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Hey! This is Carley, Meghan, and Riley. We are just wrapping up our second day in Haiti and it is absolutely beautiful here. Today, our team was divided into 4 groups that went to a different parts of the community to serve in different ways. One group went to the "grandma's house" to love on the elderly of the community. They gave foot massages, played games, and interacted with the loving and hospitable elderly Haitians. The second group, which Riley and Meghan were in, went to the orphanage to play with the young children. We began by holding and playing with the youngest group, which were around 1 to 4 years old. Then, we colored and let the enthusiastic kids braid our hair and have piggy back rides. Many of these children are feisty, energetic, and incredibly sweet, and even though there's a huge language barrier, we have learned that children of all nations need the same thing: love and attention! Another thing that we have been learning is the culture. We've picked up many new words in Creole, and we are excited to learn even more so that we can continue to build relationships with these amazing kids. Another team went to play soccer with some kids in the community. They enjoyed playing games with the children. Carley was apart of the basketball group where she and other boys from our trip played a game of basketball with the older kids in the community Carley showed off her basketball skills by shooting three pointers . This was a special time to get to know the children in the community and show them God's love by simply playing a game with them. After that, we all joined back together and split off into our groups to go distribute food that Riley and Meghan's group had previously packaged. We prepared 20 bags of grains, vegetables, beans, rice, noodles, seasonings, butter, cooking oil and other Haitian foods. Then our groups split off to pass out the food to the families and love on them. We heard the testimonies of many Haitian families, and some people from our team shared their testimonies and the gospel. We prayed over the families and encouraged them.

God is really showing our team amazing things on this trip. Last night a few of us shared about what God has taught them so far. Many people noted how welcoming the people Haiti are here and how beautiful the people and the country its self is. Other people are seeing how even though it may seem like people are in poverty in this country God is still faithful and very much present here. The mission here in Haiti has grown into a huge well functioning organization that blesses so many people in this community. God definitely is at work here!

Some things you guys can be praying for is that our team can not let the humidity and heat get in the way of serving. The trip consist of a lot hiking and it is difficult for everyone. Please be praying for Tim as he arrives here today. Pray that we can communicate God's love to the Haitians through actions rather than words because the language barrier is very different than any of us have experienced. Pray for the few that came with previous illness and that God will heal them. Pray that we remain healthy and safe. Most importantly please pray that we share the gospel to the people of Haiti effectively.

Love,

Carley, Meghan, and Riley

See pictures on the following pages.









