

# THE HOPE REPORT

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## Judelande Herrona Jean

Judelande Herrona Jean Will turn 14 next month. She just started 3rd grade last year. When she came to my office to sign up for school last month she opened up to me

like a book and I heard the testimony of Jesus coming forth from this child.

She told me that her mother had just lost a baby that week. It was the third child *(continued on page 2 )*



## Little Green People



School is back in session once again. What a joy to see hundreds of "little green people" in the school yard each morning. (The school uniforms are green from top to bottom!) Our school staff is already working hard with these precious children to ensure that they use every opportunity available to teach them. I remember a conversation we had with one of our neighbors a while back. He was complaining *(continued on page 2 )*

## Bridge Update

Many of you question us about the bridge in Grand-Goave. You may recall that the main bridge was washed away during a hurricane a few years back. We are pleased to let you know that the country of Thailand has been working (using local labor) to construct a new bridge. The project leader tells us the bridge should be complete by the end of the year.



## Partners for Hope

Mission of Hope is pleased to be uniting with Partners for Hope to help individuals start up small businesses in the area. Last month Partners for Hope purchased a brand new motorcycle to be used as a taxi service.

Luc Mars, who has been with Mission of Hope since we first started back in March of 2000, is the beneficiary. He will operate this motorcycle daily and



Jesula Courtols just started her 2nd year of high school. Sunday, September 23, she made a decision that will change her entire future. She asked Jesus to be the Lord of her life! Please remember her in prayer.



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she'd lost. She believes that it's because her mother didn't have enough food to eat well during the pregnancy. She shared with me that many days they go all day without eating anything at all. Some days they find a little something to eat, but it's not until bedtime. They spend the whole day hungry. I told her that she could thank Jesus because He is sending lots of food for the school this year. She will eat well.

Judelande missed a couple of years of school because she was ill. She explained how her mother spent those years taking her to see the Voodoo priest constantly, seeking healing for Judelande. One day

Judelande told her mother "I've been going to see the voodoo priest for years with no **solution. I don't believe in** doing this. I choose to convert and live my life for Jesus." After that she never went back to the voodoo priest.

Judelande spoke of how they had sent a spirit of death on her and instructed her that she had been chosen to become a voodoo priestess, but she refused that calling for a much higher calling to follow Jesus. Since accepting Jesus as her Lord she claims to have been delivered from fear and sickness. She knows that when Jesus delivers, He TOTALLY delivers.

## Steel and Plastic Recycling

In an effort to encourage economical development in our area, we have been coordinating negotiations between Caribbean Farms of Haiti and our local municipal authorities. As we speak a parcel of land provided by the city is being prepared to build two plants for recycling. One will be for scrap metal and the other for clear plastics.

We continue to be amazed by the opportunities the Lord continues to put before us. The Prime Minister of Haiti

visited Grand-Goave a couple of days ago to check on the bridge. When he heard of the plans for recycling he was so excited at the prospect of cleaning up the country that he asked the mayor to arrange a meeting with us. Praise God!

These plants should provide employment for at least 40 people plus clean up the plastic and scrap metal that litters the country. We expect the Lord to bring even more jobs.

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make weekly payments for a set amount of time. When the contract is completed ownership will be transferred to Luc.

This blesses us incredibly to see that Luc will now have a means to support his wife and two children. He is a

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because his daughter didn't pass the national exam. He said she just wasn't interested in doing well. We told him that if he sent his daughter to Mission of Hope she would become interested. There is no such thing as a 6th grade student at the Mission school

that is not interested in working hard so that they will pass the national exam. I think the other students would tease that student until they finally decided to work. That's the upside of peer pressure! In the Mission school it is totally "uncool" to be a slacker!

## Haiti in Winter

Consider a Winter get-away to the tropics. While Haiti is the poorest country in our part of the world, it does have some things to offer you this Winter: Sunshine, warmth, oceans, palm trees... And you have more to offer Haiti than you ever could have imagined!

This Winter, Mission of Hope will be linking up with Seeds of Hope, a charitable organization based in Peterborough, Canada, to bring in teams of missionaries all Winter long. **If you've been wanting to visit us, but haven't** found the people to go with you, your search is over.

We will be hosting work teams who will be assisting with everything from construction and feeding children to crafts projects and medical clinics. What a great opportunity to let Jesus utilize all those **special talents He's tucked**

away in you!

You can find an application online at <http://missionofhopehaiti.net>. Print it out, fill it in and send it to our US office. We will contact you so that we can include you in one of the groups coming this Winter. Most groups are comprised of between 10 and 15 people and will include 1-2 special trips or beach days.

**Perhaps you've already** been to Mission of Hope and are looking to return as a short-term (1-4 months) missionary. Wintertime is a great time to spend several months with us.

In any case, pray and ask the Lord what HE wants to accomplish through you in Haiti and then do it by faith!

very hard worker who has worked for us making cement blocks as well as in many aspects of construc-

tion. He and his family are among the most faithful members of the church in Thozin. Praise God for His faithfulness to His children!