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TEAMS

Summer in Haiti means one thing...hot and humid days. We managed to escape the hurricane named Emily. What a blessing. It is so hard on the Haitian people when it rains much less anything more severe.

Despite the heat, a team from the Naperville (IL) area representing Evangelical Church Evangelical Free, Living Waters, Crossroads and other churches, were able to accomplish many tasks. The exterior of the chapel, the dining hall, were given a fresh coat of paint. Repairs to the playground equipment – swings and teeter-totter – were completed. The VOH sign the entrance by the main road was freshened up a bit. Air circulation in the latrines was improved. Plumbing problems in the bathrooms were also resolved. Those that worked so hard wished they could be here on the first day of school to see the students' reactions to all the improvements.

While they were busy painting, scraping, hammering, and nailing, a small group of the team spent their time at Little Children of Jesus. They helped wherever they were needed. They sang songs with the kitchen staff while they did dishes. They bathed and fed the children. All enjoyed the "summer camp" activities for the children. More music and dancing and games galore.



Play ground repairs



Painting Crew



Lennie Fenton Team several churches Naperville – Bolingbrook, IL area

SCHOOL

While the team scheduled for the end of the month has cancelled, we are going to keep working on preparing the school for opening in September. It seems like the students just started vacation and here we are talking about opening!

Some great news to report: 53 out of 54 of our sixth grade students passed the national exams. This is a reflection of the efforts of our teachers and students. Like elsewhere, education is valued dearly here.

HEALTH CENTER - *A pictorial update*



FLOOR

<Before

Conduits for electrical>



DURING



AFTER



HOPE HOUSE

Our staff continues its hard work, cleaning inside and out on a daily basis, trying to keep up with the ever-present dust. We put a fresh coat of paint on the exterior walls of the main house and guest rooms. The maintenance men have been clearing debris. We are working on cross-training many of the tasks. Work here is truly a team effort.

HAITI NEWS

The legislative branch has yet to approve a prime minister. While this hinders the broader scope of governmental affairs, life goes on for the average Haitian. One noteworthy event: the government has built or is using existing facilities as designated emergency centers. They will be used during major weather events and the like as places where people can go to get in out of the elements. The cell phone companies send out weather alerts in the form of text messages when necessary. While much needs to be done, there are many ways in which Haiti is in step with the rest of the world.

Blessings,

Bert & Roberta