

HAITI MISSION TRIP REPORT

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This year more than ever, God's presence was evident as the team embarked on Valley's annual trip to the Kids Alive International (KAI) in Cap Haitien, Haiti. Just days before departure, Haiti was experiencing civil unrest. However, that action was centered in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, located almost 100 miles (a six-hour drive) from Cap Haitien. After being reassured by our KAI host that their part of the country was safe, the team departed for the island with trust in the Lord. We had a completely peaceful week in this country of rich culture, people, and many blessings.



Though the team always spreads love and glory of the Lord to both children and families, two other goals were also met during the week. First, the women focused on 1 Peter 5:7: casting all your anxieties on Him, for He cares for you. They led children ages 3–19 in crafts, biblical team building, and singing. These kids have experienced lots of hurt and fear in their lives. This verse reminded them that God ultimately will bring peace to those who rely on Him.



The men had the labor-intensive task of building sewer lines and a septic system for the new cafeteria. This underground project is not visible on the surface, but it makes a huge difference in the health and safety of those using the KAI compound for long periods. The men were so efficient they completed their task a day early! We were fortunate to be on site the week that the children and families took their annual trip to the beach. The joy, closeness, and energy that we experienced watching the kids interact with friends and parents in the beautiful water will not soon be forgotten.



It is truly an amazing gift for a Valley team to come together with KAI as worshippers of Christ. The happiness of these children is contagious. The blessing of sharing time with them, even if only for a week, is reflected in these comments:

Alison Murphy: "After first stepping out of my comfort zone, Haiti has changed my life."

John Pericles (KAI host): "I know what to expect from this team. Each morning they have a readiness to start the day. They are ready to go."

Jeff Swank: "Mission trips have given me the chance to see God work in ways I've never imagined."



Please join us in 2019. We especially need teachers to develop the kids' curriculum. Visit valleycommunity.cc/trips for more information on Haiti and other destinations.

