

THREE GENERATIONS

by Executive Director - Dick Buethe

About a month before I was to leave on my scheduled March 24th trip to Haiti I received a call from our son Paul. He was inquiring as to the date of my next trip. He also said he and our grandson Alex would like to go along. Paul and Lisa, his wife, have been very generous in their financial and prayer support for the work in Haiti. I was thrilled as Paul hadn't been back to Haiti since was in high school, about the same age as Alex is now. This was to be Alex' first trip so they were very excited and looking forward to it.

I left from Omaha at 6:00 a.m. and met them in Miami. Pastor Louis met us at the airport on our arrival in Port au Prince. He delivered us to our hotel. We spent an hour visiting with Pastor and then were picked up by Leonard our driver and John a long time friend. A family from the Pellerin congregation also accompanied us to dinner in the evening.

During the next six days we visited all our schools and churches. We attended three church services. Paul and Alex had time to go to a beach and a Cuba vs. Haiti soccer game. While they were away I worked with Pastor Louis. On Thursday a.m. Leonard picked Paul and Alex up at 4:00 a.m. to deliver food to our orphanage in LesCayes. They were stopped by a roadblock an hour or 2 outside the city and turned back. Apparently protesters blocking the road were the cause of the roadblock. There was nothing to do but return to the city.

Pastor Louis went with us to see the work that has been completed at Lilavois. The building looks so nice now. The Haitian workers were finishing the last of the tiled floors and are nearly ready to install the railing on the second floor balcony. When the floors are finished the exterior doors will be installed. When the building is complete the Department of Social Services will inspect the completed facility. It looks now like 60 to 80 children will be housed there. Pastor Louis wants to have the dedication possibly as early as January 2010. Paul and Alex fell in love with the Haitian Christians they met and hopefully will return to visit.

Thank all of you who prayed for our safety on this trip.

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