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Saturday, May 21, 2011

We had breakfast at 7am- cornflakes, hot dogs, and peanut butter. After breakfast, it was decided that we would have VBS here to evangelise to the community. Our laundry was picked up to be washed and returned. We drove to the work site and finished 2 houses, the roof needs to be completed on the 3rd. We worked until 12pm. When we came back we had a lunch that consisted of tuna salad, plantains, and soda. After lunch, we rehearsed and prepared for street evangelism to invite children to VBS tomorrow. We rehearsed songs and prepped arts, crafts and games. In addition, we decorated the hall for VBS.

We ate dinner, rested, played Phase 10 and went to bed. ~ *Loretta*



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Yours truly was energised by his first full night of sleep since Monday. Just outside of Leogane, the LCMS has purchased land. On this land they are planning to build the offices for the Lutheran church in Haiti, a Concordia seminary and a Lutheran village, eventually consisting of 400 homes. One of our primary tasks is to facilitate the building of these prefabricated homes. Between Friday and Saturday we were able to complete approximately 3 homes. After our construction endeavor we

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return to the hotel by "tap-tap". A tap-tap is a small pick-up truck with a canopy. It is called a tap-tap because when someone wants the vehicle to stop they tap on the truck. After lunch we began to rehearse the logistics of VBS, which will start on May 22nd. In order to drum up interest in VBS, we used paper plates and magic markers to announce the dates and times. We also creatively constructed attention getting devices of straws with multicoloured streamers (P.T. Barnum would be so proud). We broke into several teams and proceeded out into the very small villages and homes that surround the hotel complex. Some "homes" are merely ram-shackle tents and buildings constructed of scrap wood. The presence of a large number of "blancas" accompanied by Haitian and translators proved to be a great attention getting device.

Of course the passing out of candy helped persuade them a little too. ~ David

