Haiti Mission Trip - November 10-13, 2017

Wayne Fritze (Roland Park Presbyterian Church) Joyce and Ted Kruse arrived in Port au Prince Friday afternoon after an uneventful flight. The typical chaos at the airport upon our arrival subdued as soon as we saw the smiling face of Sem, the owner of the guest house where we were staying. He was waiting for us outside the gate. The rain that had been pelting Port-au-Prince every day prior to our visit gave way to sun on Saturday morning.

When we arrived at Kay Papa Nou, everyone came out one-by-one to great us. Our initial impression was how much they had grown since we last saw them. There are around 25 girls that stay at KPN, and 12 boys at Unity House. We distributed supplies collected by Govans and Roland Park - clothing, a saxophone, notebooks, school supplies and many other items that were greatly needed.

Six of the "children" have completed high school and are attending higher education: two in medical school to become Haitian doctors, two in a Science Development to prepare them for work with NGO's or government, one in electrical contracting trade school, and one rethinking her curriculum from architecture. With high school graduation rates below 10%, these young adults will most definitely have the best opportunity for a promising future in a country that has been mired in poverty for decades.

On Sunday, we worshipped with them in Canaan, where Unity House is located. Worship continues for about three hours, beginning with Bible education classes for all ages led by the young adults from KPN, an addition to Sunday worship. We estimated over 100 people worshipping, many from the surrounding neighborhood. It is quite uplifting, with song, clapping, and dancing in their praise of God.

We had a good opportunity to talk with David. He greatly appreciates the financial support he receives from. We send a monthly wire, which he relies on for basic needs and education. This support is from the generosity of Govans-Woodbrook, Roland Park, Joyce and Ted's