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W.I.S.H. An Inter-Denominational Mission Serving the People of LaGonave, Haiti Since 1968

New Directors Eager to Serve on LaGonave

As the Larakers look forward to retirement, we are delighted to announce that the long search for new WISH field directors has culminated in the appointment of Butch and Tricia Alexander of Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania.

The Alexanders spent a week on LaGonave with Joe and Pat Larakers this summer to experience, first hand, the many facets involved in the position of director. With a background in mechanics, Butch was up to his elbows in diesel and waterline repairs while Tricia assisted Pat with office management. They also got acquainted with the island culture and mission staff. Even the intense summer heat and grueling pace could not diminish the Alexander's enthusiasm for the mission field.

In September they met with the WISH Board of Directors during two informal meetings in St. Louis and Western Michigan. These meetings helped the board establish a personal bond with Butch and Tricia as the process of placing them in the field moves forward.

WISH was able to find the Alexanders



through the Global Partners program of Wesleyan Missions. Under the umbrella of Global Partners, the Alexanders will enjoy the same health and retirement benefits as the Doans and Larakers. However, Global Partners requires that they reach a funding goal before they can leave for the mission field. Their support goal has been set at \$52,376. Please pray that they will be able to reach this goal soon to speed their arrival on LaGonave. They will need as much time as possible to learn the Creole language and work alongside Joe and Pat.

Dental Students Gain Valuable Experience Through Volunteering

Dental students traveling with Dr. Bill Sasser gain clinical experience unlike that of their classmates. For six days in September the team of eight dentists and students treated patients in the WISH clinic and also at the Troyer's mountaintop mission at NanCafe.

Dr. Chris Henninger and senior dental student, Mark Fowler, traveled the rough roads to NanCafe where they provided limited dental services to the people in this remote area.

The remainder of the team kept the WISH clinic buzzing with fillings and extractions for the large groups that gather at the clinic gate each day. Leslie St. Jean, a youth pastor, assisted students Holly Mangum and Jina Kang along with Dr. Charles Anderson, Dr. Lucas Bowen and Dr. Bill Sasser.

At right: Holly chose to work outside, under the carport of the WISH guest house near the clinic.





Frequently, poor families from the mountains wait too long to seek medical attention for their sick children at the Wesleyan Hospital. When the child dies, many times the family disappears, leaving the hospital expenses and burial for the mission. Thanks to Aaron Kroenke, our new assistant who donated his carpentry skills, a six-year-old boy was laid to rest in this humble wooden casket.

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**Please consider how you may be able to support
Butch and Tricia Alexander as our WISH field directors.**

I will pray for the Alexanders as they assume the director position with WISH.

I will support the Alexanders with a pledge of \$_____ a month.

I will support the Alexanders with an annual donation of \$_____.

I am enclosing a single donation of \$_____.

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