

“...You’ve done it unto Me”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. **Prayer:** Jim & Sue Drake. Their son **Matthew** died in a motorcycle accident while out in the hills of San Luis Obispo, Fri night.
1. For years he and his wife **Jenny** loved working with the H.S. and college youth in their church. He also leaves behind 3 beautiful children.
- B. **First off:** my week in Belize was wonderful, refreshing, & spiritually invigorating.
- C. **Second:** regarding Haiti I consider myself privileged, humbled, amazed.
1. **Privileged** - That I would be able to go & get in.
  2. **Humbled** - At watching believers live out their faith & trust in God.
  3. **Amazed** - at our Haitian friends love for God amidst tragedy; & their resilience & strength.
- D. I’ve been going into Haiti with the Bithers since 1996. This was I believe my 16th trip.
1. Over the years you develop **wonderful friendships** that develop way beyond being enamored by a different country, food, people, & conditions...they truly become **friends**.
  2. I’m also humbled to say I have 17 pastors & other church deacons that consider me **their pastor**.
- E. Some have asked what did I do being that it was a medical team?
1. **Logistics:** As Kevin Bither lead in team #1, I led team #2 in dealing with all the logistics of making sure all 11 got to Hinche safely (**navigating crazy airports, transportation to & from our Hotel in Cap, U.N. Excorts, customs, etc.**).
  2. **Personal meeting with pastor Iliobert** (lost his nephew, Telius’ son).
  3. **Personal meeting with myself & Kevin**(representing HEF board) & **pastor Iliobert & his Emergency Response board**. [all benevolence to be handed out via the churches!]
  4. **Praying with patients**. And of course balloon animals, smiles, & photos.
  5. **Also helping to inform CCOF & Calv Mag** of what was happening on Haiti’s upper plateau.
    - a) **Kevin** was getting calls from the Pentagon, visits from U.S. special op’s guys (no names, no photos), & a number of U.N. contingencies.
- F. I would also like to thank the churches who have in-trusted us, knowing we were working in Haiti, including: **Revival**(Gary Galbraith); **CC Hemet**(Gary Johnson); **CC Romoland** (Gerry Brown; U-Turn); **CC Claremont**(Marco Alvarez); & Calvary Christian Fellowship.
1. 50 Haiti donations on line (close to \$4500.00) - **Totaling \$22,000**.

## II. **...YOU'VE DONE IT UNTO ME!**

A. **THAT DISCIPLE TOOK HER TO HIS OWN HOME!** (25-27)

B. Hospitality in Hinche. Each family taking a family in.

C. **I THIRST!** (28-30)

D. **Where is God in Haiti?** Christ is not distant from us in our times of suffering. He lies crushed under the weight of concrete walls. He lies wounded in the street with his legs broken. He walks homeless and hungry through the camps. He weeps uncontrollably over the child he has lost.

**Where is God in Haiti?** He hangs bloody on the cross: **"A man of sorrows, and familiar with our suffering"** (Is. 53:3) [Richard Stearns; President World Vision U.S.]

E. **Read** Mt.25:35-40.

F. **I was hungry and you gave Me food-**

1. We were able to bring in 20,000 pounds of rice & beans & other supplies from the Dominican border. TY Dave Peterson 8 hour trip(Shelly).

G. **I was thirsty and you gave Me drink** - and they still are thirsty. **I wonder what we can do?**

1. Of the more than 6 billion people in the world today, **over 1 billion** have no access to improved drinking water.

2. And according to the U.N. children's agency UNICEF, polluted water and lack of basic sanitation claim the lives of over **1.5 million children every year**, mostly from water-borne diseases.

3. Sink a well in Haiti - Around \$2000.

4. Sawyer Products: **Show**

5. Tyler Combs: Sovereign Earth *nalgene* bottles: **Show**

6. Filtration Straws.

H. **I was a stranger and you took Me in-**

1. Hinche swelled to 3 times its size.

2. Everyone I talked to had someone living with them (even Iliobert & Marie)

3. **Sweet hospitality, especially when you most families don't have enough for themselves.**

4. Rom.12:10-13 **Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality**

I. I was **naked** and you clothed me -

1. Every trip we're clothing literally naked babies.
2. **1 Sweet story:** Brooke Snyder(our H.S. Principle) told her mom what our church was doing. She met with her friends in her **retirement community**. She took a collection & raised \$220. I talked to Ilobert & Marie.
  - a) They said the government has asked each private school to take in 20-30 kids because of the collapsed schools in P.a.P. (They took 30)
  - b) Marie said that money would cover 2 to 3 children's scholarship: "uniform, shoes, all books, & tuition for the year."

J. I was **sick** and you visited me - This is what our team was mostly about.

1. Hinche Hospital - HEF's compound Clinic - Los Palis.
2. **Other stories:** **Christa**(mom died; dad & step-mom in PaP @ grandma's); **Ravin Cow Clinic**(team rolled up 2 ladies wailing, boy just died, waiting for the doctors); **Man w/broken back**; **Young lady**(3 attempts to set hip); **John Gorman**(plumber by day/surgery tools by night); **Baby Almando** (burnt head to toe); **Lady who saw her baby on ultrasound**; Local church group sang around **albino lady** in hospital.

K. I was in **prison** and you came to me -

1. We didn't go to the prisoners but for the kids that have to sit sill for 6-8 weeks it must feel like one.
2. We didn't go to the prisoners but unfortunately they were coming to the people. 5000 prisoners fled during the earthquake. Killed some guards. Took all guns & ammo. Destroyed all records. Pray for the round up(1 x 1).

L. **Action Items:** [From Richard Stearns Blog]

1. **Educate yourself.** Then, decide which issues you are most passionate about.
2. **Find out what your gifts are.**
3. **Find a charity to support.**
4. **Volunteer your time** - find out what volunteer needs and opportunities are in your own community.
5. **Involve your community** - Engage your neighbors and/or groups you're involved with already.
  - (1) I was talking to **Dr. Walt Combs**. He was reminiscing how every person does their part. **Lisa Gomez** invited him on a trip years ago. **Which has sprung an incredible medical ministry in Haiti**. Many doctors from Loma Linda, Idaho, N.Y. & all over the U.S.

6. **Talk to a local newspaper, radio, or TV station** - Learn how you can get media coverage for your events, or how to write a letter to the editor of your local paper.
7. **Send a message to your representatives in Congress** about an issue you care about.
8. **Engage your social networks** - Use your blog, MySpace page, or Facebook profile to inform your friends about issues that are close to your heart. Invite them to join you in advocating on behalf of the poor.
9. **Get your children involved** - Read age-appropriate tips on how to engage your children in making a difference for the poor around the world.
10. **Be creative** - Use the talents God gave you and find your own way to make a difference.
  - a) **Wayne Dollarhide**: started *5 Loaves Feeding Ministry* after seeing the poverty.
  - b) **Jacque Ladouceur**: contacted His former soccer team *the San Diego Sockers* and they are donating a portion of all the tickets sold for the game on February 26.
    - (1) He's donating all the proceeds in 2010 from his book "*Make Your Life Count*" which is his autobiography that contains a lot about Haiti.
  - c) Our Sunday morning *5th & 6th graders* decided to do a bake sale & raised \$1000 last Sunday.

#### M. **Prayer:**

1. Another team of doc's leave tonight.
2. Pastor **Iliobert** was getting all his pastors together for a **Spiritual Retreat** to pray together for their country & the believers.
3. Bithers: Harold & Natalie; Kevin/Cindy; Glen - Continued wisdom.