

Happy 4th of July from Haiti, this is Amy, Azalie, and James are writing in today. What better way to celebrate this holiday than serving in another country and realizing how blessed we are. Today we had the same plan as yesterday. We woke up and did devotions as a team. The team split up and put on VBS, did more construction, and led medical seminars. After lunch we split up again and handed out food, went to the orphanage, led more medical seminars and continued construction.

The construction team was split up into two teams. One team spent the day rewiring the local church. The whole church was wired up into 1 circuit for all of the lights, fans, outlets, and sound equipment and plugged into the generator. They were able to start rewiring the rats nest of wires into 4 separate circuits so that everything won't be overloaded and go out during the church service. The other team continued to carry rebar from the depot to the job site and wire tie the rebar together. They enjoyed their time on the roof of the school racing the local Haitian men on who could tie the fastest and humming some local tunes. We will hopefully be pouring concrete tomorrow or the next day and the other half of the team should be finished wiring tomorrow.

Hey everyone this is Azalie! The medical team remained together throughout the entire day. In the morning we went to the orphanage and played with the kids up until their nap time. Then we took some time to talk to the nannies about high blood pressure, child development and having a healthy emotional state of mind. After, we took the nannies blood pressure and pulse to ensure their health wasn't at risk. In the afternoon, we went back to the orphanage to teach the kids a fun and upbeat dance about proper hygiene. Shortly after teaching them the dance we went on to teach the young teens, both boys and girls, about good eating habits, the right amount of physical activity and keeping a healthy emotion state of mind.

Lastly, I (Amy) wanted to share a story from VBS this morning. We have been starting out with a song before the teaching to prepare the kids hearts and to calm them down a bit. This morning we sang Come Thou Fount, which is probably my favorite hymn. As we were singing the first line, the translator said something to the rest of the room. Instantaneously, the entire room started singing Come Thou Fount with us in Creole. I was brought to tears at how amazing it is to be so far from home, sharing the word of God and being able to praise the Lord as one. As our devotion stated earlier in the week, "We are not bringing God to a foreign culture, He is already here." We have an amazing God who is everywhere, we simply get to be the ones to spread and share the gospel to help others understand this as well.

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