



# NEWSLETTER

## Introducing The Lotz family



Eric and Jennifer Lotz and their children Christa (8), Hannah (7), Wilson (4), Jett (almost 3), and Callie (6 mos) made their move to Fort Jacques, Haiti the day before Thanksgiving 2008. Eric is NHHM's new Executive Director. Currently living in the upstairs portion of the New Hope Haiti Mission orphanage, the Lotz family is enjoying getting to know the kids and staff. They are attending church in Balan and began teaching Sunday School this month.

They are anxious to get working on a more regular basis there, as there is so much to be accomplished.

"We feel so blessed to finally be here and desire so much to be a blessing to the people around us," says Jennifer. Check out their blog to keep posted on a daily/weekly basis:

[www.journeytobalan.blogspot.com](http://www.journeytobalan.blogspot.com)

### Christmas Blessings

We like extend our thanks to Commonwealth Chapel of Richmond, VA for sacrificing and giving to the Balan Feeding Program. Commonwealth Chapel through the campaign of Advent Conspiracy ([www.adventconspiracy.com](http://www.adventconspiracy.com)) challenged its members to do Christmas a little different this past December.

Instead of spending money on gifts for family, members were encouraged to make homemade gifts and then to donate the saved money toward Balan.

Jean Claubert Belton, our administrator in Haiti, spoke to the congregation in November to begin the campaign and a team from the church came after Christmas to investigate ways to help this village. The campaign raised \$25,000!!



### THE KIDS OF NEW HOPE HAITI MISSION

The kids at New Hope are doing great. It is amazing to see how big they are getting. They sing once a month at the church located next to the orphanage. They continue to work hard. We need extra funding for Ricardo and Didero, both who need surgery on their hernias. If you feel led to sponsor a surgery, please contact us. We are also saddened to report that



Marie-Carmel's father passed away. It is always difficult for one of our children to lose a parent and we ask for your prayers. A big thank you to Angel Tree Ministry who sent gift bags for the kids. They took one gift from each of their bags and gave it to a child at the church next door. It is truly more blessed to give than receive. All the kids had a great holiday.



BRINGING THEM HOME



By April Salvant

Two years is a long time to wait for something. Especially when that something is two precious sons. We first heard of New Hope Haiti Mission back in the spring of 2006. Looking back it is hard to believe all that God has done in our hearts since we first heard of this wonderful mission.

We were your usual suburban family with three kids plugging away at life- work, school, church, sports, and friends. And then we saw a picture of Jeff. We heard that Haiti was experiencing a lot of turmoil and unrest. The mission had decided to adopt out because of the instability there. We asked about the boy in the picture. We prayed. And prayed.

God led us to adopt Jeff and after a trip in October of 2006, we also were drawn to David. Although the boys were not biologically related, they had a bond. It was a wonderful thing to witness and we knew they must remain brothers.

The process in Haiti for adoption can be trying and frustrating. Rules change, political leaders flex their muscles, and the inefficiency of third world governmental disorganization comes into play. But finally, after

two years of waiting and praying, Jeff and David came home to Virginia on July 28, 2008.

The boys have adapted so well to their new family. We laugh at how “American” they have become in such a short time. They are doing well with their English although they still speak Creole with each other at home. Our bio children have welcomed them with such big open arms. Adoption is truly a miracle.

We want to say thank you to everyone who gives to NHHM. Our boys were fed, schooled, clothed and loved for 8 and 4 years because someone like you gave to this mission. Because of that investment, we see two children that were spared hardship and suffering that is so widespread in Haiti among their peers. We are also thankful for NHHM’s missionaries & staff and all the hard work that went into loving our sons and the other children.

GIGI IS HOME IN KY

After more than 2 years of waiting, Chris and Lisa Wells brought Gigi home from Haiti. Gigi was brought to New Hope as a baby. She came home to Kentucky on December 11, 2008 just in time for Christmas.

“She is a wonderful blessing to our family and we are so thankful she is finally home,” said Lisa.



Schooling

Twelve of our children are going outside of NHHM to school. We ask that you consider financial helping with their school fees, uniforms, and transportation.

The rest of the kids are taught in the house by our teachers, Mr. Lawrens and Miss Phara. Most of the children are receiving good grades. Learning in Haiti is quite different. Most of the material must be memorized and recited.

The children are learning from 7am- 1pm daily.

Prayer Requests



Pray that the people of Balan will continue to be drawn to the Lord. That the feeding program will continue to bless this village as they survive in very harsh conditions. We celebrate and praise God that Pastor Leonel baptized 6 new believers in December!



Pray for the Lotz’s container that is in customs. Most of their belongings are on the container.



We ask that God will provide House Parents for our children. The Lotz’s are currently filling this role but we hope to have a long term missionary couple to step in to this very fulfilling call.



SPOTLIGHT ON JEAN CLAUBERT BELTON

New Hope Haiti Mission would not fair too well if not for the dedicated work of Jean Claubert Belton. Jean Claubert, also referred to as JC, has been with the mission for 6 years. He is responsible for payroll, shopping, transportation, governmental paperwork, parent liaison, and other administrative duties. He also worked hard as a facilitator of all the adoptions that took place over the past 3 years.

JC is also a pastor of a small church. He is dedicated to bringing his congregation the word of God every week. His heart for the Kingdom is so evident in how he serves the mission and his church. Most importantly, JC loves and cares for his wife and two sons.

After a long wait for a visa, JC was able to visit the United States for the first time in November, 2008. He flew to Lexington, Kentucky to share with our supporters there and then headed to Richmond, Virginia to do the same. While in Virginia he took the opportunity to visit Washington, D. C. He was

amazed by the monuments, Metro, and museums. He said it was a trip of a lifetime.

He was able to finish his trip in Miami with relatives. Many Haitians leave Haiti with hopes for a better life here in America, but Jean Claubert strives to make it possible in Haiti. JC was so excited about heading home after a nice vacation, refreshed to do the work God has called him to! Thanks, JC!



SPECIAL THANKS



The Board would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Wilson and Medja Innocent. Wilson, Medja, and Jean Daniel spent the last year with our kids as the house parents. They did a great job teaching the

children about doing their chores, good study habits, hygiene, godliness, and taught special skills like gardening and sewing. They also opened the door to many relationships with the community of Fort Jacques.

We know it was so hard for the children to say goodbye to them as the Lord leads them back to the United States.

Wilson and Medja shared with us in their parting: "We would like to thank you for allowing us such a great privilege to come to Haiti and work with the kids.

We have loved being here with them every minute of the past eleven months. We have loved them with a pure love, and they in turn have learned to love us. We did our best to show them the path of righteousness. We really appreciate this experience and thank you for opening the doors in making it possible. We sure have learned much from it."

We ask God to continue to bless the Innocents for all their hard work. Please pray for Medja as she is pregnant and due this summer.

DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the mission in 2008! God has been so faithful the the mission's financial needs during this economic hardship. We pray that God will bless you in 2009 and always! *Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to our mailing address or online through Paypal.*





# Mission Trips to Haiti 2009



would love to have a Vacation Bible School with our kids at NHHM and also the children in Balan.

There are many needs in Balan and we are making plans in community development. We also are investing in the Fort Jacques community. Medical, Dental, or Construction teams are needed as well.

We would like to welcome church groups and individuals to pray about coming to Haiti in 2009. If you are interested in taking a missions trip, please contact us and let us know what you would like to do. There are many opportunities to serve. We

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