

# Emmanuel Orphanage Update

## Spring Haiti Team

**-time to commit!**

For those considering joining our Spring team traveling to to Haiti, we are asking for a commitment by next Sunday, February 5. At the moment we are looking at three possible weeks: April 22-29, April 29-May6, May 6-13. We will make the final decision on Sunday based on which week is most convenient to the most people.

*If you have been thinking about joining a team, please let us know right away so that we can give you the details of the process.*

## Project Updates

Andy and I returned from Haiti on Wednesday, January, 25, after a quick 5 day trip. During our stay we had the opportunity to meet and coordinate with our partners from 1st Baptist Church of Kannapolis, NC. Along with our director, Yvon, we were able to clarify, coordinate, and plan for the future as we share in improving the living standard at Emmanuel Orphanage. As always, being with these beautiful children was an enormous blessing!



*We are very pleased to report that the new kitchen is built and functioning. Now propane (not charcoal) is the primary cooking fuel.*



*Our North Carolina friends have taken on the building of bathrooms and showers. This project, which is required for full government compliance and licensing, is in progress and will hopefully be operational within a few weeks.*

*The 18+ year old boys have moved into a rented transition home near the orphanage. This is required by the government. The boys continue to be an active part of the orphanage daily life and eat their meals with the other children. They will be in the transition home until they graduate from high school.*

## School of Hope Sponsors

Thanks to you, forty-eight sponsored children have settled into year two at the School Of Hope. Two children in the orphanage family are currently in need of sponsors.

If you or someone you know would like to be a school sponsor for an Emmanuel Orphanage child, please



**Manoucheka Dorvil**



**Dany Kelvin Jean**

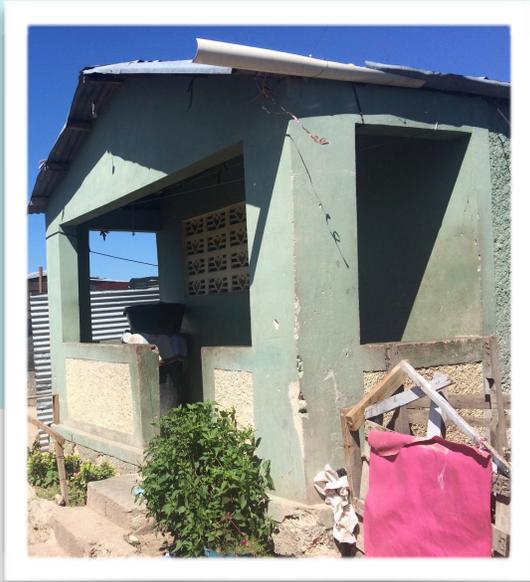
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## What's Next

There are two small houses within the walls of the orphanage that are not owned by the orphanage. They are rented. Each has two rooms of approximately 120 sq. ft. each. One house is used for storage. Yvon and his wife sleep in the front room of the other house with four older girls sleeping in the back room as their “transition home.” We would like one house to be Yvon’s home and the second to be renovated as a girls “transition home.” During our trip, we met with the owner of the houses and he agreed to sell them for \$9000 US. There may still be some negotiating room in this figure.

It has been a concern for some time that these houses could at any time be unavailable for orphanage use.

The current owner is anxious to sell. We have agreed to respond to his offer within one month. If you have ideas or resources that may be helpful in this transaction, please let us know.



## PRAYER NEEDS

**Chabenta:** While we were in Haiti, Chabenta was experiencing pain in her bones. She had been to two clinics visits and received shots for anemia. After another visit to a hospital, her condition has seemed to improve. Communication has been sketchy, and we still do not have a diagnosis (if there has been one).

**Elismene:** On Tuesday, Elismene went to Port Au Prince to have a mammogram after finding a lump. She will not have results until some time in February.

**Zacharie:** Currently ill. Again, we do not know what is wrong. Only that Yvon, the director, is concerned.

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