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We began the morning with a devotional reminding us of our love for each other and how important it is to reflect Christ's love, and mentally preparing to see God at work in this culture. We attended a worship service at the Grace Community church which is in the middle of the community we are serving. At the service, we recognized the hunger for the Lord and the joy in the Haitian people for worshiping God. We felt so welcomed as a team as we shared some worship songs with their church and Josh spoke about living water.

We spent the rest of the day preparing for the week by reviewing our various sites and getting materials ready. We will spend the rest of the week with three different areas of focus - VBS, medical and construction.

VBS toured each location for the worship and teaching, group initiatives, crafts and games for the children in the community. We also collaborated as a group and planned how the day will be run. Tomorrow we are teaching about how God knows us. The kids will get to color and learn about Noah's arc. We plan to teach them to line dance and work together as a unit. Lastly we will be playing elbow tag with the kids and look forward to connecting with them through all the various activities.

Today the medical group went over the overall plan for the week. We sat down with some Mission of Grace staff and figured out which day was best for what. For example, my job (Hunter) is to teach about high blood pressure, what it is and how to prevent it. We also packed bags full of soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc. These will be passed out at the community clinic in the morning. It has been very interesting to learn about how the Haitian people cope with their health conditions.

The construction team spent the day reviewing possible projects for the week. First thing Monday morning, we will be mixing concrete and hauling it up to add to a second story floor on a school building that is being constructed. All of the water in the community comes either from a spring halfway up the mountain side or from rainwater collected from roof runoff. We will be adding a water tank to one of the buildings so that they can have running water in the building. If we have time after those projects, we will make some repairs to the electrical system in one or more of the buildings used to meet the needs of the community.

We finished the evening debriefing the day and preparing our hearts, souls and minds for the week to come.

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