

Hello everyone,

Time is going fast! We have been in Haiti for three months already. In some ways it seems like we just got here, but other things make it seem like we have been here much longer. This week I am going to tell you about a series of amazing events. There was a team of doctors and nurses from Canada working on the Wesleyan mission who among other patients examined the young baby of Met Frantz. Many of the people who get this email know him, but for those who don't I will explain who he is. Met is a title which is given to teachers and Frantz works for WISH but also teaches at a couple schools. Anyway, he and his wife had their first child a few months ago, just after we arrived. When the doctors on the team examined the baby (Kaylar) they said that she had double hernias. They were worried that if the hernias were not repaired they could compromise her bowel and lead to a unneeded death. They also did not have everything they needed or the expertise to operate on an infant, so they asked Frantz and his wife to take Kaylar to Port Au Prince to get the operation done. Well, the three of them went to Port Au Prince and visited three different hospitals, but could not get anybody to agree to perform the operation. Then to make matters worse on their way back the van that they were riding in was in an accident. There was one fatality, but Frantz and his family came out relatively okay. When they got back to the island, the doctors from Canada were even more concerned about what they saw because the bumps in her groin had grown and insisted that something be done. Tricia heard about everything that was happening, and planned to do whatever it would take to get the operation done. She packed a bag and grabbed her passport in case she needed to take Kaylar to the USA for an operation. Butch, Tricia, one of the doctors and Met Frantz's family left early on Friday morning and were able to find a hospital being operated by Miami University. It is staffed by volunteers from the states and they immediately began to prepare to operate. They did video conferences with experts back home and got everything set up so that they could operate that evening. What they found were two regions of infection of unknown origin that needed to be taken care of and with the operation and antibiotics they were able to take care of them so a complete recovery is expected. Some might think it was just coincidence how all of this happened, but I am sure that God placed specific people in place who were willing to do what was needed at just the right time.

Another exciting thing is that we have a team visiting WISH this week. There is the dentist Dr Marilyn Dahms and her husband Bill and Tom and Claudia Larson (or grandma and grandpa Larson as Garin sees them). They have been using Chene as an assistant in the dental clinic and he has been very helpful. He is so happy and proud to wear a set of scrubs and rubber gloves as he assists by cleaning and preparing the work stations. He has been sorting out medication and anything else that needs to be done.

One last thing. Last week Lefils called and said the tractor quit running. Well, Jean Bena and I got on an ATV and went to see what the problem was. It turned out that the tractor would run, but would not go into gear- it just seemed stuck in neutral. We towed it home and this week Butch and I did tag team on it to tear apart and find out what the problem is. Wouldn't you know we found a broken piece that will be virtually impossible to get in Haiti. Thanks to some great help from board members back home and a team that Pastor Greg has coming next week we got the parts ordered and picked up. They will travel in on Thursday and come out to the island on Friday. Thank you to everyone who helped out. With only the small tractor running it creates

challenges which we would rather not deal with so we are very happy to have the parts coming soon. Now, if we could only get the container released from customs.....

I have attached a picture of Chene all decked out and assisting in the clinic as well as one of Met Frantz and his family. Keep them in your prayers.

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Chene.jpg



Dr Dahms.jpg



Met Frantz.jpg

