

Hi Everyone,

It has been a busy couple weeks around here. Wait a minute, I think I can start every update with that statement. As most of you know we were able to make huge progress with the ice plant upgrade. The plan as the team came into town was to replace the three ice boxes that had failed and to replace one of the retail freezers. The week the team arrived another ice box failed, and the team felt that rather than spend time troubleshooting/ fixing this box should also be replaced. Well, they turned out to be such good workers that before they left all 6 ice boxes were replaced and both retail freezers. The WISH workers were involved with remodeling the front window sink, leveling the floor under old boxes, and working along with the refrigeration guys to install the new equipment. Everything went real well and it all came together just in time for Flag Day. As we completed installation two guys were sent around the towns to spread the word that there is lots of ice available. Then we paid the local radio station to talk about the availability of ice.

Of course no installation goes quite perfect. This week I was told one day that the cold water boxes were not cooling down the water that we sell. I checked out one of the boxes and found the water was extremely cold, but there was no flow through it. We siphoned the box empty and found everything in the bottom was froze solid. The cooling coils were encased in at least 14 inches of ice. It turns out that somebody had set the thermostat down around 5 degrees- well below the freezing point of water. Then another day I noticed that one of the ice boxes had failed to harvest when I would have expected it to. I soon found a burnt wire coming from the thermostat and replaced it. Other than those two minor things the results have been very good.

Another thing which has kept me busy this week is the generators. Our Deutz was running fine, but the voltage regulator board stopped working properly. It looks like a new control board will need to be purchased to get it back up and running

Well, it is coming into a new season here as well. Not only has the rain finally started, it is getting hotter too. Add in the nice high humidity that an island has and this guy sure is sweating. Teams are not as interested in coming during the peak heat months so many people are taking advantage of the slower season to head home and work on connecting with their support team and visit friends and family. Tomorrow Pastor Greg from the Wesleyan side leaves with his family for 10 weeks. Then in just over a week Michelle and the boys will head home. They are planning to visit some churches before I am able to make it home near the end of the June. There were many people who said if only I was leaving the country they would have given more so we will see how it works for her to do fund raising without me! Just after I leave Pastor Lowell and his family will take off and be gone until September. This place will be much quieter in some ways without them, but then it may also seem much busier. Please pray for all of us to have safe travels, to make good connections and continue to inspire people to support the work we are doing. There is much to be done in Haiti, but at the same time we cannot neglect the hundreds of people who are giving on a monthly basis to support the work that Michelle and I are doing with WISH.

Everyone back home please enjoy the Memorial Day Holiday, and thank a veteran for their sacrifice.

Blessings,

Rod



New Compressors.