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Russ & Jo's Digest



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From Haiti With Love

Bridget and Abby, two women I mentor, were on the trip to Haiti with me, and Abby was the team leader. It was exciting to see how God deepened our friendship, but even more so now that we are back home. Our relational connectedness was accelerated, and I know it will help me be more effective in walking through life with them.

Our team of 6 worked through a ministry called Mission of Hope. Their goal is to bring life transformation to every man, woman and child in Haiti through building relationships, sharing the Gospel and meeting physical, spiritual and emotional needs. They are committed to raising up Haitian leaders who will carry this vision throughout Haiti. As North American guests, we just provided extra hands, arms and feet to the



Haitians who were leading the work amongst their own people.

We spent 4 days in the villages encouraging believers in their faith, praying with them, playing with orphaned children and hosting a Bible club for them. The other two days were spent meeting physical needs. We packaged 1544 bags of

food, which added up to 18,000 meals for school children and orphans. The other day we cleared a large parking area of tall grass and small trees with machetes and rakes, so the ambulances will have access to a super clinic being built on the compound. We cleared so much grass that it took a front loader multiple trips to carry it all away. That was not my favorite day!

The thing that struck me most, once I got past the poverty that surrounded me, was the love that the Haitian Christians have for their country, and how many want to see God use them to revive their nation. They envision their nation transformed so that one day they will be sending missionaries to other nations. Haitians hope that God will use their tiny, island country to impact others for Christ.

Thank you for praying for me and for helping to make this trip possible.

Jo Anne Licht



Bridget, Abby, Jo Anne and their new friends.