

## 8-27-2011 Update from Rod Geiszler

A couple more fun weeks have gone by since I sent anything out, so I will let you know about some of what has happened.

First on the list should be that Barry and Beth Gould received financial clearance to come to the field. That means that Global Partners believes they have enough funding to come to the field for the next 4 years! Pray that all who pledged support will be able to fulfill those pledges, and pray that we will all have a smooth transition as they join us working for WISH. They have made the move to Haiti one time in the past, so they already have language skills and know most of what they should expect. Hopefully that will make this an easy move for them.

The Wesleyan guest house hosted a team from Canada which did Bible schools and some work in the community. They had one member of their team who teaches GM mechanics about updates and changes to their cars, and he was interested in helping out around WISH. Of course we were able to help him out with some projects. The biggest one being changing bushings on the front of our newer ATV.

If you have ever done this job, you must be thinking "how can that be his biggest job?" but maybe your work went as planned. As we started to work we noticed that under the skid plate the frame was really rusting away. Pretty soon there was a grinder out to help find how far the damage went and by the next day there was new tube bent and welded in and a new plate welded under that. Then a little bit of Haitian engineering and we had new bushings in and a good running ATV!

Of course fixing things can often times be the easy part of this job. The harder part is knowing when and how to help the many requests you get, and how to say no. Last week one of the WISH employees was doing some construction (he had earned a little extra money by translating for that team from Canada). He asked if he could send a guy over to fill a drum up with water from our hose. I told him it would be okay, but didn't know which rascal he was sending. Well the guy who came was somebody who I think would do well at selling used cars at one of those little side lots. He brought in the drum, turned on the hose and disappeared. I realize all of this sometime later when I found water running all over the ground and nobody in sight. I shut off the hose and continued my work but watched for his return. About 20 minutes later he comes back and I explain to him that it is not okay to waste water and that is exactly what he had done by leaving the hose running and not paying attention to it. He told me that it was no problem, he wouldn't do it again, because he wouldn't need any more water. I said good, because for now you are not allowed to come and get water at WISH! Well, who do you think I found in the yard filling a drum two days later? Of course he had just started to so I shut off the hose, reminded him that he said he wouldn't need more water, and put his drum and him outside the gate. I expect that someday he will come and apologize and then we can see about restoring some level of trust to him, but I am sure he got the message that water is a precious resource in our town and not to be wasted. Also, don't worry about the construction project. Lefils sent another guy down to fill the drum with water, and there are two fountains they pass between where they are building and our compound so they have lots of options to get water.

Okay, I will finish writing for now, we have a team coming from a church in NY later this week. Dave Kolb has come many times in the past few years and will be back with two of his daughters to work at the hospital and his welding skills to help in other areas. In addition they have a few other

people from their church who have never been here before and are feeling nervous about the trip and a young lady who was terrified to come before, but loved it once she arrived. Pray for their safe travel and that God would have perfect work for their skills.

Rod

**Greg repairing the ATV**

