

## **Chuck Perry; The COORDINATOR's Overview:**

Our October 2-11, 2017 team of 8 returned to Dufailly Christian Mission in the central plateau of Haiti (35 miles northeast of Port au Prince). Projects and tasks accomplished included 3-day Men & Women's Seminar for the adults, 4-days of Vacation Bible School for the village youth, and a 2-day Medical Clinic for both the area villages and the Christian School. Sunday services, Chuck preached, the veteran Team introduced themselves, sharing their love for Haiti and sang, while Donnie presented the communion meditation. It was a special day for the congregation including a service of dedication of 5 Haitians to the church leadership committee. The congregation was elaborately dressed, the school children were present and two guest congregations brought special choirs making the day extra special.

Our school students are doing well academically, excelling in the government testing programs. There has been noted health and physical appearance improvements since the students are daily recipients of the "Harvest for Haiti" meal feeding program. Hundreds of Kentuckians have financially contributed as well as participated, by assembling & packaging the 4 food ingredients which are then shipped to Haiti, cooked and served to the students. Educational buildings are being constructed continually and hopefully an eighth grade will be added the next school year.

Our USA medical team attended to nearly 200 patients, dispensed medicines, treated a lot of ring worm, distributed eye glasses and relieved a lot of pain and suffering. There is a Haitian doctor and lab staff that administers weekly through the clinic, but the Team Haiti crew was able to expedite and administer more quickly and offer more services.

The ministry team conducted Men & Women's Bible Seminars awarding 40 certificates. The Haitians are eager to learn and advance educationally. The doctrine of God, Jesus, the Bible were among issues taught. Haiti does NOT have a free public education system. Christophe, Yvrose's brother, came from about 8 hours north, to serve as our interpreter. The adults appreciated being fed lunch as well. Donnie distributed Gideon French New Testaments. The 4 day VBS for the youth ranged in attendance from 70 to 197. They love the spirited music, Bible stories (often in drama form) game day and craft time. The Team assisted with the Sunday worship by providing special music, providing the Communion meditation and providing the message. An outdoor revival is generally conducted during February trips, but due to the rainy season and treacherous roads, night time activities are more curtailed. Our Team also watched our church's soccer team in their first match of the season.

Team Haiti consisted of: Kathy Holt & Donnie Campbell, Fox Creek Christian, Lawrenceburg, KY., Chris Mullholand (wife of executive director Larry Mullholand), Caleb Poczatek and Dr. Patti Poczatek of Tollesboro Christian, Tollesboro, KY., Sarah Teegarden and Hillary Caudill of New Hope Christian Church, Maysville, KY and Chuck Perry, Peyton's Lick Christian, Mt. Sterling, KY.

Chuck, was able to lead the Team after an absence due to lymphoma cancer and chemo treatments. He went initially to Dufailly in 2008 to assist missionaries Kendell & Yvrose Johnson (of Clark & Estill Counties) conducting revival and Vacation Bible School. In the ensuing years numerous individuals from central Kentucky and other states have joined in the mission endeavors. The church, established in 2004, has gone through 2 building expansions, founding of a Christian School, currently with 250 students inclusive of preschool and grades 1-7. A medical clinic was established 2 years ago.