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Newsletter

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CHANGING LIVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

Hannah Swan Training to Serve



“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful. This is something I have to learn over and over again as I walk through the journey of life with Jesus. I believe we are all constantly relearning this at we follow the Lord, or at least be reminded of it as we grow to trust and depend on God in all things.

I started the School of Discipleship at Gospel for Asia (GFA) this past January. GFA is a ministry that started over 30 years ago with the pur-

pose of reaching the most unreached with the love of Jesus. The ministry currently supports thousands of native missionaries, men and women throughout Asia who have completely surrendered their lives to serve the Lord and tell others about Him. The School of Discipleship is a one-year program for young adults to serve at the ministry full time, study the Word of God, and learn how to depend on the Lord through prayer as well as visit the mission field in Asia for two weeks.

Since coming to Texas (US headquarters of GFA) seven months ago, God has been faithful to transform my life by showing me how to depend on Him and have an excitement for His work around the world. Many

people asked if this year would build my career, lead to a job, provide me with a degree and so on. The answer is no. The purpose is simple, to know the Lord and make Him known. As some describe it, its allowing God to mess up your life, or as the tagline states, “Can you die to yourself for a year?” By having a year where I can truly focus on growing to know Him intimately, He is equipping me to be fully surrendered to Him and shine His light wherever He leads me to serve.

It has now been two years since I gave my life to Jesus and it has been quite an adventure. God is faithful to work in our lives and the more we surrender, the more opportunity He has to use us for His kingdom!

Hannah Swan

25th Year Day Of Jubilee Celebration

Since the 2011 Day of Jubilee Celebration went as well, or better, than any other we have had, we want to assure you all we can have a wonderful time even if we have to have the entire celebration inside. Everyone who came last year seemed to have a great

time! Each of you getting this letter will get another sheet giving more details about the celebration; that is, all except those who are still incarcerated. They will have to wait a little longer to celebrate with us, although we had more ex-inmates present last year

than any other year. Some people who had never attended before came and got an up-close-and-personal view of lives that were changed because of the love of God shown through various prison outreaches and the churches involved with them.

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Ministry Outreaches Available:

In - Prison Ministry - After Care - Support Groups - Pen Pal (letter writing) Mentoring - Family Ministry - Youth Ministry - Ministry training seminars are available for local churches.

Haiti Comfort: Giving Kids With AIDS A Chance

We know AIDS is a terrible thing that there is no cure for. Some contract AIDS through sin, some by accident; how would you like to be born with AIDS? The children at Haiti Comfort all have AIDS and are cared for and loved by Ray and Trisha Comfort. The children play in the courtyard and eat well and Trisha and Ray do all they can to make their lives as enjoyable as possible. One thing they need is support. Their build-



ing is much too small for the number of children they are taking care of, so as you can see below they are trying to put a roof on the first floor of a building that was started 3 years ago. When they finish that floor the boys will have one room and the girls will have another. It will not be as crowded. The new building will give them room for the new children that they are taking in faster than they can expand. They certainly never want to turn any needy child away. I have never been to Haiti, but one of my board members has. He visited Haiti Comfort and he has a very glowing report of how the children are cared for and loved. He also shared that when he visited them their account was down to \$38. He said Ray and Trisha

were in good spirits even though at times their strength was drained. Their love never faltered for the children. Back in our Jan./Feb. newsletter I shared a story about the Good Samaritan Inn in Richmond and their needs. These newsletters and this ministry is about serving the Lord. Many who read this newsletter do not feel called to give to a prison outreach, but perhaps you might feel called to support Haiti Comfort and serve the Lord in that way. If you are not giving, or going, or doing anything to further the gospel, I say shame on you.



Money for materials is sometimes needed to feed the children.



(Left) Mika and Lange are tying the rebar that will hold the cement together for our first floor ceiling/second floor. We have been tying rebar for over 3 weeks, along with building a new cement storage tank (never planned, but needed now!) for our water supply, which comes, but not always when we need it. (Right) Here is the first floor leveled, done by adding form boards across the bottom and sides. Four-inch cement blocks will be added and held in place with rebar through them, making up a steel web. We'll keep you posted (website) just before and after the pour. It really is an interesting process.



Doing the best you can with what you have.

I think we here in America are spoiled. I don't know how you feel about rice, but it looks pretty good here and so does the meal in the next column, but it does not come easy in Haiti like it does here in the USA. Not only is money short, but due to all of the catastrophes in



Haiti's recent history, everything is hard to find, which makes it very expensive. We see children playing outside in the picture in the adjacent column, not playing video games or with Playstations. Who would have ever thought children could use their imagina-



tion to entertain themselves without all of the fancy items it takes for our children not to be bored! Wouldn't a swing set look nice in this picture?



Santiago slept for over twelve hours last night and we had to wake him up. Crib-bound babies sleep because that's all you do in cribs, but he did have a pretty busy day



little guy lived in a small hospital for a year! He doesn't want to be touched and he bites and scratches. We are already cutting through this. We have done this with a few of our children.



will keep him on a schedule like he should be.....and love him and praise God that he made it here.



Sometimes water is not available in the small town where we find Haiti Comfort, so they are building

an underground storage tank to fill when water does come in. When you have 12 children to work with, going without water is very inconvenient. With this storage tank, when the water system breaks down, the orphanage will not have to carry 5 gallon buckets from the river to wash.

(Santiago has since gone on to be with the Lord.)



yesterday. The other kids are pretty excited about the new guy, but they always are. He is very weak and he seems almost angry at times. Believe it or not, this

Momma makes a big impact, but soon the kids will make a bigger one. Their unceasing attention coupled with love and help has brought along several children who were socially, physically and mentally off-kilter. A few like Rosy and Marrison are miracle kids. That's why they call it family! Alas, he's out again. He nods off a lot, but we

Ray and Trisha raising children through the love of God.



When I originally wrote this newsletter, Momma had just walked in with this beautiful little boy, Santiago. He was 15 months old. His mother died about two months after childbirth and he lived in a small hospital in Las Cohobas, Haiti near the Dominican border. He seemed to be crib-bound: his little body is like rubber. He has AIDS & TB and is on anti-viral medications. He could stand for a very short period. Santiago has since gone to be with the Lord.

If you want to help this very worthy cause with donations contact :
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Here is an update from when the original story was started.

Since I wrote the bulk of this newsletter a while ago, I thought I would send you the updated pictures of the work on the Comfort Haiti orphanage. As you can see, there has been progress, but not without cost. If you want to see more progress go to the Comfort Haiti Blog. They do a good job of keeping it updated.



to the right. As the building is enlarged the number of children needing a place is growing at even a

The building looks real sound and they have started on the second floor, as seen in the picture



greater pace. To the right: When this is poured it will be bedrooms over the entranceway. The other



picture is the second floor over the classrooms. There is a great need here for these children.

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Drew's Trivia Corner

Questions for Sept./Oct.

1. Jesus said, "What is a man profited, if he gain the whole world and lose his own _____?"
2. Old Testament: The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with _____?
3. Jesus told the people to lay up for themselves treasures in _____?
4. Who told people to set affection on things above, not on things on the earth?
5. Proverbs: "He that is greedy of gain, troubles his own _____?"
6. Which companion of Paul forsook him "for the love of this world"?
7. The Bible's first recorded theft: who stole idols from her father?
8. Who was stoned for stealing plunder during the battle for Ai?
9. Which prophet quotes God as saying, "I hate robbery and iniquity"?
10. What book of the Bible states that "Stolen waters are sweet"?

Answers for July./Aug. Questions

1. Jesus Heb. 5:5, 6; 2. Rock, sand Matt. 7:23-26 3; Herod Acts 12:1, 2; 4. Spirit flesh Rom. 8: 4; 5. Wait, Rom. 8:25; 6. Charity 1 Cor. 13:13; 7. Herod, charger Matt. 14:8; 8. Judas 30, Matt. 27:3; 9. The dragon, Rev. 12:7; 10. Blood water John 19:34.

The initials BCC stand for Buckingham Correctional Center. All services are held between 6:30 and 7:45 PM.
 DCC stands for Dillwyn Corrections Center. All services are held between 6:00 and 7:30 PM.
 RJPM stands for Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry.
 PF stands for Prison Fellowship.
 CBS stands for Community Bible Study, held 2:00 to 3:30PM, led by Chaplain Ron Baker, RJPM.
 Sunday service and 5th Monday is a worship service. The other services are generally Bible studies.
 Food Bank— pass out food to the needy in Schuyler, where I live, between 4:30 PM & 6 PM.

Offerings & Donations

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Mission Statement

To establish and strengthen the Christian life of inmates and their families by providing opportunities for worship, instruction, nurturing of children, fellowship, service, mutual aid, brotherly counsel, and to establish and strengthen the Christian life of evangelism. To bring the Gospel to the unsaved and to lead them to faith in Christ, followed by membership in the body of Christ.

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