

Trip to Haiti - August 17-20, 2019

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Haiti is full of surprises. The wild, congested traffic, the jam-packed “tap-taps” or private pick-up buses, the pleasant smiles with easy greetings from strangers, the resilience of the people in the face of abject poverty, and the joy of the children at the homes - Kay Papa Nou and Unity House, all contribute to your impressions. Even if you’ve been told about conditions in Port-au-Prince, the reality is startling.

Their new house at Kay Papa Nou is quite nice. They’ve cleaned, painted walls, replaced windows, and are now enjoying the 12 new bunk beds we just bought for them on this trip. David and Danny have done a remarkable job in developing this facility and nurturing the vital family values there.

Transport of the girls in a beat-up Izuzu box truck (which has to be pushed to start it) is not just inconvenient, but rather demeaning, especially when everyone’s dressed for church. But the girls pitch right in, their joy refracted later in the beautiful hymns they sang for their Sunday service.

Their spirit is evident in so many ways. They are learning to cooperate, to care for each other, to value the education provided, and to grow in their faith. We may not be able to solve the long-standing problems of poverty in Haiti, but our church’s support of Kay Papa Nou is definitely a clear investment in the future of these children. And the children are a blessing for all of us.



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