

THE FORCEY FOCUS

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Why do we do short-term missions trips?

- To train and disciple our people in the work of global missions and cross-cultural outreach.
- To encourage our missionaries and ministry partners in Kingdom-building work.
- To make ourselves available to our missionaries and ministry partners who rely on short term teams to do Kingdom-building work.
- To give non-vocational missionaries a small taste of what it's like to be a missionary - serving and loving people with the gospel of Jesus Christ in a context/culture that is foreign to them.



Haiti Mission Team

Leaders - Lonnie Harris, Catherine Ajenifuja, Nancy Parlette

Team Members: Rachel Abe, Lope Ajenifuja, Toyin Ajenifuja, Cameil Becco, Jeremy Jackson, Breonna Norward, Jamal Norward, Jacob Thompson, Renee Trageser, and Sherelle Wilson.

Locations: The village of Valburne; a church in Lavanneau, just up the mountain from Jacmel; and Gressier, just outside of Port-au-Prince.

How were we able to accomplish these goals in Haiti July 2016?

- There was lots of growth and leadership development with all three of our team leaders.
- We played a vital role in adding value to the work of our ministry partners.
- We were certainly an encouragement to our partners.
- We were able to train our team at varying levels (gospel presentation, sketch-board evangelism, learning how to encourage others in the work of ministry, learning some of their spiritual strengths and weaknesses, dealing with loss - up close and personal...).



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- We all got a taste of what it's like to do gospel ministry in a different culture/language, we all got a small taste of what it's like to "suffer" the pain of doing ministry in a third world context, we got to see and/or experience the value of strategic partnerships in the mission field (w/ community leaders, and different churches and agencies working together).
- We were a blessing to the people (physically and spiritually) - some were saved, some were disciplined, many were left healthier, and some lives and limbs were saved because of our work, some were able to go to school through sponsorship.



Other Accomplishments & Lessons Learned:

- We were used by God as a blessing to the people in three different locations through kid's ministry, health education, and relationship building.
- We got a glimpse of the potential for future missions and partnership opportunities w/ CO2H, Fadinel's Church, and Reach Global.

In addition to accomplishing our goals, I feel that we also learned some important lessons which will help future teams to be even more effective.

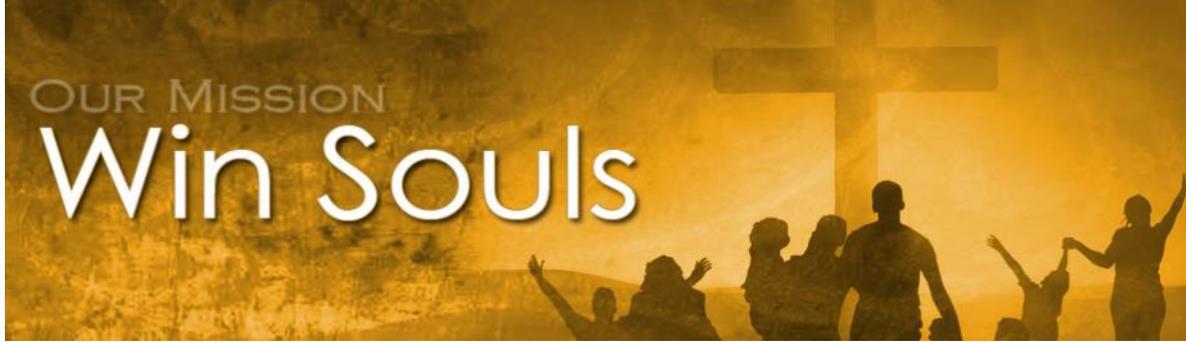


Future Plans?

Currently, plans are underway to take a team to Kenya in the summer of 2017 to connect with the ministry of Julius and Rachel Murgor.

Christmas in ~~October~~ November Luncheon!

On Sunday, November 20, we will have our annual "Christmas in October" luncheon following the second service. Christmas in October was started years ago to collect a special offering to give our missionaries something extra for Christmas. It used to take several months to actually deliver a gift, which is why this event took place in October. We hope many will join this time of fellowship as we focus on missions. In addition to sharing a meal and collecting an offering, we will be writing cards to our missionaries.



OUR MISSION
Win Souls

“They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household.” ” (Acts 16:31).

Although it is a great blessing to lead an individual to Christ, an even greater blessing is to lead a couple to Christ. Recently a Forcey member had this opportunity while witnessing at a local hospital.

As he visited from room to room, the Forcey member met an older couple, Kent and Cecelia. Kent (the patient) was friendly and talkative, while his wife was rather reserved and seemed very tired. After a brief time of getting acquainted, the Forcey member broached the subject of the gospel. Neither Kent nor Cecelia, though involved somewhat in church, understood God's way of salvation. The Forcey member then presented the gospel message to them. Both listened very respectfully as he explained God's way of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. When he invited them to receive the Lord Jesus as their Savior, both Kent and Cecelia were willing to take that step of faith by calling upon the name of the Lord (Rom 10:13).

The Forcey member then reviewed with them the assurance of their salvation in Christ. When he finished, both Kent and Cecelia expressed their sincere gratitude to him for his visit. As he left their room, the Forcey member rejoiced in his heart that both husband and wife were now united in Christ.

~ Ralph Zimmerman

Events For Your Calendar

November 5 - Forcey Flourish - FCS Fundraiser ([click for details](#))

November 6 - Orphan Sunday

November 13 - The Keen's Adoption Celebration ([click for details](#))

November 20 - Christmas in ~~October~~ November (Missions Luncheon) - immediately after 2nd service ([click for details and sign-up](#))

November 23 - Thanksgiving Service

November 27 - Believer's Baptism during worship service

December 2- 4 - High School Teens Retreat ([click for details](#))

December 4 - SIS Christmas Dinner ([click for details](#))

December 9-10 - The Light of Christmas (Performance)

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - Family Gathers Service (Families will come together during the Sunday Service in the Sanctuary. No regular Sunday school classes for children or adults. Nursery will be available!)

SIS Contributes to Other Women

Shop 'N Serve



On October 21-22, seven Forcey women (Peggy Trout, Pam Zimmerman, Velda Milner, Rosina Jones, Diana Cortijo, Sue Bladek and Diane Wesche) went to Lancaster, PA to shop and to serve, and while they were there, they were both a blessing to others and were greatly blessed themselves.



On Friday, the ladies shopped in the outlet stores and fellowshiped over dinner. The

fun didn't stop there. All day on Saturday, the ladies served at the GAIN Logistics Center (GLC), which operates year-round receiving, processing, packing, and shipping humanitarian aid to places around the globe, all while sharing the love of Christ with everyone along the way.

Volunteers and staff sort, pack, and store items to prepare them for shipment. When requests come from GAIN field partners, GLC staff members load requested aid onto containers, and the shipping process begins.

Preparing aid to meet demand is a daunting task—one that requires the help of many hands. Twice a year, the GLC conducts multi-day volunteer work

projects. SIS participated in this fall's work project. Hundreds of volunteers sorted and packed clothing, quilted blankets, assembled gospel bracelets and made LuoPads. The Forcey ladies cut fabrics and sewed to make the LuoPads, which are reusable sanitary pads.



Without access to feminine hygiene supplies, women in developing countries can't leave their homes, and some even find themselves shunned during this sensitive time. Young girls can miss 20 percent of the school year! LuoPads can restore their dignity by helping them reclaim control of their lives and take charge of their health. It also gives GAIN's ministry partners the opportunity to tell these vulnerable women that Jesus loves and values them.

The Forcey ladies' servant hearts were greatly blessed by their work at GAIN, and they also had a whole lot of fun! **THANK YOU SHOP 'N SERVE LADIES!**

We brought back Ziploc bags full of pieces for LuoPads that were cut out at GAIN. We need sewers with basic skills to sew the layers together. If you are interested in this easy but very helpful sewing project, please contact Diane Wesche on kd.wesche@verizon.net.



All Women are invited to join us!

SIS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER

Sunday, December 4 / 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Forcey Bible Church - Fellowship Hall

Sign up and details coming soon!

Contact Diane Wesche at kd.wesche@verizon.net with questions.

THAI TURKEY CHILI

INGREDIENTS

- 20 oz. package extra lean (99%) ground turkey breast
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons minced ginger
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon red hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup chopped green onions
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 2 red bell peppers, chopped
- 1/3 cup soy sauce, reduced-sodium
- 1 - 28 oz can crushed tomatoes
- 1 - 15 oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 - 15 1/2 oz can black beans, drained & rinsed
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped

PREPARATION

In a large 4-6 quart size pot, cook turkey, garlic and ginger until turkey is no longer pink, stirring constantly to break up turkey. Once fully cooked, drain the liquid.

Stir in cumin, chili powder and red pepper flakes. Then, add the remaining ingredients (except peanut butter and cilantro). Mix well and bring to a boil over high heat.

Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 20 -30 minutes until vegetables are tender.

Now, stir in peanut butter and cilantro.

Spoon into bowls and serve hot.

Nutritional value: 350 calories per serving

Serving Size

Makes 6 servings



Congrats to Linda Douglas

Winner of the 2016 Forcey Chili Cook-Off

