

Grace Lutheran "Haiti 10" Mission Team  
November 30 - December 7, 2011

Benne swale tenel! Praise the Lord! The Haiti Ten from Grace Lutheran Church in Ada, Minnesota, had an awesome week and "a life-changing experience" in Haiti. Following is a brief summary of our week in Haiti using some of the comments in quotation marks the team members used to express what the mission trip to Haiti meant to them.

"Words cannot begin to explain the sights, sounds, and smells the 10 of us experienced together in Haiti." "The week in Haiti was an eye-opener to say the least." "(The) experience in Haiti will truly be an unforgettable one."

The main project we worked on in Haiti was the clinic the Village of Hope is building. "We were



overwhelmed by the job that lay before us." "What can we accomplish here in seven days that will make a difference?" "We all stepped back, took a deep breath, and then we GOT TO WORK!" We were "sweeping, sanding, shoveling, cleaning, sweating, crying, painting, singing, worshipping, sharing, hugging." "Being able to work with Haitian's to help them build something that they will benefit from for years to come, just made me (us) feel good about helping others in need." "This clinic is being built one shovel at a time by the workers that do not have the means or equipment we have to get this done." "We did accomplish a lot in a short time." "It was dirty and dusty. It was absolutely beautiful!"



"There is such poverty all around there, yet the majority of the people were smiling." "Our hearts were broken to see poverty and rubble, but our hearts were warmed by the people we met."



We saw "intelligent, Christ-filled people!" "The resilience of the Haitian people is truly amazing." "I thought I was going on a mission trip to help people and show the love of God, and then went there having them show me the love of God. They are happy and appear content with what they have praising God

in everyday life."

"Never once did I feel unsafe while out and about in Haiti." "We were called to use our hands to do God's work, and God's hands carried us safely through the amazing week. We prayed to God for guidance, and he spoke to us through the people in Haiti. We saw people everywhere, lots and lots of people, but probably have never felt closer



to God our Father.” “I know that my faith is stronger after this experience. But also know there is a lot more that needs to be done.” “We must never forget those with less financial resources than ourselves. We are blessed and need to share our blessings. A onetime trip will never be enough.”

We had a busy week! The clinic rooms on the main floor were all cleaned out and most of them and the rest of the first floor were painted the first coat. We painted about 25 gallons of paint that week. During the week we also painted the clinic cabinets the first coat, organized and sorted the eleven suitcases of supplies we brought, and counted and organized school supplies.



In addition to working at the clinic, we visited the Village of Hope School, Food for the Poor, Little Children of Jesus Orphanage, and the metal shops. We were also taken very good care of by the staff at Hope House for which we were very thankful.

God works in mysterious ways, and He was working with us in Haiti. Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as well as the missionaries and programs over

there helping them.” “May God continue to bless, guard, and keep our Haiti friends.” , “I was (we were) so proud to be a part of our Haiti Ten mission team!”



More pictures of our week in Haiti:



Sanding...

The first paint goes on...

We signed our work....

Unpacking, counting, and sorting supplies we brought....

Ready for a day of work....

