

# Kay Papa News

October 2014

## September & October Trips to Haiti (Ted's visit in September & Joyce's in October)

### Thinking back over the last six years -

When we met David and Danny  
Guillaume six years ago, their  
immediate needs were money for  
past-due rent to avoid eviction and  
money to buy food for the children.

Now because of generous and  
consistent support that is sent to  
them monthly through sponsorships  
at Govans and Roland Park  
Presbyterian Church, basic needs are  
being covered for the children.  
Supporters have participated in the  
transformation of 36 at-risk  
children, some now young adults,  
preparing for the future. David  
Guillaume would say, I would  
certainly agree, "God has blessed our  
work in Haiti."

## Summer English and Computer Classes -

The children had English language  
and computer instruction between  
July 15 and September 9, funded by  
a grant from Hearts with Haiti. The  
teachers for both classes were hired  
by David Guillaume and were Haitian.  
English instruction used a situational  
learning method. A situation was  
created with a narrative and video,  
followed by questions about the  
situation. This is similar to the



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*Thank you - Joyce Kruse*

Rosetta Stone language programs. All the children were taught together because their English ability was similar but the older children did learn faster. There was a marked improvement in the children's English. Previously they conversed in more language drill mode: How are you today? Do you have children? Now, children converse with more of their own thoughts. When visiting Kay Papa Nou in December 2013, Kareen, one of the girls, had never seen freckles close-up. She pointed to the freckles and touched my arm repeatedly. After summer English, Kareen asked me why was my skin was orange?

English children's books were taken to the children that were half text and half pictures. The girls were comfortable reading at this level. One of the younger girls read two books to me and she knew all the words but two. They should be ready to read chapter books soon.

Computer instruction focused on Microsoft Word. Instruction was on laptop computers that were provided by the World Computer Exchange through Wayne Fritze at RPPC. We have been carrying laptops in our luggage on trips to Haiti for the last several years. Again, all the children were taught together because their computer skills were very similar at the beginning of the summer. The high school students mastered the basic concepts of Microsoft Word

quicker than the younger children. The children enjoyed learning about computers and were comfortable in asking questions of the instructor.

English and computers are not usually taught in the Haitian school curriculum but will be important for the children going to college and those entering the workforce after high school.

**And the second suitcase contained....**

On all our trips to Haiti travelers fill their suitcases with items needed by the orphanages. We leave Baltimore with the airline maximum of 50 pounds in each bag. To highlight just a few of the items we brought: a keyboard from a friend of Randy Austin, girls dresses from Hannah Pickworth and the Daughters of Dorcas, shoes given by Bobbi Seabolt. The Daughters of Dorcas also provided two dresses for



*Pelancia*

David's wife Danny which she more immediately.

**School begins in Haiti**

The beginning of school means new books, new uniforms and a sense of excitement for the new school year. David has expanded his school to cover all grades except the last two years of high school. The school added a principal's office this fall and an additional classroom is planned.



*The nurses in this photo work at CRICHA'S clinic in Canaan. They are paid when money is available and are at the Clinic from morning until 3 p.m.*



*Class in Canaan*

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410-377-7232/[www.bmwpc.org](http://www.bmwpc.org)

443-904-1149/[www.neighborsnearfar.org](http://www.neighborsnearfar.org)

## Post High School Education

During my visit to Haiti in September, I talked with the two girls who are starting college and learned more about post high school education in Haiti.

Louvenica will attend INQUA (abbreviation) college to study architecture. This is a five-year program with the first two years focusing on structural engineering. The last three years will focus on design. At the end of college, she will sit for a state examination to be licensed. There are no required internships. Passing the exam is the key.

Both Louvenica and Youse Oldy attended a three week summer session and passed entrance exams for their colleges.

Youse Oldy will study medicine at UNIFA (University of the Foundation Aristide). This is a seven year program with an additional three years for specialists. During the sixth and seventh year, students often study in Cuba or the Dominican Republic for part of the year. (This would add travel and living costs) I assume this would require knowledge of Spanish especially if the students see patients. Youse's mother died probably because incompetent medical care and that is one of the main reasons for choosing medicine.

Both young women will continue living at Kay Papa Nou and take tap-taps to college. The costs for Louvenica are approximately \$3000 per year, Youse Oldy about \$4000. These figures did not include textbooks. David believes there will not be other fees or other major expenses. Half the

tuition is paid in October and the other half in March.

## Trade Schools

Trade schools prepare students for state licensing in a variety of vocations. Nursing and computers are considered trade school subjects in Haiti. Most programs are two years except nursing which is three years. Internships and apprenticeships are not required to be licensed in Haiti. The construction trades are also offered by trade schools.

Trade schools require fewer years of study, are less expensive than colleges and sometimes lead to more immediate jobs. Trade schools may be the best choice for some of the children.

## Bible Quiz

The children took a twenty question Bible Quiz during the October trip. David said the questions were too easy and he was correct. Five children answered all the questions correctly, four had one incorrect answer and six had two incorrect answers. Below are four of the questions:

1. How many books are in the Bible? (Old Testament) (New Testament)?
2. What was the name of the shepherd boy who became the second King of Israel?
3. How many brothers did Joseph have?
4. How many of each animal did Moses bring into the Ark?

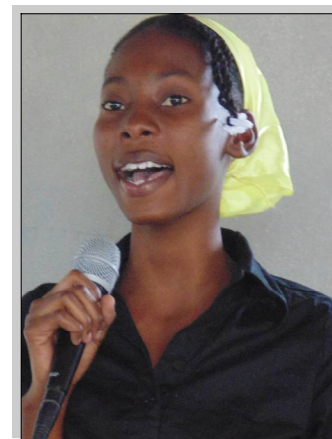
How many did you get correct? Add one bonus point if you know how many sisters Joseph had.

## Worship on Sunday

Worship on Sunday was held at the chapel next to Unity House (the boy's home) in Canaan. The service was translated for me into English by Erick Elian, who has been studying English for a few years. During the service, the band played a few pieces and Gael sang a solo.

Erick wrote a short article on the Restavek problem in Haiti (from a young Haitian man's perspective.) You can access it by copying and pasting the following link in your web browser:

[http://www.neighborsnearfar.org/files/Microsoft\\_Word\\_\\_Restavek\\_by\\_Elian\\_Erick.pdf](http://www.neighborsnearfar.org/files/Microsoft_Word__Restavek_by_Elian_Erick.pdf)



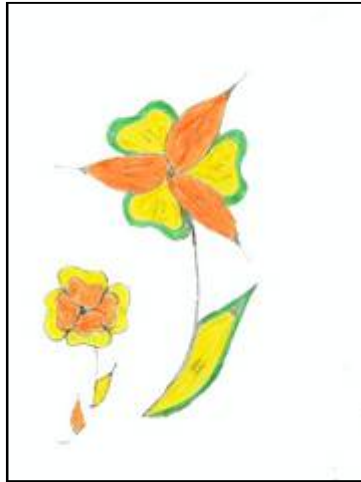
## Art Contest at Kay Papa Nou

The girls were asked to submit drawings for a contest that would later be judged in Baltimore for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Matt Clay-Robison, Director of York College Galleries, agreed to be the judge. The results:



### 1st prize - Pamelitha

Nice use of color to identify specific areas, is drawn well, and uses the format well. "I particularly liked the beating heart of the free flying bird."



### 2nd prize - Romancia

Tall flower with orange and green and yellow petals, small flower with orange and yellow Petals. Very nicely drawn.



### 3rd prize - Nehemie Louis

Orange heart bound with yellow and green cloth. This one stands out as using symbolism.



### Runner-Up - Pelancia

This might be the most skillful of the bunch, but doesn't feel as personal as the others. It is nicely done though. I was very tempted to give it an award.

## Christmas Cards?

In addition to the contest winners, we have some drawings that would make Christmas Cards. Card and envelope would cost 65 cents. They can be inside printed with your own message in black and white or left blank so you can write your own message. Please let Ted or Joyce Kruse know if you are interested ([krusetj@comcast.net](mailto:krusetj@comcast.net).) The deadline for ordering Christmas Cards is December 1st. All proceeds will go to support the children. Consider this a gift of love and support.

