

Hanley Family Update

Fall 2009

Our Summer Teams

Do you have an email address?

You're receiving this paper newsletter because we don't have an email address for you.

If you have one and would prefer to receive our updates that way, please shoot us a note at john@godleadsus.com

Would you like to come on a short-term trip?

- We have teams throughout the year
- You don't have to have a big group. Come and join others from around the US
- It's only \$475 plus airfare. You'll stay at a hotel and all meals are included
- For info & dates, contact Christy at the home office

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Michael's trip to the hospital for appendicitis, and some of the many friends who visited

This summer we worked with over 200 people from FL, TX, TN, IN, WI, MS, MO, OK, GA, and RI...oh, and there was a girl from Canada! They were put to work painting classrooms, bathrooms, and chalkboards; making and handing out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches; going door-to-door to hand out "goodie bags" and offer prayer for the families; holding health seminars; and even showing a movie in one of our communities.

The team members come with all kinds of skills and passions and we do what we can to match those up with our ministry needs here. Some people LOVE to share their testimony and

pray with people while that intimidates others. Some of our team members could play with kids all day—throwing a ball, jumping rope, drawing with sidewalk chalk—while others can



One of four mission trucks we use with short-term teams. We want people to think of God's love and provision each time they see one of these trucks coming into their neighborhood!

handle about 10 minutes of that and they're done! It encourages me to see people "grow" over the course of their week with us. Not only are they

ministering to the people here, but God is ministering to them. He's opening their eyes to see that being comfortable is nowhere near as fulfilling as stepping out and being obedient to what God's calling you to do. When I see a nervous teen pray outloud for someone they just met, I know God's working in them. When I see a guy who would much rather have a tool in his hand holding a baby so the big sister can do a craft with the other kids, my heart melts and I know that God is at work!

So, in what areas are you a little too comfortable? How can you be stretched today and let God do a new work in you?

Please Pray

Michael came to live with us in June of 2008. It was only supposed to be for 2 weeks, but he's still with us! And we can't imagine life without him.

At the end of June we appeared before a judge to request legal guardianship (at his mother's request). In September we finally got the answer—Yes! But our

excitement quickly turned to heartbreak as we read the final paragraph—the judge did not grant our request to allow Michael to travel with us. We've prayed and cried and are appealing this decision. We will appear before a new judge on November 16th. We are praying and trusting that he will rule in our favor and we will be

able to travel to the US with Michael for Christmas. Please pray along with us for: **Favor from the judge in a timely manner**

The ability to get an appointment with the US Embassy for Michael's visa interview

An increased faith as we wait

Getting to know our supporters

by John



We want to start introducing everyone to our support team. We would like to begin with four very important people. Melissa and I are very happy that our parents are key supporters of our ministry. From the moment we told them we were packing up and moving they have been behind us 100%. While we know that for both them and us the distance away hasn't been easy, we know that we have their full support. There are many ways that they help us in our ministry in addition to financial support. For those of you that receive a paper newsletter, Melissa's parents, Murray and Gayle (and sometimes the

grandchildren), pick up the copies from their local Kinkos, fold, stuff, print out mailing labels, and stamp them. Basically they make it possible for you to receive the newsletter. They also are regular suppliers of "the sweet stuff." Gayle helps keep our pantry stocked with cake and brownie mixes and other yummy desserts that Melissa uses for birthday cakes for church kids as well as making sure we have a regular supply in the house! I remember Gayle's first question to Melissa when we shared our decision to move to the Dominican Republic, "How can I mail you things?" She has taken full advantage of Agape Flights' ministry.

My parents, John and Rhonda, maintain our permanent address and deal with our state-side mail, banking, and other tasks that would be difficult to complete from overseas without their help. My mom is assistant director at a daycare center, where she has organized a Christmas shoebox drive for the students in our school programs here. Dad and the company he works with has helped keep Michael's prosthetic leg in shape and provides the supplies he needs as an active kid.

These are just a few ways that they support us. It is a blessing to have parents that love God and support us in what He has called us to do.

Getting to know our co-workers

by Melissa

When we first moved here two and a half years ago, there was one other missionary that we worked with. Her name is Becky. After a little over a year, she moved to Orlando to get married and has since had a baby. In the mean time, a family had moved here from NJ, the LoSassos. Joe is in charge of maintenance of all our properties...an unending job as things are always falling apart and needing to be repaired and replaced. There are hired workers who take care of the properties on

a daily basis, and Joe oversees their work. In addition to home-schooling their daughter, Rhea, Kathy does a lot of work in the community of Bombita. She teaches English classes there and works with the teacher of the New Missions school to keep track of students' information in our computer system. Whenever sponsors send letters or gifts to their sponsored child, Kathy gets the letters translated and delivers them to the students. She also gets the children's letters translated before

sending them out to sponsors. On weeks we have teams in, they work with me alongside the teams. I couldn't do what I do without them! Our missionary team is growing. Within the next 8 months our team will triple! Please pray for those who will be joining us—for homes and cars to sell, for financial support to come in, and for peace as they prepare to leave all they know and follow God's call to the DR!

Please consider sending a one-time gift to help cover the court costs for Michael's appeal.
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 (be sure to mark that it is for account M0027 instead of our name)

Getting to know Kate



Kate in the middle of it all. Cleaning chairs with a summer team. Now if she could just clean her room!

Birthdate: March 6, 2001

Favorite classes at school:

Art, Science, Math, & Social Studies

Favorite color:

Pink

Favorite foods:

Rice, chicken, beans,

cake, & ice cream

Favorite things to do in her free time:

Swim, play with Michael, and be with her friends

What she wants to be when she grows up:

An artist or a veterinarian

Favorite thing about working with the teams:

Translating for them

Things she likes best about having a brother:

Always having someone to play with and love on