually stop 1000' below. The kids and people came and sat on small rough homemade benches and we had a great time.

"What a great time this afternoon in the church" exclaimed Ed as we made the journey back down the mountain. "It was like a big family, kids had fun, we had a breeze and everyone enjoyed it."

Such is the life in Haiti for Ed Lockett, Pastor Mano and some of the thousands of kids they love and help in 50 schools, clubs and churches around Haiti. The kids that are their “family” being present, laughing and loving and a nice breeze to cool things off.

A trip to Mountain City, TN and a “One Day with God” with Forgiven Ministry as a wonderful experience for all in attendance. To see tough inmate Fathers ask Christ into their lives on Friday, then to see their children to the same the next day was truly amazing. Thanks Jack and Scottie Barnes for following God’s vision for your ministry.

There is much to do with trips to Ann Harbor, MI, Honduras, Texas and NC for the rest of June and July.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support during this time. I was listening to the Chuck Ingram and he made an interesting point about giving. He was talking about people that are “misers” with their resources. Not just money resources, but that was the point. He talked about what unhappy people they usually are. I learned that “miser” and “miserable” come from the same root word. As Chuck stated, when you give it glorifies and pleases God, it blesses you the giver and helps people like me help others with *eternal* results. There is no greater feeling then to give of you money, time or talents for the glory of God.

Thank you for your faithfulness. I love each of you and thank God for you.

Joe McDonald Ministry Inc. had been approved by the IRS as a “501(c)(3) tax exempt” organization. More about that change, soon.

We had a wonderful X-ray machine and developer donated to us from a Doctor and his wife in Melbourne, FL. It is here and ready to go to a clinic for needy possibly in Mexico.

Joe McDonald- Isaiah 6:8

July

Honduras and Nicaragua July 1st-12th

Beaumont, TX. One Day with God (Stiles) July 15th-19th

Maury, NC One Day with God July 26th-31st

August

Maury, NC One Day with God August 1st-2nd

St Gabriel, LA One Day with God (Hunt) August 12th-15th

September

Kenedy, TX. One Day with God (Connelly) Sept 8th-14th

Columbus, OH. One Day with God Sept 17th 20th

Central City, KT. One Day with God Sept 21st-27th

Morganton. NC. Youth One Day with God Sept 29th 30th