


► DAY FIVE (TUESDAY) –  
CONSTRUCTION, VBS AND  
NIGHTLY CHURCH


Day 5

Haiti

July 29, 2008



► DAY SIX (WEDNESDAY) –  
TEAM BUILDING DAY



► DAY SEVEN (THURSDAY) –  
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# Haiti 2008

EXALT CHRIST, LOVE PEOPLE  
AND SERVE FOR GOD'S  
GLORY....

## ROL Update Day 5

### Psalms 34:11

Come, my **children**, listen to me; I will **teach** you the fear of the LORD.

## Vacation Bible School

After weeks of gathering school supplies the Haiti team is finally being able to put everything to use. They have planned a fun and informative VBS for the children of Haiti to teach them about the gospel.

The children are going to be able to learn about Christ through this nightly program. This, as well as the construction, is planned for four days of the trip.

Not only did the team bring school supplies but they brought shoes and toys that they plan on leaving the children for them to use after the group returns home.

### Origin of Vacation Bible School (VBS)

*Vacation Bible School (VBS)* is a specialized form of religious education which focuses on children.

The origins of Vacation Bible School can be traced back to Hopedale, Illinois in 1894. Sunday School teacher D. T. Miles, who also was a public school teacher, felt she was limited by time constraints in teaching the Bible to children. So, she started a daily Bible school to teach children during the summer. The first Bible school enrolled forty students and lasted four weeks. A local school was used for classes, while an adjoining park was used for recess.

Today, many churches run their own Vacation Bible School programs without being under the umbrella of a national organization. Some churches opt to use themed curriculum programs with the use of Bible stories, religious song, arts and crafts, skits, or puppet shows which cater toward elementary school-aged children.

## Orphanages in Haiti

Officially there are about 200 homes for orphaned or abandoned children registered by the state in Haiti which does not include any number of church orphanages, private home orphanages and missionary efforts to provide programs for orphans. However, the government doesn't know how many orphanages actually operate. Some so-called orphanages merely serve as fronts for child merchants who are paid by relatives to take the children. These children may work as domestic servants and are often abused, according to UNICEF and other child advocacy groups. Orphanages are easily registered but poorly regulated and are very rarely visited by government officials.