

Christ Church Vero Beach Mission Outreach Update

GO TOUR Mission Fair on Sunday April 22

*By Rawleigh Tremain
Pictures by Rich Steinbach*

The Christ church Welcome Center was a beehive of activity following each of the Sunday Services April 22.

Twenty-Eight of our mission partners set up table displays along the walls and windows to welcome attendees from both services and the 9.23 service. “Best mission fair we’ve ever had,” was heard from many parishioners and Bishop Miller stated, “I don’t think we could have done this any better.”



Christ Church was certainly blessed to have had such a successful event. Many thanks go out to the Christ Church Outreach Committee and staff members for planning the event, local business sponsors for donating door prizes and of course to our local, national and international mission partners.



Those attending services in the Worship Center were blessed to hear the Revd. Chris Royer’s sermon about his work with Anglican Frontier Missions. Fr. Royer thanks Christ Church for their recent financial support. He looks forward to continued cooperation and a return visit to Christ Church.

A couple who wish to remain anonymous were so impressed by GO TOUR that they made a \$1,000 donation to the Christ Church Outreach program. Praise God!

Haiti Mission Trip March 24-31

By Becky Locuson

People often wonder why there seems to be so little progress in Haiti despite the billions of dollars in financial aid and untold missionary hours spent there ministering to its people. It's a question many missionaries returning to Haiti also ask themselves sometimes, particularly in times of frustration and heat exhaustion.

And yet, scripture encourages us *"...not [to] grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."* – Galatians 6:9.

Christ Church of Vero Beach is faithful to the work we do in Haiti, standing on the promise that our support and work there isn't in vain—that there will someday be an awesome harvest, and Haiti will rise up spiritually, economically, and socially to become a country in a position to send its own missionaries out into the world. In the meantime, our harvest is relatively small, but it's impacting the village of Lavanneau in powerful ways.

Thanks to the generosity of our church family, we continue to build loving relationships in Lavanneau, support Pastor Etzer Thomas in the missionary field, and work to provide for some of the basic needs so lacking in their community.

This year 10 missionaries representing four churches, including CCVB, Church of God by Faith, New Prospect Baptist Church, and Etzer's church, Premierer Eglise Baptiste Haitienne de Vero Beach, went to Haiti March 24-31. As always, the scope of work seemed daunting.

Thankfully, nearly all the work objectives by the missionary team were met.

- Assembled and installed at 60x20 canopy to provide shade on the mission school campus



- Built and painted 6 picnic tables and 10 student desks to accommodate the ever-growing student population



- Rebuilt a wall enlarging a room that will serve as a school library



- Built bookshelves, provided a life skills workshop for the young women and young men in the Lavanneau community



- Delivered professional development for the teachers at the mission school.



LEAP (Lavanneau Educational Achievement Partnership), a new mission at CCVB, was also able to purchase grammar, history, science and math textbooks for every 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grader!

Oh, and play equipment: no sooner had the equipment been unpacked than kids were gathered, eagerly wanting to play badminton, croquet, tennis, and, of course, soccer.

Impromptu bible studies, sewing lessons, and lots of music, singing, and horsing around punctuated the trip and even with all that, the best thing of all was the presentation of brand new Bibles to each of the 178 students and nine teachers as well as brand-new sneakers to every child!



What an incredible blessing it was to see these children walking down the road between the mission house and the school with their Bibles and with their new shoes in hand. Praise Jesus for his provision and thank you, our dear Christ Church family, for your faithful outpouring of love and support not only for the Lavanneau community, but also for the missionaries you covered in prayer. We love and thank you for not giving up on the vision of what Haiti can and will be someday with God's help.

Other Christ Church Outreach

Reports from three of our supported missions (the Riley's – France, the Baugh's – Uganda, and the Fox's – Thailand) have been posted on Outreach Bulletin Board in the Café.