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Model Village Project

Primary Establishment

The period of time between the discovery of Petite Paradise in 2005 and today has brought remarkable changes to this little village.

- A church was built and a Pastor approved by the LWM Board was planted in the village. The number of people attending church consistently increased. The earthquake in January 2010 created a need to bring in a new Pastor. During the first week the new Pastor arrived in Petite Paradise, he constructed a primitive shelter for himself on top of the mountain overlooking the village and lived there day and night, praying and fasting over the village. The church has become more and more crowded to the point that people stand outside because there is no sitting or standing room inside. Each Sunday after church the Pastor visits the people who were not in church to find out what kept them from coming. Now every person in the village attends church each week.

The first full time Missionary moved onto the Campus in 2009. Then in the summer of 2010, the second full time Missionary moved onto the Campus. Having people serve in a full time capacity has been a great spiritual benefit. Bible studies are held regularly in the villages; the people know that our missionaries are there to support them and to answer questions. It is also a way of better managing the programs within the villages. People are being taught the word of God and are accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior and are being baptized. They are learning that there is only one man for one woman and couples are being married. A home is under construction for an American family of 5 to move onto the Campus in 2011 as full time missionaries.

- The school is meeting in the church. During the 2009-2010 school year, there were 55 children enrolled in five different grade levels. Each child receives a vitamin enriched meal, provided by Feed My Starving Children, every day at school. The children are happy and energetic. This meal is probably the only meal some of the children receive each day. The teachers have told us that since

the children have something to eat at school they are able to pay attention in class. The school day was lengthened giving the children more opportunity to learn. Not only are they receiving a good basic education, they are also learning to speak English.

- The general health of the people is improving. The children are healthier. Their hair, eyes and body are showing the positive results of receiving medications that combat the malnutrition that is typically present in Haitian children. The people are dressed in clothes that fit them and compliment their appearance. Men wear clean and pressed white shirts to church and shoes that match and are polished. Women look beautiful in their lovely dresses with shoes befitting their outfit. There is a wonderful camaraderie among the people and a gentle spirit that prevails throughout the village.
- Ten new houses have been built for some of the people. These houses have a cement floor, cement block pillars around the perimeter of the house, a tin roof, and secured tie downs that can withstand hurricane force winds. This project was supported through the church where the decision was made regarding the families who would receive the blessing of a new home. Many of the church members even provided free labor to help with the construction.
- A well has been dug that is adjacent to the well for the LWM Campus. The water has been tested and proved to be suitable for drinking. This is the only usable water source within a six mile radius. Water is critical to the health of the human body which makes this village perceived as being greatly blessed by God.
- The village recognized the value of their prime location and developed salt mines. They are able to harvest the salt to sell to others in neighboring areas. There is great potential for even more salt mines that can generate revenue for them.
- Chickens have recently been introduced to the people. They are starting to raise them and eventually will develop a cycle that will give them meat and eggs to eat. They typically eat the rice and beans which is most commonly consumed by the Haitians.
- A food dehydrator was developed to show them how they can preserve the abundance of fruit that is being left on the ground to rot.
- Shade houses were constructed for the purpose of growing vegetables. They have not been able to grow that kind of food because of the intense heat from the sun.

The advancements this village has made are totally incredible. They are beginning to realize the potential they have to make a difference in the way they live. Their experiences and example are affecting other nearby villages in a positive way. People living in Port Au Prince and other larger Haitian cities had no desire to move to the Northwest. The January earthquake forced some people to migrate toward the North and

brought some family members back to places such as Petite Paradise where they saw the progress that is taking place in that area.

LWM has always taken the stand that it is not the desire of the ministry to Americanize the Haitian people. It is our goal to show them how they can provide for their own needs. It is a step-by-step process that takes time, administration, and patience to accomplish. Petite Paradise has taken some giant steps. Our focus is to help guide them to achieve self-sufficiency.