

Update December 18, 2011

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At the same time we had a team from St Louis here. They were doing two main projects. Pastor Robbie Mills led his usual seminar for pastors on the island. There was good attendance and every day Robbie seemed to be impressed with some of the good interaction he had. The rest of the team was leading Bible Schools in the afternoons. They kept busy in the mornings by clearing rocks from an area where Barry wants to plant a garden and painting the outside of the ice plant. That seemed to be an appropriate task for the group because they were the ones who painted the wall and verse in front of the ice plant many years ago.

The third group was actually just a husband and wife couple who have also been here before. They came toward the end of the week and were truly playing the role of Santa Clause. Most of their baggage was presents they had bought, or else presents that friends and family sent to them to bring in. It was GREAT to get some of Mom's home made Christmas fudge.

They are the couple who have been instrumental in raising funds for the new vehicle which will be sent to WISH. Dave not only picked up the Kawasaki Mule, he also has build a trailer for it to assist in carrying tools and supplies. In the next couple weeks he will be taking it to St Louis so it can be loaded on the next container to be sent down. We have seen one of these vehicles in use on the island by Pastor Ben Hopp, so we are excited to have one ourselves. Dave spent much of his time making some safety rails to go around the work pits at the welding shop.

While all of this was going on, we also had the WISH workers busy on the library build. I am excited to say we now have roofing on the building! Everyone worked hard the past couple days to finish getting the roofing up before they start the

Christmas/New Year shutdown. They worked one extra day this week to make sure that the job would not sit partially done over the holidays. Then we talked about the significance of Christmas, handed out the Christmas bonuses, and let the workers pick through clothes and other things left behind over the year by teams that have visited. Everyone seemed to go away happy with some new treasures for themselves or their families.

This week will be busy even though the crew is not working. On Tuesday Beth flies home for Christmas, so Barry and I will be taking her into Port Au Prince to the airport and making a much needed shopping trip at the same time. Then on Friday we have been invited to the mountains of LaGonave to the home of Andy Troyer to have a meal and share some time visiting. On Saturday we have been invited to another area of the island to visit another missionaries family and see their school's Christmas program. Even though most of the missionaries from the compound have gone back to their homes for Christmas celebrations we are not going to feel alone.

Okay, enough for now. I need to go shut the power off for the night so I am going to wrap this up. Of course I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and if you don't hear from me before then, a Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays and remember to keep Christ in your Christmas.

Blessings,

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Bible School



Kawasaki Mule still in the States



New roof on the library/resource center