



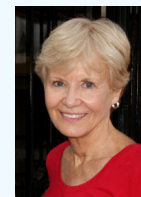
# DAYSRING MINISTRIES

Walking Hand in Hand with the People of the Light & Peace Missions in Haiti

## To Haiti and Back ~ No Problem!

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I'm happy that a picture is worth a thousand words, because I don't have enough space to describe all that we saw and did and felt during our week in Haiti. How can I describe in words the joy we felt making **Easter bonnets** with the widows? How can I describe our **trip to Palme** where the people there said they never had visitors before? How can I describe our sadness when we said **goodbye to the orphans** on the day we were leaving?



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**We started our trip early Sunday morning with worship** in the old church with the new façade. The outside of the church is lovely, but the people inside glow with the joy of the Lord. We listened to Pastor Ronald preach, and we sang along in English to familiar hymns that our friends sang in Creole. People filled both floors of the refurbished church. We didn't understand all the words, but we felt the Spirit.

Then **the widows and the mission team** took the school bus back to the orphanage where we served brunch to our guests. When the tables were cleared, the fun began! We carried down about **50 straw hats** in our bags, along with silk flowers, giant gem stones, ribbons and feathers and tons of **Elmer's glue**. All the ladies and our one man cut and tied and glued until their creations were complete. I know those ladies (and our one man) will look spectacular on Easter morning!



**On Monday morning** the team headed to Port-au-Prince to visit **Mother Theresa's Orphanage** where help is always needed to hold and feed severely malnourished babies. No photos are allowed to be taken at the facility, but you know our hearts were broken at the sight of so many little ones so pathetically thin and fragile and some very close to death.

In the afternoon **we toured PAP** and got to see some of the changes that had been made since the earthquake. Most of the roads were clear and **new buildings** were slowly emerging, but we also saw thousands of tents that seem to have become permanent fixtures. We were encouraged by the totally new communities that are growing up near Bon Repos.

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UNICEF reports that over 1,000,000 people still remain homeless, of which 380,000 are children.



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## Our Overnight Visit to Palme, Haiti

**What? You've never heard of Palme, Haiti?** Maybe that's because **no outsiders have ever visited Palme**, according to many people in the village. Palme is near Cornillon on a mountain half a mile high northeast of Bon Repos. I visited Cornillon 12 years ago, but never reached Palme where there's a school and a church and that's all.



The village is surrounded by **terraced farms** and beautiful but barren mountains. Going down the huge long hill into Palme wasn't an issue, but getting up and out of Palme was another story! Some team members even **lost sleep** trying to imagine how the trucks would make it back up and over the hill. The next afternoon our first truck had to be unloaded, pushed and pulled by several men up to the top of the hill! From there the 30 mile ride home only took about four hours.

While we were in Palme, we held **dental and medical clinics** hosted by Dentist Jon and Doctor Judy and their hard working teams. We left several happy dental patients **minus a painful tooth**, and provided money for transportation to a hospital for some medical patients who needed more help than antibiotics could provide.

We were so appreciative of the great food, the elegant sleeping arrangements (with lovely curtains to assure our privacy) and the brand new latrine that I had the privilege of "inaugurating." Thank you to all our new friends in Palme. We hope to be able to visit you again sometime.

## The Mini-Mission Team Visit to Hinche, Haiti

I don't want to be-little (pun intended :) the two-man Mission Team to Hinche because they did a mighty job! **Dayspring Trustees, Pastor Allan Briggs and Larry Martin**, ventured over Goat Mountain with Pastor Ronald and several other **Light & Peace** members to attend the **L&P District Convention** in Hinche. Pastor Allan gave a message to the people on Saturday evening and also at the **Sunday morning-afternoon seven-hour worship service**.



The **District Convention** celebrated the reception of **eight other churches** into the **Light & Peace** family. Although the church is full of lively people, the school perished several years ago and is in need of revival. If a US church would like to partner with Hinche **to re-open the school**, the gesture would be most appreciated. Pastor Omega, in the white t-shirt, is retiring this year, and his son, Pastor John, will be taking his place. That's Pastor Ronald to the right of Pastor Omega, with Pastor Pierre and Pastor Roman from Bon Repos standing in the back.

## Prayer and Praise



**Prayer is needed** for our dear little Jesula who suffers greatly from sickle-cell anemia. She now needs IV therapy twice a week and sometimes totally withdraws to shelter herself from pain.

That's **Beethoven** on the right with one of his good friends, Renee. Thanks to our sponsors, Beethoven is now well-fed and growing larger every day. He loves the kids, but continues to scare away any would-be intruders. He even makes me a little nervous!

