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# SONLIGHT MINISTRIES

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## A Great Start

We're off to a great start! We officially began school on Wednesday, September 2nd, which practically means we were able to meet, for the first time, our students for the year. Like we said in our previous newsletter, this is the first year we have taught with Sonlight that we are actually able to start at the beginning of the year; and we must say that it is quite nice! We are able to truly plan out the year in the way we desire it, lay down the ground rules for our students, and spend lots of time getting to fully know our students. All we can really say is so far so good.

## Praying for Roger

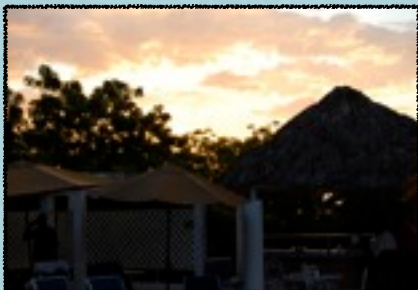
Along with all the good that has happened this month, we do have one special prayer request that is dear to all of us in the Sonlight family. Roger Alexander (founding missionary) had a minor heart attack and had bypass surgery in Fort Lauderdale. Currently, Roger and Norma are out of the hospital, and starting the recovery process. Please continue to pray for them with us.



## The Power of Prayer

Anyone who has been to Haiti, or have lived here for an extended period of time understands that there is some serious spiritual oppression and bondage at play. For a place that has the potential for such beauty, warmth, and simplicity, it is a place characterized by poverty, disease, hunger, voodoo, and political

instability. With this in mind it is easy to want to retreat and leave the problems for someone else to deal with. However, what we have found to be true, recently, is that in such an oppressive environment the only real way to survive is by the grace of God through the power of prayer.



**SUNSET IN PORT-AU-PRINCE:** When we flew back to Haiti last month we had to stay the night in Port-au-Prince. This is a shot from our hotel, the Visa Lodge.



**A BOWL OF MANGOS:** An adorable picture of Micah sitting behind a huge bowl filled with delicious mangos. And yes, he actually likes them.



**FAMILY TIME:** Lorraine reading, one of Micah's favorite books, Good Night Moon, to Micah in our living room. Did we mention that he loves to read?

# The Power of Prayer (cont.)



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For any Christian this truth seems like a no-brainer, but I think the difference in our journey is that we have finally started taking prayer seriously as a couple. It is easy to pay lip-service to Christian practices like prayer, fasting, etc., but it is another thing to truly make time to approach it with discipline and intentionality. Now, I realize that I have talked about this a lot recently, but I do so with good reason. Our first trip to Haiti was an amazing experience, which prompted our return. During the last part of our initial encounter with Haiti, one of my students, Simprius, asked me to specifically pray that his wife and children be moved to Port-de-Paix to be with him while he attended Sonlight Bible College. Instead of paying lip service like I might have in the past, I actually prayed regularly for this to happen, and sure enough, by the end of the summer, his family had been moved to live with him.

Last year, one of my Bible College students and his wife were really struggling with trying to have a child, and he opened up about it and asked me to pray for him. Once again, I felt

honored to join him in petitioning God for something as wonderful as a child, and so I faithfully started praying for him from December through June. Vital then took a semester off and did some traveling to and from Port-au-Prince to see a doctor, and the news that he got from the doctor was that there was a problem with him. When I returned a few weeks ago, I asked our Bible College Director, Lenny, if Vital was going to be back in school this year, and he said yes; and then he added, "His wife is pregnant." This was amazing news for me to hear, because God truly worked a miracle in him and with his wife.

If that isn't enough; one of my other Bible College students regularly came to my house for a Saturday Discipleship group. At one of our first meetings he asked me to pray for him and his wife. The problem was, like many Haitians, Hudson lives apart from his wife; she lives in the Bahamas and he lives here in Port-de-Paix. Hudson missed his wife and longed for a chance to be with her, and so we started praying for this to happen. Last year, Hudson was a Senior and so was graduating from Sonlight Bible college. Well sure enough, I showed up to the graduation with little thoughts of anything except the graduation, and Hudson came up to me so excited, because his wife was there with him to watch him graduate. Truly exciting stuff! To make it this answered prayer even better, when I returned a few weeks ago, I received the good news that Hudson's wife is

- ## Prayers
1. Build Relationships
  2. Health for Jones Family
  3. Financial Support
  4. For Peace in Haiti
  5. Sonlight Students in US
  6. The Church @ La Coupe
  7. Roger to recover from Heart surgery
  8. Bring Students to a relationship with Jesus

- ### ANSWERED PRAYERS
1. Vital & Wife are expecting their first child
  2. Hudson & Wife are expecting their first child
  3. Health for Lorraine

pregnant.  
Prayers is a powerful thing!

In a place of such bondage it is hard not to be overwhelmed and retreat; however, if a person stays firm and approaches prayer seriously, God is guaranteed to show up. God wants to destroy all the bondage around us, and he just need faithful people who are willing to accept the call to pray. Lorraine and I have accepted that call, and as it is changing others it is changing us.

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 FOR YOUR KIND AND GRACIOUS  
 SUPPORT FOR US!**

## The First of Many For Our Micah

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A child's first birthday is a very sentimental time in a parent's life! It has definitely caused us to look back on our journey, and appreciate it, especially from where we started. When we first found out we were pregnant with Micah, we must admit that we were both shocked to core. He was definitely a surprise and a surprise that we didn't know how to deal with as a young married, who could barely take care of ourselves let alone a child. As we begin praying about the reality, which was unavoidable, we truly felt God speaking to us telling us that this was exactly what we needed, and it was His way of answering some of our previous prayers. After this comfort from God, we trusted Him that having baby was going to be something special; and boy was He right.

As we reflect upon, a year with Micah officially in our lives we can't imagine it any other way. We are so lucky to have him! He has changed us both in many ways - some that we can

# 1ST BIRTHDAY PARTY



\* Micah's first Birthday cake! Chocolate, of course! Oh the mess to be made!

Micah wearing his Birthday Hat!  
Unfortunately that little boy didn't want to wear his hat for more than about 5 seconds!

calculate and many others that we cannot. To see that boy smile and giggle has its way of breaking us out of the deepest and darkest of funks; and since he smiles and giggles all the time we never worry about feeling depressed. People always mentioned how much a maturing process and blessing a child is, but I (Kyle) heard it in one ear and out the other, but

now I understand exactly what they mean. This last year has done so much for our marriage in blessing it and growing it that we cannot ever imagine what it would be like without him. We celebrate his life, his first year, the blessing he is to us, and we praise God for knowing what we needed and blessing us with such a wonderful little boy!

## MORE BIRTHDAY PICS:



Micah giving his legendary Pirate face! In the background of the pic is, Bella, who is an adopted Haitian about 2 to 3 months older than Micah.



Micah sharing and stealing! With Micah in this picture is Leo Lowe, who is about 4 months younger than Micah.

We are truly blessed to have other little babies around for Micah to play with and to learn from! Micah truly loves playing, but especially with friends!