LOVELETTER

News from the Arnold family Serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship February 2011

Sharing God's Love in Haiti

One year ago, January 12, 2010: The earth gave way and the ocean roared. An earthquake of extraordinary proportions toppled the sand-castle dwellings of three million Haitians. Lives already made desperate by generations of political corruption disintegrated into rubble and despair.

The world responded. People gave. Ships pulled into the harbor. The airport was clogged with relief-laden transports. Rescuers with shovels searched, and doctors mended.



people take to the streets to declare their hope in God.

Now, world attention has shifted away from Haiti, but huge needs remain. Most of the rubble is still in the streets. People are still displaced. Political

strife continues. In the midst of it, MAF is still there working.

Does God love the people of Haiti in the midst of their despair and trouble? Yes, He loves them with an everlasting love. The words of this verse (below) were spoken to Israel during a time of national discipline, but they are true of Haiti today, as well. God does

love the people of Haiti, and He is redeeming His own among them.

One way God continues to show His love to Haiti is through the ongoing work of His faithful people. MAF personnel continue to live among the people of Haiti, serving them, and demonstrating the truth of the promise that, "they will know you are Christians by your love."

Mission Aviation Fellowship was already there. They had been there since 1986 living among the people and serving them. Responding to the crisis, they worked with Mission Flights International, Samaritan's Purse, and others to bring food, relief, healing and hope. It was a thrill to see the Haitian

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Jeremiah 31:3b (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

From Haiti with Love

Thanks to so many of you who have been faithful in praying for our adoption of Carmelle and Néhémie from Haiti. We filed adoption papers both in Haiti and with the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) in November. We still have gotten no official response from either country, but continue to hope and pray for the day when the girls will be ours. We exchange email with the girls from time to time, and know they are looking forward to being with us as well. We got a special treat a few weeks ago when the girls took opportunity to send hand-written letters and some needlework to us via a friend who had visited Haiti. Included was the heart shown below, and another piece with the title, "The One True Family," and all six of our names.

A Winter Escape

There's something special about winter in the Pacific Northwest. By the third month, it makes us long for a trip to Arizona. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Anyway, we've got the itch and the opportunity, and are planning to increase our southern exposure from the end of this month into the start of March. We plan to be in Quartzsite, Arizona, on February 27, then Tucson for the first half of the next week, then in the Sun Cities, northwest of Phoenix, for the latter half of the week. We will participate in mission conference events with Grace Bible Church in Sun City on March 2, 3 and 4, and will speak at Trinity Bible Church in the area, we hope to see you then!

Rejoicing in the One who has loved us with an everlasting love,

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Praise God with Us!

- For His everlasting love
- For six different recent Moody graduates who have been accepted for service with various missions

Please Pray with Us

- For quick processing of the girls' adoption applications both in the US and in Haiti
- For our students starting instrument and highperformance/complex airplane training
- For our ministry support needs