

Update March 2011

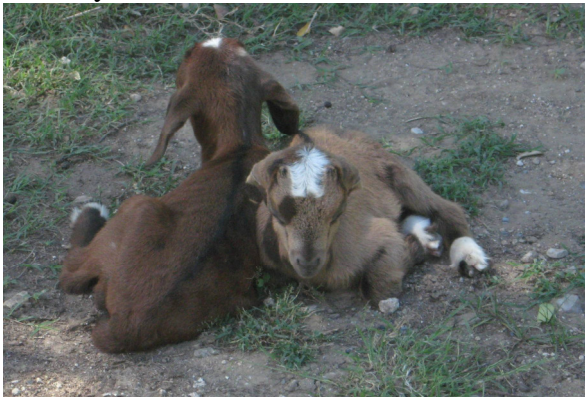
Dear Friends,

We're praising God daily for good health, strength, wisdom and knowledge to continue the task He has set before us.

Because of government problems, a few teams have canceled but the work goes on and with God's help we are making progress. LaMar's team, a great team from Iowa, worked on the little house by the clinic which we call Guest House #3. It's looking good with windows and doors but is not yet finished inside. Richard Osborne is coming to put up a prefab house, which he sent over on the last container. He'll have lots of help bolting it together on the cement foundation.

We are now starting to work on the school wing again. When school is out this summer we'll have longer days to work. We are hoping and believing that a team will be coming in May to help us so we will have more classrooms. There is more work to do on the school toilet also. The government is making various requirements in many areas that we need to redo or improve to bring us up to protocol.

This is the dry season - not a blade of grass is to be found - which is very hard on our animals. Even though they receive peelings and a man often brings in a bundle of grass from the valley, it is hardly enough for all of them. The other day someone told me they saw two baby goats just born. One was with its mother and the other laying with its mouth full of dirt. They said, "it's dead." I picked up the lifeless little one, had someone hold it while I ran upstairs to make some milk. With much persistence and finally force, she began to swallow and within a few minutes she was trying to stand. We then put her beside her mother and she began to nurse only to find that the mother had no milk; meanwhile the other one was getting weaker. I pulled some mango leaves and gave them to the mother. I turned around and there was mama cow trying to reach some leaves also with her young calf trying to nurse, too. I reached for some more leaves and gave her as many as I could. I asked the next morning if the little ones were still alive and they were! Thank you, Jesus!



EGO's van is running good but we've had a problem with the Toyota. It has been under construction - the fan belt broke and the radiator blew. This all happened while we were still in the States. Ruben found brakes to be completely worn out. It is 11 years old so probably that's not too bad considering our roads. Ruben took it down where they knew how to replace the plastic pieces with metal in the radiator after we returned. Now it has new brake shoes and tires changed. It's good to go! We are still looking for a crane - never received an answer from the UN fellows. One of the first containers we received is still on the lo-boy waiting to be placed on the foundation like the other one was.

This afternoon the children washed the two-quart jars while the ladies prepared tomatoes from our garden to can. We have also been enjoying our beets, okra, beans, and eggplant. Of course it was watered by the windmills running into the fish tanks, then into the garden. The dry season will soon be over - hopefully - then it will be time to plant corn. There is a problem with the front end of the tractor and it looks like we will be needing a certain gear to be able to plow. This didn't come at a good time.

Every night last week someone from the village has been rehearsing for a wedding. The church is beautifully decorated and while we write, the ceremony is going on.

Since Talante, our nurse, had her second baby in January, the clinic has not been in operation. Her doctor prescribed a three-month maternity leave for her. I used to be able to carry on for her but at this point in my life, there is just too much going on to be able to keep up. We are looking forward to her being back with us soon!



#### Prayer Requests:

Roselene (Ti Rose) The teachers in the country are not very faithful and come sporadically so Ruth has taken Ti Rose under her wing so she can have a place to stay while she takes lessons in Port au Prince. This will better prepare her to pass the Government exam which is very difficult especially when you don't know what to study. She has one more year after this before she graduates.

Eric has returned to help us with the boys since there is no work in Port au Prince. He has become a very dependable young man and is such a big help to Dad and in disciplining the older boys. Eric said he remembered that when he was here he never got

away with what they do now. He has been a God-send. We really need your help and prayers with the adult children who are really trying to succeed in life.

Many needs: All of the roofs on the buildings at the orphanage, including the church, need painting. Some of the doors and screens need to be replaced. Cupboards are needed in all the dorms.

Thanks for all your prayers and your giving. We could not carry on without your help!  
We love you!

Be blessed of the Lord!

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