

Erin-VBS

Today was the second to last day of VBS and we were unable to use the same location we had the past few days because of a wedding taking place. However, we all made it work and had the majority of VBS on a huge soccer field. To start off VBS for the day, Sophia, Grace, and I led some worship for the kids, and then Kelly taught a lesson about God's Love through a story from the Bible about Peter. After the teaching, we went out to the soccer field, and all the kids played with a giant soccer ball, which surprisingly didn't pop. We then brought water balloons for them to play with, and they got to have fun throwing water bottles at each other. We ended with the song "Happy Day," one of the children's new favorite. We always hear the kids singing it around, and it just makes my heart melt.

That afternoon, some of the VBS team went out to distribute food, but I was in the other group that went to the orphanage. We got to hang out with all of the kids there and just love on them to let them know they are loved by not only us, but God. I'm getting so attached to so many of the children in the orphanage and this village. It's going to be so hard to say goodbye to them, considering tomorrow is our last full day.

Janet and Jean -Medical

Today, we continued to provide health education for the Haitians at the medical clinic. There was a wedding celebration at 10AM, so the waiting room was not as full as it had been this past week. Carly and Kathryn continued with their presentations on the topics of STD prevention and Feminine Hygiene, and Debbie spoke about Emotional Well-Being and how to care for yourself. All topics were well received, which also prompted further questions/concerns that the Clinic Nurse Erin addressed. We walked past the church where the wedding was taking place and saw many community members gathering- happy and dressed for the occasion. In the afternoon, we presented health education to the staff at the mission. Hunter and Asia presented on Hypertension, Debbie presented on Emotional Well-Being, and Jean presented on Dental Hygiene. The session ended by Elizabeth, Hunter, Kathryn, and Carly providing blood pressure screenings for all the staff.

Dana - Construction

We spent the morning at the orphanage taking care of a few needed repairs. Hunter, Dana and Brian painted PVC pipes used to collect rainwater from the roof. Some of the railing slats were broken so Brian, James, David and Dana repaired those. Joseph and Nick demo'd a chicken coop and cleaned up the boards for re-use. Ken spent most of the morning rewiring the switch that attaches a generator shared by the orphanage and the church. After a door repair and a gate repair it was time for lunch. All the while we were interacting with little ones who were curious about all the amazing tools we were using. I have a feeling those connections will last longer than the physical repairs we made. After lunch we got to spend some time with a few of the young men in the men's home. These are guys from the area in the late teens and early twenties. They asked some great questions about how to move ahead in life and several of the men shared from the Bible and their experience about how to be successful in life. Humility, perseverance and accountability were the main themes of discussion. Finally Ken, Dave and Brian went back to finish and test the generator connection - all tests were successful! I also want to add that Ken, Dave and Wolverson (a Haitian young man training to be an electrician) - with a couple of other helpers spent the first three days of the week rewiring the church so that they could run their sound system without shutting down the fans and the lights. It was quite an ambitious project involving a new breaker box, a transfer switch and quite a few wiring runs. The generator was attached yesterday afternoon and with a few minor adjustments - all was working well! Ken and Dave took advantage of the time to teach Wolverson some new things that helped him on his way.

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