



# Joyful for Jesus Christ's Glory

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*Reflecting HIS glory...*

## Hope Rises Amidst Destruction in Haiti

Memories of Haiti still flood my mind:

- Pushing through the crowd at the airport gate
- Meeting people from around the world at the Samaritan's Purse (SP) base in Port-au-Prince
- Flying to Grand Goave by helicopter
- Observing unbelievable destruction of structures
- Realizing the competitive, grant-driven environment of NGO (non-governmental organizations) relief work
- Riding in a Haitian tap-tap (taxi)
- Witnessing displaced people living under sticks & sheets
- Sensing the shaking of several aftershocks
- Seeing Haitians determined to clean rubble and rebuild
- Visiting dozens of temporary shelter sites and offering the people hope for improvements to their water
- Just holding a child's hand and walking alongside
- Being surrounded as I performed water quality tests
- Attempting to be a plumber installing water systems
- Long nights documenting & organizing daily activities
- Watching faces as tap stands became functional
- Praying with and for SP staff and Haitian nationals



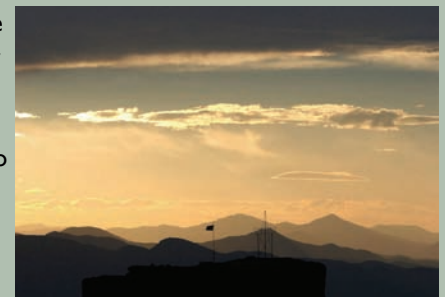
Rod and me with the kids at Morne Rouge, a shelter site in Grand Goave far beyond "dull red" in my mind

Throughout my time in Haiti, I sensed God at work in the midst of the pain and brokenness. Although there was evident spiritual warfare, frustrations along the way, negative attitudes, and lack of cooperation among NGOs, God proved to be faithful as we depended on Him.

My teammate Rod and I saw hope in people's eyes when we told them that we were there to assess their water needs, but we need to continue praying that Haiti's hope would be in more than what we can give them—that their hope would rest in the Lord Jesus. God will do great and mighty things as we call out to Him. Nothing is too difficult for Him! May Haiti have an abundance of peace and truth, being cleansed from their iniquity so that the good and merciful Lord of hosts would receive all praise and honor! (Jer. 32-33)

## On the Move Toward Colorado Springs

God is so good at directing my footsteps and providing for me as I trust Him! James, one of my best friends at work, recently accepted a job in Lakewood, for which he will leave his apartment in Castle Rock (town south of the Denver metro area). Since he still has time remaining on his lease, I offered to take his place so that I could be closer to both my office and Colorado Springs. James responded by saying that he would pay the rent remaining for the two months of his agreement and let me take over the lease. Praise God for providing this place to live! I plan on taking advantage of my time based in Castle Rock for the next few months to visit churches in Colorado Springs, as well as to continue volunteering at EMI's office. I will likely move around the beginning of April, but I will still be around the Denver area working at my job, coordinating the *Perspectives* class at Grace Fellowship of Lakewood, and meeting with potential financial partners.



### Prayer Requests:

- For guidance as I consider serving on an international EMI project trip during the summer season
- To depend on God's strength as I continue talking to people about partnering with me in ministry financially on a monthly basis
- For wisdom in time management as I move to Castle Rock, work, raise support, and coordinate the *Perspectives* class
- That God would lead me to a church family in Colorado Springs

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*...so that peoples hope in the LORD*

*2 Cor. 3*



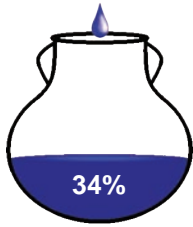
Watching God stretch the energy bar that I gave kids at Morne Rouge

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## God Stretches the Little We Give

In Haiti, the pain is deeper and the obstacles are higher than I could do anything to overcome, but the Rock that is higher than I is the Overcomer!

It feels like Rod and I did so little to actually help the overall situation: assessing sites for water provision and installing a few systems...Just a few drops in a massive bucket of need. But, delivering on what we said we would do and offering hope among people is so worth our short time there. God will continue to grow the impact.

One of the most powerful pictures of how God can grow what we give is the picture to

the left of a boy at the shelter site called *Morne Rouge* (Dull Red in French). All of the kids who had remembered my name from my first visit to their site were asking me to take their picture and telling me *J'ai faim* (I'm hungry). I remembered that the only food I had with me was a Clif Bar in my backpack, so I ran over to the truck to get my backpack. I handed the bar to one of the boys, saying *compartir* (to share) since we had been conversing in Spanish earlier. The other kids quickly surrounded him, and he broke off pieces for them. Somehow each of the dozen kids received

a piece. Praise God for stretching what He gives us to give away to others!

As Rod and I prepared to leave Haiti and I was feeling discouraged, God reminded me that even though most of our conversations and prayers with people were brief, God is more than able to expand what we said and soften hearts with His Spirit. We were faithful to serve in our calling to help with water, and we give God praise for the opportunity He provided to run to the pain and brokenness in Haiti!

## Clean Water for Communities

By God's grace, my teammate Rod and I helped assess over thirty sites and bring clean water to at least ten locations around the Grand Goave/Leogane/Petit Goave region, one of the most devastated areas after the January 12th quake.

When we assembled water systems, many in the community gathered to watch. Communities then began to collect clean water once it was available. Clean drinking water is a wonderful thing that will prevent disease and illness, but the systems will run dry if not properly maintained by the trained operator. And people must keep returning to collect new water each day as what they take is diminished.

Jesus said that everyone who drinks of water that He gives will never be thirsty again—His water becomes a spring of living water welling up to eternal life (John 4:14). I pray that God uses Rod's and my words and actions to point to Himself so that many would be filled with the knowledge of Him and His living water, not just water to quench their physical thirst.



First water from tap stand at the Mission of Hope school campus



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