



## May PTL - Praise The Lord Report APU Focus International



### May Teams

South Africa May | Uganda | DR/Haiti  
Ghana Tamale | Cambodia | Vietnam | Nepal

#### South Africa May – May 11-June 9

**PTL for letting go of biases** – “Here is a great experience that our team got to share together as a whole. After speaking to people from the particular block we were at, we stopped to go to the bathroom at a building before heading to another part of town to evangelize. But instead we found a white homeless man who later told us he was about to commit suicide before we arrived. He poured out his heart and was so encouraged that we would take the time to talk with him. He really showed us that South Africa is not just hurting in the black communities but in the white communities as well and that we shouldn’t bring those kind of biases to ministry.”

**Team Blog:** [www.Teamuthando2010.blogspot.com](http://www.Teamuthando2010.blogspot.com)

#### Uganda – May 12 – June 18

**PTL for prayer supporters** – Team Uganda continues their time at Hope Africa Children’s home and Kabale Trinity College, a secondary school directed by the team’s host. Please pray for willingness to learn from God with open hearts, blessings for the Ugandan people, humility in the hearts and actions for the team members and covering of the team from spiritual attacks.

#### DR/Haiti – May 13 – June 17

**PTL for experiencing differences** – “Thursday we went to a hospital outside of Cape Haitian and assisted the hospital in any way that they needed. We spent some time at the hospital’s child care facility, with incredibly cute babies and little kids. It is almost an undisputed fact that Haiti has the cutest babies in the world. One very interesting fact about the hospital that we visited was their spinal injury patients and the amount of healing and recuperation that we going on there. By giving their patients antibiotics, nutritious food, and clean water (all which they are not use to receiving on a constant basis) there was a large amount of rehabilitation for the paraplegics and quadriplegics that were present.

We had amazing experiences in Haiti that will never be forgotten...we are already missing it: the crazy, hot, packed mobile clinics, the rides with 16 people squeezed on the bed of a truck, being pointed at and called ‘blans’ (means ‘white’ or ‘foreigner’) by every child who sees us. I miss holding the orphans at Children of the Promise, but I have to admit I don’t quite miss becoming an instant mom, waking up 5 times a night to crying babies. It was just interesting leaving all that in Haiti, and coming to a huge city with a makeshift ‘hollywood,’ ikea, taco bell, pizza hut, outback steakhouse, huge superstores, etc. Haiti and the Dominican are so drastically different, it’s crazy.”

**Team Blog:** [www.Teamdrhaiti2010.blogspot.com](http://www.Teamdrhaiti2010.blogspot.com)

#### Ghana Tamale May 13 –June 20

**PTL for indescribable moments** –“ I (Cayla), feel like the last few days are something that can’t be explained, only experienced. No matter how many words I write down, I simply cannot convey to another person the entirety of the way things were as I perceived it. No matter the number of pictures I take, the lens just can’t seem to capture all the dimensions and textures of the moment, nor can it capture the oppressive heat of such a moment either. I can’t transfer to another the way things looked, or the way things smelled... the looks on the faces of those children when you smiled at them. Or the taste of Africa porridge... but I won’t even attempt that one... :) I could venture to explain the conditions of a young boy in a rural village of Sukaya, Africa who will probably die, save the healing power of God Almighty alone, because a week ago he broke his toe playing football... but honestly, you wouldn’t believe me if I told you, or be able to picture it unless you too stood there beside me (us) and fought back tears as you tried to muster the faith to pray for healing for that young boy. But I think over all, this was a really neat experience for our team. Getting to share the love of Christ with people specifically was an amazing thing. Getting to pray over the sick and getting to continue to pray for them even now... it’s so evident that God is at work.”

**Team Blog:** [www.Tamaleghana10.wordpress.com](http://www.Tamaleghana10.wordpress.com)



### **Cambodia – May 14 – June 15**

**PRL for new perspectives and heavy hearts-** “Later on Monday, we went to a village which is known to many of the local staff as the "slums." This place was rather hard to take in at first. There is trash everywhere, homes are made out of whatever they can find, and the place is rather unsanitary. Be it far from our standards, God still loves these people, and we see it. We work with the children for an hour, doing crafts, games and songs. We also perform basic first aid, as many of the children love to get a band-aid, though there are many who need serious attention. The parents here have difficulty finding work, or are not interested in working. They are also not aware of how serious some of their children's injuries are. There is a free children's hospital, just minutes away, but the parents do not think about taking their child there. We have to encourage them to do so, and though they do go after we talk to them, it is still sad that the child's condition can get so bad. Please pray for this village as God leads you. We had the opportunity to visit S21, a high school that was turned into a prison and torture camp during the genocide that occurred about 40 years ago. It was a hard, heavy place to be in. still, I feel like it gives our team a new understanding of where this country is at and how much they need healing from the Lord. we visited one of the killing fields from the same genocide right after that, and it breaks my heart to think this is something that has happened all over the world at different times. As Paige said, it feels really unreal and is hard to imagine, let alone comprehend. Your prayers for this country are definitely needed.”



**Team Blog:** [www.Teamcambodia2010.blogspot.com](http://www.Teamcambodia2010.blogspot.com)

### **Team Vietnam May 20 – June 26**

**PTL for loving children and being men of God** - As of today, we have been working in the orphanage for a week and a half. I thought that it would have gotten easier as the time went on because we would be able to get over the initial shock of seeing children in these horrible circumstances, but it's only becoming more real as each day passes by. We thought that the kids we were working with, in the main room were about 8-12 year olds but found out that we were off by a lot! There is one girl who is 8 but the rest are in their teens and even twenties! There is one boy who looks about 3 and he is 13! It's so hard to take in! We want to give these kids so much, but all the workers are really able to give them are basic necessities like food, water, a change of clothes, and a daily bath. Our hearts are heavy for these children, but there is still joy. We love making them smile. They have beautiful smiles, despite age and ability, a kid is a kid and they each need and deserve love and attention and that is our goal for this next week and a half. We love them and want them to know that.

**Team Blog:** [www.teamvietnam2010.blogspot.com](http://www.teamvietnam2010.blogspot.com)

### **Nepal May 24 – July 5**

**PTL for amazing hosts** – “It has been go go go with visits to Children's Homes, working with Mother Teresa's Home of Pashupati, meeting with various organizations, and seeing the temples, churches, and sights of Kathmandu. The evening was filled with Children Home visits to the two homes we went to a couple days ago. I will never get enough of spending time with these children. They are amazing and they will grow up to change Nepal and therefore, the world! I love praying over them, loving them, encouraging them, learning from them, and being in their presence. I am in awe of the parents of the homes. God has made them truly special beyond words. May blessings be poured out on them today and always. Rhoman (our host) is an angel straight from God Himself and I cannot begin to say how fantastic it has been to walk this road with him. Praise the Lord for connecting our team with him. God is good, God is faithful, and God is love. He has revealed new parts of Himself to us in countless ways already and we cannot wait for furthering our understanding even more. Thanks guys! Your prayers are changing our trip, our lives, and Nepal.” **Team Blog:** [www.teambangladesh10.blogspot.com](http://www.teambangladesh10.blogspot.com)

### **June Teams**

Himalayas | India | South Africa East | Ghana Accra  
Laos | Micronesia | Peru | Indonesia | Ireland | China | Haiti June

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