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Matthew 25:40 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

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Last month I saw something that I have never seen in CARHA before. We have so many testimonies to share with you. I am blessed with the movement we have seen from our new servants. Here are some of their stories.

CARHA Mission Trip Testimonies

Mike Wiggins – Senior Pastor - Calvary Chapel, Port St. Lucie, FL

My trip to Haiti was brief (4 days), but very impactful. I was especially impacted by the pervasive poverty *everywhere* our team went. It was the worst poverty I've ever encountered. One day I saw an elderly man filling up empty water bottles from a puddle on a dirt road. He then drank from that filthy water. We tried to find him later to give him some food and clean water, but he was gone. It's one thing to see adults suffer, but quite another thing to see children suffer. So, my heart especially goes out to the many orphans that CARHA is attempting to take care of. James 1:27 says, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble..." Since the trip, I am now very aware of the needs of the Haitian people and the challenge to help them. When we choose to step out in faith to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, provide shelter for the homeless, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned, we can be assured we are also doing these acts of charity for the Lord (Mt. 25:40). I want to encourage anyone reading this to support CARHA as they continue to make a difference in Haiti.

Dave Carroll – Port Saint Lucie, Florida

I had a great ministry week down in Haiti with Calvary Chapel Port St. Lucie, Djumy Septembre, and the CARHA team this May of 2010. We were able to serve along side of some of the most selfless ministers I have ever seen and see the great need in the nation of Haiti. As a church we are excited about participating in strengthening the orphanages, schools, and churches who are in significant need of resource. The Lord is doing a mighty work through CARHA as people are coming to Christ, orphans are finding a home, and they are providing a solid education for the young people in Haiti. It was apparent the people part of the ministry is already happening on a larger level, they just need those of us who are "state-side" to step up and help with teams and resources. Thank you CARHA for the amazing week of ministry!

Gabriella Mowery – Port Saint Lucie, Florida

Going on a Mission's trip to Haiti was life changing. My favorite memory has to be all the children wanting you to hold their hand and play with you. It was exciting to see their reaction to receiving just a piece of gum. They didn't even care if it had been in some other kid's mouth. I loved to hear the kids praise the Lord. Their faith was sometimes stronger than any of you who are reading this paragraph! I could see the Lord working in the lives of the children!!



Darlyn with the Orphans



Group from Mid-South working on the cafeteria building



Clinic: We have 1 doctor & 1 nurse currently working at the clinic. On this occasion there was over 300 patients. There is not enough space to even stand inside. Please pray for a bigger place.



Gabriella at orphanage

Darlyn Fried – Okeechobee, Florida

After my first visit to the orphanage in Bayonnais a few months ago, the Lord put it on my heart to return. He gave me such a love for these children that I knew I had to help them have a better life. Not only to provide for their physical needs, but also to show them the love of Christ and bring a hope to their future. The Rotary Club of Okeechobee, Florida (of which my husband Lyle and I are members) has taken this on as their first ever international project. Due to the club's generosity, I was able to provide the children with many things on my visit. I wanted to stay at the orphanage to have the full experience of how the children live. The staff was amazing; they worked from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week, sometimes without any pay because they are so dedicated to the needs of the orphanage. My 5 days with them was one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences of my life. We worked on many arts and crafts projects, played games, ate, laughed, danced, sang, worshipped, and cried together. The time went by so fast, and once again it was time to go and I didn't want to leave. I will return again soon. I can't imagine my life without them in it. I would encourage everyone to pray and see if the Lord is calling you to Haiti. If he does, you need to be obedient. You will not regret it because the blessings you pour out to the children are nothing in comparison to what you will get in return. If going on a mission trip is not your calling, please consider supporting the orphanage financially. Their needs are so great. Everyone has something to offer.



Mike Wiggins



Meagan Wiggins

Reflection:

There were many incredible stories that I have witnessed this past month. Meagan Wiggins from Port Saint Lucie, FL was one of the missionaries who visited Haiti in May. Something I will never forget is when Meagan gave her only shoes to an orphan when she realized that she only had 1 pair of shoes. Meagan walked around the rest of the day in her socks. The team from Mid-South worked so very hard on building the cafeteria for CARHA. It is something that I will never forget. My heart was touched when Darlyn Fried was leaving and all of the kids at the orphanage were crying including Darlyn. There was so much love between her and the kids. They hated to part ways. Thank you so much everyone for your service and sacrifice for CARHA.

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