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Community Kids' Corner

In Matthew 12:33 Jesus says, "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit."

In nature, the healthiest tree branches produce the healthiest fruit. In life, a family tree is a great visual overview of the growth of a family but shows no indication of the actual health of its branches. We know that in our families healthy trees support healthy branches that produce the best fruit. I would like to highlight two of the healthy, growing branches within the family tree that we call Community Kids.

Every Wednesday night at

around 5:40, myself and 3-5 other drivers head to the 6th Avenue Community Center parking lot and several surrounding areas to make a pick up. On a regular basis, 22 kids eagerly wait for their ride to church! For three years now we have been taking some of our Kids to K.N.O.W. (Kids Night Out Wednesdays) at a local church's family night. There the kids eat a good meal with the church family, worship through music, then head downstairs for games, crafts, and a Bible lesson. They love it! Last month a 9 year old told me that she had postponed a shopping outing with her dad telling him, "Its church night Dad, I wait all

week for this!" As far as branches go, this one has grown to include the dad & uncle of one Kid, the niece & nephew of one of our teens, and their three cousins. Just this week, we had another mom come to check it out after her kids have been coming all school year. One couple picks up a carful of kids from another trailer park that found out about it when a Community Kid transplanted to that park (orchard!). God created kids to love being loved, welcomed, accepted, and nurtured. I believe even the youngest kids recognize good fruit and thrive in that environment. We see it every week.

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Bread to the Nations

New Destiny's Children's Home:

Everyone at the Louis home is well. The children are doing well in school – all passed the fall session with flying colors. They are all growing like weeds and become more beautiful by the day!

We are still seeking the funds to start Phase 2 of the building project so we can get the boys in from the 'shack in the back' and into the main house.

The entire family is incredibly grateful for what has been accomplished but the project remains half completed. Please join us in prayer for raising the funds needed to complete Phase 2 so the entire family is under one roof and the back 'yard' can be renewed and the children have an open area to play again!

Medika Mamba Clinic:

There is much good news to report from our Medika

Mamba clinics in Demichel and Bwadjout, Haiti! We have leveled off at about 40 children in each program, which makes around 80 total enrolled in the program. About half the children are categorized as 'severely malnourished' and about half are 'moderately malnourished.'

Through our mamba clinics since January 1, we have:

- Sent 8 kids to Real Hope for

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The second branch I want to highlight we'll call the scholarship program. In December of 2011, one of our Community Kid teens was on a rough path. Grades were slipping and personal choices of friends and activities were taking a negative toll. The Regeneration Center generously stepped in to offer this student the chance to make a major change and attend New Testament School. The outcome has been remarkable for student and parent - truly life changing! Out of that experience, came an opportunity to help several other high risk kids in the last two years. As a way

to offer more than just the financial support to these scholarship students, we started a weekly homework help night last year. Every Tuesday night, 3-7 teens share a meal at Adele or Rita's home and work on their homework. We have seen grades raised, work/study habits improve, self-esteem grow, and important relationships develop. These weekly gatherings foster an atmosphere of encouragement, hope, and success. As hosts, Adele and my family are blessed to support and love these kids.

In life and in nature it takes time to prune and nurture branches

to grow and develop healthy fruit. These two branches of Community Kids are providing more opportunity to help our kids develop the best fruit of all; "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control." Galatians 5:22

-Rita Lotti-

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Talking Bibles-Ghana

Hello God's People,

Once again the Ghanaian team would like to share with you the joy of the great commission, which you have all contributed and supported regardless of the distance between the Ghanaian and American team. We pray and hope that God grants you peace and spiritual growth. The Ghanaian team arrived yesterday from a successful trip and Paul and Heartwill are still in good health by God's grace.

We want to remind you all that Richard and Kwame will bring the City Team men on the next trip to Half Assini, while Paul and Heartwill will visit our dear friends on the next trip. Paul and Heartwill are doing tremendous work by also helping the people arrange a place for the Discovery Bible Studies. They have also informed all the villages and are writing down

names of many church elders and pastors.

When Tory was helping us plan the work in Ghana, we decided to bring all the church elders and pastors in any village together and tell them of the need for the DBS and even tell them of the changes which it can bring. Tory came up with some strategies, which will help us by letting them know that we are not here to build churches or steal members from their church. We also realized that most of the pastors in the villages are brought in by the elders and about 70% of them live in the city or places with electricity and only come to the village on weekends, so we are contacting elders.

The elders are mostly the people's very own men who were born and grew up in the community and since they make the

decisions for the church in their area and command respect, we want to focus on them and let them know the importance of the DBS. After that, we will be bringing the City Team to all these places. We don't intend to bring the City Team monthly to the same place, but rather we will prepare men who can take over after they receive the training from the City Team.

We bring greetings from all villages in the four regions. Kindly pray for the City Team to arrive safely in Ghana. They will be coming back to Ghana this week. Also, pray for our training to be successful and be attended by men God has chosen for the regions. May God bless you all.

-Paul, Heartwill, and Kwame-

Bread to the Nations

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Haiti because they were too ill and malnourished to be treated at home through our program.

- Lost two of the eight children to death.
- Lost one child to death in transit to the hospital.
- Gotten surgery for two children (one cleft lip and one with a mass on her forehead).
- Gotten surgery for two moms (one vascular problem, one goiter removal).
- Identified one pediatric case of tuberculosis.
- Taken three children (Ashley, Anjolina, and Nephtalie) with heart murmurs to a cardiac clinic for evaluations. Sent Ashley to the Dominican Republic for evaluation for heart surgery – she is scheduled to have surgery in Haiti in May. Learned Anjolina and Nephtalie need heart surgery very soon.
- Worked on passports (in process) for Anjolina and her mother so she can go to the DR for evaluation (cardiac catheterization) and be scheduled for surgery.
- Put the third child (Nephtalie) on hold to be re-evaluated this summer and probably have surgery within a year. She is only 10 months old.
- Continued to study and learn more about malnutrition and its

causes and complications.

- Started working with other malnutrition clinics in Haiti to create a list of resources and referrals for malnourished children throughout the country.

We are continuing to learn more about the underlying causes of malnutrition (often unidentified disease) and working to understand each child's condition and situation to provide the best medical intervention possible. The challenges are great but often overwhelming. Thank you for your prayers for these precious children.

Food Distribution:

We rejoiced in December when the call finally came that the long awaited food that had been packaged in Alexandria was to be delivered in Haiti on December 22!

Following God's prompting, we made a decision to share the food with the school at the Bwadjout church where we do a Medika Mamba clinic on Wednesday afternoons. We kept back enough food to continue our family distribution through June 2014. The remainder of the food was delivered to Pastor Fleurimond for his school.

Pastor Fleurimond had shared earlier with us that he wanted so much to be able to feed the children in his school. He knew that most of them did not eat before they came to school and went home afterward to bare kitchens. Now he is able to feed the children three days a week at his school.

Confirmation that this was from God came two weeks ago when he took us aside and said that his church is exploding at the seams because so many of the parents of school children have started to come since he started feeding them! And many are committing their lives to Christ!

To God be the glory as He works through His people!

Please note: Bread to the Nations is continuing to work with Chris and Tiffany Schmidt of Alexandria, former managers of Kids Against Hunger Alexandria. The Schmidts are no longer with KAH, but are now packaging food for Harvest Pack. This food will continue to come to us in Haiti. Everything remains the same except the name on the box!

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Place of Hope Africa

We are being kept very busy with 15 children to care for. Some volunteers have been coming and we still have three full time and two part time staff. We're praying that some new donors will come on board to meet the increased needs.

Marie's parents and brother are here visiting for a few weeks.

Then in May we have two others from the Alexandria area visiting for a week. It's encouraging to have people interested enough to come over and see what's happening.

We need to find a larger place. A four or five bedroom with staff quarters would be nice. We also need someone who is called to this type of ministry to come

join us and help lighten the management load. Would you please pray that God would meet these needs?

We're trusting the Lord because after all, the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

-Mam & Marie Bjorklund-

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