LOVE AND GRACE MINISTRIES - HAITI



What's Our Trick?

This summer our church will send a group of teens to a workcamp. It is a great opportunity for our youth, but requires quite a bit of fundraising. We encouraged our sons to be a part of raising the funds for the youth group, so they auctioned off a "magic show and dinner" at the youth silent auction. I should have thought through this idea a little bit more as the day of the magic show arrived and we were frantically preparing food, cleaning the house, and a 4 and 6 year old were practicing their "tricks." As they practiced, some of the tricks were pretty obvious, but my son informed me, "It was okay, he was a 'telling magician' and wanted the audience to know his tricks."

Many times as we are trying to make ministry happen at L&G, I think about other ministries and would love to know what are their "tricks?" How do they meet the unending needs of their ministry and prioritize them? How do they stretch their dollars? How do they stay the course?

So, I am revealing the tricks of L&G....a whole lot of faith (and doubt at times) and even more prayer. And if I am truly honest, probably even more doubt and worry than I would like to admit. But L&G's true magic is when God uses you and your faithful giving and support to be the answer to our prayers and erases any doubts, fear, and worries on how we will meet the unending needs. Thank you for helping us stay the course!



Magicians in the act, maybe they need to auction a show off for L&G?

Prayers and Praises

Laurent, Davidson Pierre Louis, and Wilson will be taking the government exams this month to enter 10th grade. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare.

Emson and Midley will be taking their exam for Philo (final year of high school in Haiti). Please pray as they prepare and for their plans after high school.

Please pray the van will be able to be repaired soon.

Praise for the funds that were donated that will purchase over 100 shoes from the "Shoes that Grow." The boys will help distribute them this summer at local communities in need.

<u>Sponsor Gifts</u> The boys love receiving notes,



pictures, or gifts from their sponsors. Sponsor gifts are not necessary, but are a tangible way for the boys to feel your love and care across the ocean. If you would like to send a gift or note to one of the boys, and did not receive an email with info, please contact Stacy at stacy@shrefler.net. Here is Bewayson ready to open his sponsor gift last fall with Ecclesiaste and Emson anxiously waiting in the background.

Pastor Nathan Update and Need

We are blessed to have such a servant-hearted leader in Pastor Nathan on the Haitian board. In the past few years, his health had been deteriorating and drastically declined after a bad car accident. This past fall, he was able to receive some medical checkups in the states, as a result from recommendations and corrected medications from these checkups, Pastor Nathan is in the best health he has been in a long time. This is such a blessing for him and all of the ministries he serves that reaches far beyond L&G. He needs to attend a follow up appointment and travel is very expensive. We are hopeful he will be able to get to this appointment and his wife, Olive could also receive a similar check up. The tickets for them to get to their appointments will be over \$700 each. If you are willing and able to help contribute with Pastor Nathan's and Olive's travel expenses, please email, Stacy at stacy@shrefler.net. Thank you!

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