

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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*I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, 'You are my God.'  
My times are in your hand.*

Psalm 31:14,15.

We are back! School is on for approximately 60 students, bringing normalcy and routines back into their lives. It has been a long journey for each and every one involved at QCS. It has been a difficult journey for all who experienced the quake.

Our lives have been turned upside down. Our relationships to our friends and loved ones are on edge. We cry out to our Father. We are quickened by the sudden loud noises; we think the ground beneath our feet still moves from time to time. Some of us are afraid to sleep in our safe houses at this time – more than three weeks after the quake. What are we to do?

The Psalmist tells us what we need to do. We need to talk to the Rock of our salvation. We need to put our trust in Him, for He is our Comfort. Relief is . . . putting our small hand in His big hand. Happiness is walking with our Father. Nowhere am I safer than when I walk with Him.

Three weeks already?

The school is a busy serving place. There are medical teams from various countries: Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, the USA, the DR, Canada, being sent to various hospitals and clinics after breakfast and after consuming 200 cups of coffee! The national workers are still in the art and the music building, and the US army, in cooperation with QCS occupies the soccer field and more, generously letting us use some of their tents to house our medical supplies.

Following the parent meeting held January 25<sup>th</sup>, school started on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in the chapel with more than 60 students in the grades pre-k – 12. It was more than we expected. Although more names did appear on the registration sheet, the school population did change daily due to some coming and out going students. The number did finally settle down at about 60 students.



School is on from 8 A.M. – 3 P.M. and the classes are divided into 6 sections: Pre-k – 1; grades 2 – 4; grades 5 – 6; grades 7 – 8; grades 9 – 11 and grade 12. The elementary classes meet in the chapel for the day while the remaining classes meet in selected indoor spaces or just outside the chapel around the tables.

The main emphasis of the classes will be the basics – the 4 R's plus – reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic, religion and history. Several of the HS students are also doing independent studies.

Looking at the days ahead, we will free up more space for teaching and learning. We will be taking the week of February



15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> off as scheduled. There will be no school that week. This will give the staff time to plan, reorganize, arrange their classroom and have a time of rest.

Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us in times like these. As we continue to move forward, please pray for all the happenings at school and that the Lord will continue to use us mightily in the 'construction' of our students and the reconstruction of Haiti.

## Prayer and Praise

- Thank You Lord that school could start once again
- Thank You Lord that this place, Your place, could be used to serve the community in times like these.
- Lord, keep us focused in Your Way. May we always be people of integrity, doing what is right and true.
- We pray for peace which passes all understanding as He has promised which is only possible in our relationship with Him.
- Help us each day to place You first, others second and ourselves last. Love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.