



Haiti Friendship Ministries
 HaitiFriendship@yahoo.com
 www.HaitiFriendship.org



A note from Carole



Jena and Sam

There was no fire. It was dinnertime and there was no fire. We had set out late that afternoon to visit some families in Mapou, a village near Marchasse. After taking dozens of pictures, we decided we had just enough time to pay Jena's family a visit before it became too dark.

We had been wondering about the home situation of this petite teenager with an adult's face but the body of a child. We were warmly greeted by Jena's mom and proceeded to sit in the makeshift chairs that were immediately brought out of the hut for us. About ten minutes into our visit, Fre Ed (Brother Ed Lockett) inquired about the lack of a cooking fire. He knew that they were being polite and waiting for us to leave, or that there was no food to cook. The latter was the case. Further probing revealed that Jena's mom had made a soup of leaves and bread for her family that morning and now had nothing else to give them.



I'm happy to say that we were able to intervene for Jena's family that night. But I also know that the reality is Haiti has thousands of kids like Jena who need a more permanent solution than one jar of peanut butter and a quick hand-out. And I can't help but hurt for the parents who are trying to eek out an existence and don't have the resources to feed their kids. With all my heart I know that there but for the grace of God go I.

A note from Joel



For me, this ministry has been on auto-pilot for almost three years. Oh yeah...I did make sure money from sponsors was disbursed for the children and schools in Haiti each month, and wrote the occasional newsletter which seemed to provide more information on my personal struggles than on the ministry. I also made a couple of trips to Haiti to communicate with the leaders and people there about what was going on, and last year to provide updates for sponsors.

But now I can say that I'm getting excited about this again. In my January newsletter I indicated how wonderful God has been to me by providing Carole, not only as a partner in life, but as a partner with the Haiti Friendship Ministries. Her second trip with me in February confirmed her desire to be involved, especially with nutritional aspects (as evident from her note above). My new church (Princeton Community Church) wants to get more involved in missions, including Haiti. And I am even strongly considering leading a team mission trip early next year, which would be the first time in four years. God is truly amazing!! I want to thank those of you who prayed for me during my time in the wilderness.



Marchasse Church building foundation