

Getting Back to the Heart and Soul

Bob Coughlin

Sometimes when we get caught up in our own fast paced life, it becomes easy to forget our true focus. This time of the year seems to be a good time to step back, take a deep breath and re-focus on the heart and soul of our mission.

Reading through the blogs on the Heartline website, I came across one in particular written by John McHoul that for me brought back home the very core of our mission in Haiti. John wrote: *"Yesterday was one of those days of contrast. Many of my days are of contrast. I during the day can find myself in a beautiful home and then several minutes later I will be in a dirt floor, thatched roof house."* There was a lot that was said and not said in these few sentences. These few words started me thinking about those sharp contrasts, the "haves" and the "have-nots", the struggles and battles that seem to be their constant companion day in and day out. How easy would it be to lose hope in the middle of those daily challenges and yet the Heartline Mission in Haiti continually brings hope to those in Haiti. This ministry feeds both the heart and soul with God's word and lives are forever changed.

John went on to say: *"Yesterday morning coming to the children's home, I got to see the children, the bright hopes of waiting adoptive parents. These children come from situations that certainly offer little hope and for some a certain death."* These words get to the very core of why the Maranatha Orphanage was established. John and Beth have made a strong commitment to give the children of Haiti the love, respect and attention they deserve and need. In understanding what is truly at stake here, my prayer is that we are just as committed and continue to stay focused on the Heartline Ministry mission statement, "Endeavoring to be the Hands of Christ in Haiti".

In this same blog, John also wrote about the children in the English Camp and states; *"These kids are the future of Haiti; bright lights that God has allowed us to encourage for a season of their lives."* These words undeniably get to the core of what this ministry is all about, to serve and treat

the people of Haiti as Jesus would have done. What a blessing it is for us to be a part of this mission - and at the same time what an awesome responsibility we have to make sure our support continually grows to meet the challenging and vast needs of the ministry. The definition of support says; *to bear or hold the weight of.* Those of us that can't physically be in Haiti to help, still have a responsibility to help "bear" or "hold the weight of" the Heartline Ministry - I believe this is what we are being called to do.

A typical day in Haiti could consist of broken generators, pumps that don't work, electricity that has gone wild, internet that doesn't connect, plumbing that is backed up, cars that won't start and on and on. Just surviving is part of the normal work day. Having everything work and everything functional is a very rare moment. Yet the work of the mission must still go on - the people of Haiti are depending on the Heartline Ministry for their hopes, their dreams, their future - Heartline is depending on us for our prayers, our donations and our support - listen to what Jesus lays on your heart and let his words lead the way.

So as you take a little time in the next couple of weeks to simply catch your breath, I ask you take a minute to think about what is really at the heart and soul of this ministry.

Toward the end of John's blog he talked about a song that the English Camp kids at the time were practicing, the song is titled **Give Us Clean Hands**, may these words be our heart's prayer.

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
O Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
O Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another

O God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks your face O God of Jacob
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Pray

SHE DID IT. Beth ran and finished the L.A. Marathon, to raise support for our Women's Program. "Yup! Really bonked the last 3 miles but Mike Thornton (an adoptive parent and Navy guy) was an angel from heaven. I had a huge crowd of supporters! These California guys are great! Love you, Beth"

Pray for resolution to the Severe power rationing in Haiti. Except for priority zones, districts of the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince get electricity only two hours every three days. The luckiest districts receive it two hours per day.

Please Pray as we begin to receive more new children into our program.

Pray for our nannies that give day-to-day care to the children.

Pray for the new children who have entered our home.

There is another house available on our street and we are looking to the Lord for His direction. Please pray with us as we seek God for His will.

Please continue to pray for Haiti and for its people. Pray as well for a genuine move of God in the church of Haiti so that the church can speak and walk in the power of God.

Check out our website:
www.heartlinehaiti.org

While there check out our new MARANATHA HAITI GIFT SHOP

Thank you for your faithful support!

Capital Campaigns

Women's Program

What is Needed: A separate space dedicated to the Women's Program. Initially this new Women Center will accommodate 20 women and expand from there.

Women's Center Location: We are looking at building on top of our orphanage allowing to focus on the needs of the women without taking away from the orphanage.

Goal: To raise \$50,000.00 to build the expansion and an additional \$20,000.00 for support and maintenance of this new center. A generous donor has committed to match dollar for dollar, donations given by the end of April 2006 for up to \$25,000.00

Donations to the New Women's Center: Submit your donation through PayPal on our website at www.heartlinehaiti.org or email Tom White at tom@heartlinehaiti.org or via the donation envelope found in this newsletter.

English Camp

What is Needed: Committed volunteers to serve as "teachers" who are willing to assist in the development and implementation of a biblically based curriculum. This camp will serve up to 40 children with ages ranging from 5 to 12 years and teens.

Volunteer Set-Up: 7 teams will be established, each team will consist of 4 to 6 "teachers" with each team serving one week at the camp.

Camp Dates: July 3rd to August 18th, 2006.

Goal: Raise \$7,000 for funding of this project.

How to Volunteer for English Camp: please email **Bob Coughlin** at englishcamp@heartline-haiti.org. or call **866.983.3500 x3501**

Guest Home

What is Needed: A separate dedicated home next door to the Maranatha Orphanage, where visitors, volunteers, missionaries and adoptive families can stay while in Haiti.

Why Now: Currently, being the gracious hosts that John and Beth are, they have had volunteers, families, visitors etc. stay with them at their home. In the beginning this arrangement worked out fine, however, as needs increase so does the number of people that come as well. More room is needed to adequately accommodate the guests, volunteers and families who so enthusiastically serve our mission.

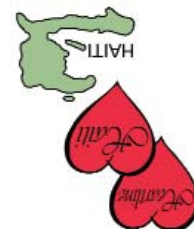
Additional Service: This new Guest Home can also be self-funding. Other area missionaries would be able to rent it out as well, which would also provide additional income that would be used to serve the many needs of our ministry.

Goal: Our goal is to raise the \$200,000.00 needed to purchase this Guest Home/Missionary Home.

Donations to the Guest Home: Submit your donation through PayPal on our website at www.heartlinehaiti.org or email Tom White at tom@heartlinehaiti.org or via the donation envelope found in this newsletter.

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Heartline Ministries



Heartline Haiti



Old Haitian proverb: Déyé món, gen món. (Behind the mountains there are more mountains.)

Scripture Memorization

Matthew 5: 14-16

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill can not be hidden. 15: Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16: Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Role of the Caregiver

Beth McHoul

The wonderful thing about caring for the kids in our home is getting to see them come malnourished and then see them grow and prosper in no time. It is like a miracle. Quickly they catch on and catch up!

The past few years have brought many changes to the adoption scene. One of these changes is that adoptions are taking a very long time. The broken system in Haiti, the government requirements and all the hoops we have to jump through can often take up to a year or more.

That means we are the primary caregivers and family for a child for a long time. Which means we need to have quality, loving nannies and provide a stimulating environment for the children. For some kids it means we have to start the education process. For others we watch them cut their first teeth, crawl,



Kawyna Pierre born on November 13, 2003. She entered the children's home on February 22nd. Her mother who in her last month of pregnancy, is not able to give adequate care to Kawyna, so she brought her to us. Pray for Kawyna as she makes the adjustment to the children's home.



Morning Exercises at the Toddler House

take their first steps and say their first words. All of the moments that a parent should have.

I do not take this lightly. The longer a child is with us the more we affect that child's life, mental abilities and emotional well being. We are molding children, feeding bodies and brains, affecting their lives forever. This is a heavy burden. We rely on staff to love and cherish kids, not to just take care of them. We need to provide the best of care so a child can reach his or her potential. I often wonder how much potential is lost through the



Isaac Edouard



Esaie Edouard

Isaac born on September 11, 2004 and his brother Esaie born on June 29, 2003 entered the children's home on February 22nd. They were brought by their father, their mother had abandoned the family and the boys came quite malnourished and underdeveloped. Beth has started her "Miracle Grow" ways and already the boys are gaining strength. What a comfort for them to no longer go hungry or to live in conditions in which no one should have to live.

lack of a stimulating environment that many Haitian children grow up in.

Having children for a longer time means we have to do our job better and better. This is not a moment but a period of time in a child's life. Toys, play equipment, and the environment all take on a new meaning the longer a child is in them.

We replace the parents. It is an awesome responsibility to take on someone else's child. I pray that we can love them like mom and dad would. That we can provide a stimulating, safe and happy environment for a child for the long haul that they are with us.

The children create a family with their roommates and their nannies. They love each other and show kindness and empathy. They also fight and refuse to share like siblings do.

The longer we have a child the better the job we need to do! We have these children during a very critical time in their lives. A time of rapid growth and development. A time of shaping who they will be.

Pray with us that God will continually provide us with the best nannies possible, that he will help us to love and care for each child as our own. Pray with us most of all, that adoptions will go more quickly and children can get home in a timelier manner. After all there is no place like home and no one can really replace Mom and Dad!

Women's Center

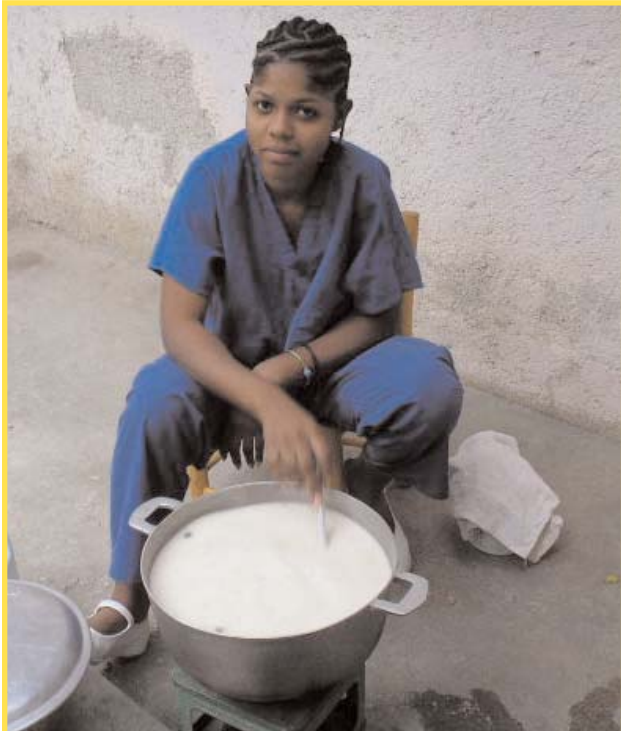
We have expanded of our ministry to include the women of Haiti. Our goal is to give women the tools necessary to independently provide for their own families. Tools against poverty in the form of education, is a wonderful gift to be able to give them faith-based vocational training in such areas as; Nanny Training, Sewing, Fish Harvesting and Bread Baking. We also provide various life skills focused on women's development. This vocational training give's these women an opportunity to go back out into their community with a skill set that will provide them with financial independence.



One of three treadle sewing machine collected so far for the Women's Program

In our first training women learned about how to better care for children, how to better care for their bodies and how to better care for their families. The women, because of the fullness of their love for their children, enthusiastically seek a better life for their children and themselves.

We believe this women's program has been placed in our hearts to develop and grow knowing that the women we are ministering to are under the watchful eye of our Almighty Father.



Natacha, one of our nannies cooking a big pot of delicious oatmeal

Waiting

John McHoul

Yesterday morning I had an appointment at the children's home at seven in the morning with a mother who the day before had come to our gate with four children that she wanted us to take. The appointment was to look over documents that she said she had on her four children and on their father who had died.

Well, I got there at 6:45 and waited for her to come. She never came. The wait though wasn't difficult as I brought a book and standing outside the children's home I watched as a parade of people and animals went by. There were uniformed, backpack laden kids going to school; and young girls, who should have been in school but were not, carrying five gallon buckets of water that they had fetched from a well to bring back to their families. There was the assortment of people going to work, street sellers

bringing their wares to market and the occasional pig, goat and cow that just sauntered on by.

Today I had an appointment at 6:30 in the morning at the children's home with a woman who works at a different crèche and who wanted to see the homes. It was a repeat of yesterday. She never came but I did enjoy the wait.

I got thinking about how we kind of make a rendezvous with God and how we need Him now to help us and how we may feel that we are at the end of our rope and crying out to God, it seems, that He doesn't come and help. The urgency of my moment doesn't always seem to be all that urgent to God and He often will keep me waiting.

Waiting can be a hard thing except when it isn't. It isn't when we see that God is in the wait and that in the wait we will find God. So let's not just enjoy the wait but as well see that it is in the wait that we find God.

Lamentations 3:25-The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him.

Psalms 27:14-Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.

Haitian Creole (Kreyol ayusten) is a creole language based on the French language. It is spoken in Haiti by about 7.5 million people.

Port au Prince Fellowship

Five Things God's Requires From You

And now, Israel hear, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God; to walk in all His ways and to love Him; and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and soul 13-and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

Deuteronomy 10:12,13

1. Fear the Lord
2. Walk in all His ways
3. Love Him
4. Serve the Lord your God with all your heart and soul
5. Keep His commandments

My Accuser

By Margaret Clark February 2006

My accuser stood before me
 I heard him day and night
 Saying things against me
 Filling me with fright
 I trembled and I shook
 I fell upon my face
 I wept until I could weep no more
 Was there no hope for my disgrace
 I lay there in a pool of tears
 Not knowing what to do
 The accusations that I heard
 Everyone was true
 But then I heard another speak
 So gentle and so mild
 He called me precious, beautiful
 Servant, friend, My child
 He took my face up in His hands
 And lifted mine to His
 He looked so deep into my eyes
 I knew then what Truth is
 He stood between my accuser and I
 I was safe beneath His wing
 Safe from those fiery arrows
 My accuser continued to fling
 I noticed then that as I stood
 Beneath His wing so safe
 His blood had come and covered me
 It washed clean my slate
 And then He spoke, not gently now
 But with authority

He told that old accuser
 That he had better flee
 When He spoke I peeked around
 And looked upon His face
 Fire came from His eyes
 Burned up everything in the place
 The accusations burned up in the fire
 That now had grown cold
 My Savior reached into the coals of my life
 What He brought out was pure gold
 Oh I still hear the accuser's voice
 Calling out for me to hear
 But my Savior holds my face so close
 And whispers in my ear
 Beloved, precious child of mine
 I paid the price for you
 So lean on Me, trust and obey
 That's all you have to do.

Margaret with her husband Roger and daughter Rachel are members of Port au Prince Fellowship. They serve as missionaries with Elim Fellowship



Four teens from Port au Prince Fellowship who gather at our house twice a week to practice songs to sing in church.

In 1804, Haiti became the second nation in the Western Hemisphere, after the United States, to win complete independence.

Visitors



Darrick & Jodi Castronova who are adopting Isaac come to visit with him. It was wonderful to see how much they already love him and to see him responding to their love.



Jodi and Isaac