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Latest photos of our trip: <http://picasaweb.google.com.au/maxncay>

Haiti - the poorest country in the western world

Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for the people of Haiti.
- Pray for Linda, the Director of the orphanage who has a couple of significant health problems at the moment.
- Continued guidance about adopting.
- Sustained energy levels for our time in Malawi.

Praise Points:

- Thank You Lord for the projects that were accomplished in the orphanage.
- Thank you for the Christian fellowship you have provided along the way.
- Thank you for the opportunities to meet our sponsored children.
- Thank you for the promise of Easter.

Favourite Verses:

Matt 5: 3 - 12



Haiti is situated on the western one third of the island of Hispaniola, between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic, west of the Dominican Republic. Haiti has a population of close to 10 million people in a land area that is less than half the size of Tassie. From Miami in Florida, it takes about 2 hours to fly to Haiti's capital - Port-au-Prince. The 2 national languages are Creole and French, however the majority of people speak only creole, unless they have had the good fortune to go to school. Most people, if they have a job, earn less than \$3 a day! That's less than a coffee at Gloria Jeans!

Max and I worked in the orphanage called "Maison des Enfants de Dieu" which means the home/house of the children of God. The orphanage partners with For His Glory Outreach based in the USA. We were part of 3 different mission trips - although the teams came and went every 5 days, Max and I remained there. So we had a great opportunity to build a good rapport with the staff and kids at the orphanage as well as meet some wonderful people from the mission teams - mainly Americans, but also the odd Brit and Canadian.

Max teamed up with some other guys to build a dividing wall in a room to make an infirmary and small dining room for the toddlers. The team had to be creative in their building as they were on limited budget and needed to ensure that whatever was constructed could also be taken down again for when the orphanage moves to larger premises in the country. The work team had a constant string of kid fans watching what they were doing and they were always eager to help whether 2 yrs old or 10 yrs! Although the nannies couldn't speak English and the work team had limited creole, the men appreciated it when a nanny wandered by and put the thumbs up to physically say "good job".



While Max sweated it out inside building, I was busy playing with kids and doing the washing with the local ladies. Although there was much laughter at my lack of hand washing skills (the Haitian way) I did manage to get the clothes quite clean (even if I did scrub the skin off my fingers) and learnt a couple of creole songs along the way.

How can you support 130 children with one small monthly donation?

**Easy: For \$50 a month you can sponsor the orphanage "Maison des Enfants de Dieu".
 Log onto www.forhisloryoutreach.org and click on the sponsor button.**

The joy of sponsored children: Haiti & the Dominican Republic

Haiti: Ile de la Tortue is a small island in the north of Haiti. This is where one of our sponsored children lives. Woodlene lives with her mum, dad and 2 brothers. She has been our sponsored child for the past 7 yrs and it has been a joy to receive her letters. Max and I made the scary trip up north in a little twin turbo prop 19 seater plane. In true islander style we all clapped when we touched down safely. It was a delight to meet Woodlene and her mum. We spent the day with them and played Frisbee, lunched and shared our lives through the aid of a translator. Later in the day we visited one of the schools where Compassion has established a variety of projects. It was interesting to talk to the Compassion staff and find out a little about the different projects and life skills that they offer the children. **Here is a photo of us and Woodlene (in red dress), her mum (in white behind) and 2 of the Compassion Staff.**



One of the stories that really encouraged us was that we had sent some \$\$\$'s to the family for Christmas. Mum bought Woodlene a dress and some shoes and with the left over money purchased some fuel from the mainland and used the fuel to form a little business and sell it to the locals as fuel is so expensive on the Island and most people have to travel to the mainland to get it - which again is costly. The fuel prices on the mainland increased 4 fold in that time and Mme Daniel, was able to sell the fuel at a much higher price. The money they made meant that they could buy a cow and some goats. Hey Good Business woman!! Onya Mme Daniel.

Think about sponsoring a child through Compassion. Visit their website www.compassion.com.au or call 1800 224 453. Being a sponsor allows you to invest into someone else's life knowing that you are aiding them, and their family in valuable life skills. You will find it a very rewarding experience! :)

Dominican Republic: Max and I took the 7 hr bus trip to the Capital of the Dominican Republic - Santo Domingo to visit our second sponsored child - Genesi who we sponsored during Compassion Day last year, and to also meet IWayFM's sponsored child - Maria Mercedes. We spent the day with both girls and they were absolutely delightful - lots of giggles as we attempted our Spanish. Their choice for lunch was Pizza and there were lots of uhh's and ahhs as we travelled to the city. Neither of them had been in the big city before. The Dominican Republic is a stark contrast to it's much poorer and broken sister Haiti. We enjoyed the lushness of trees, the sea-side, well made roads and buildings. Although there are still some very poor people it was a lovely retreat from inescapable brokenness in Haiti.

Genesi is with Cay and Maria with Max:



Recommended Reading:

"From Haitian slave child to Middle Class American" an autobiography by Jean-Robert Cadet: He talks about his life of a 'restavec' - means 'stay with' ie a child slave in Haiti.

As I write it is Resurrection Sunday and so with the hope of new life, Max and I wish you all the very best at Easter and may the Living Christ be as real to you as the air you breath - which is unseen and yet we know exists.

Much love to you from

Max & Cay