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## Mission Trip Report

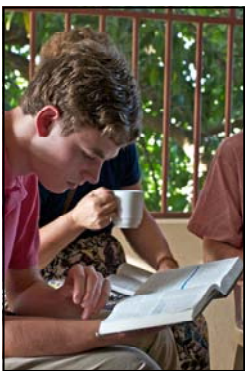
July 22-30, 2011

### Trip Participants:

Rich Borek, John Carmon, Doug Christgau, Irene Hendrickson, Tim Orrell, Hudson Partridge, Tim Ploszaj, Moe Slayton, Jeff Swank, Daniel, Tom & LuAnn Turbiak, Ben Washington, Connor & Michael Wise



**Why we went: to encourage missionaries.** Kids Alive is a Christian organization for kids at risk. After the 2010 earthquake, the Haitian government asked Kids Alive to provide immediate care for over 50 children. In response, Kids Alive rented houses and hired house parents. Then they purchased land and began construction of a permanent orphanage facility. Most of the team from Valley came to help build this facility under the supervision of Tim Ploszaj. Valley's was the third short-term group to serve Kids Alive in Haiti. Valley also sent a medical team led by Dr. Tom Turbiak. They examined 215 children and adults, most of whom were related to Kids Alive. They also established medical records for the orphanage children to assist in their future health care. Jeff VanDerMolen, the Kids Alive missionary to Haiti, summed up the trip this way: *The Valley team was a huge encouragement to me personally and to the ministry as a whole. So much was accomplished! God brought exactly the right people on the trip.*



**Why we went: to serve Haitians.** Valley's team paid fees that provided employment for Haitian workers who co-labored on the construction projects. The wages these workers received were excellent by Haitian standards, where the unemployment rate is 41%. The Haitians were also served by the medical team, and ultimately, they will receive the benefits of living in the orphanage facility when occupancy begins later this year.



**Why we went: growth of team members.** Age diversity was one distinction of this team. The fact that everyone worked together so well was one indicator of God's blessing on the group. Another was the individual growth of team members at various life stages:

**Teens:** Connor Wise – I want to rid my life of the distractions that keep me from focusing on the Lord.

**Young Adults:** Rich Borek – I made two Haitian friends and served the Lord with joy to better the lives of some beautiful children.

**Adults:** Irene Hendrickson – I will pray more for others and will continue to serve the Lord on mission trips.

**Seniors:** Moe Slayton – I will accelerate my plan to "simplify" my life.

**Valley plans to send another team to Haiti in 2012.**

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