

Haiti 4 - Tuesday.

Our day began as it did yesterday with a delicious breakfast and enthusiastic departure. A good way to start the day.

When we arrived (1 hour - blokis - did you remember?), the clean up with backhoe continued. Some of the rubble had been cleared.

Our first task was to pull down the wall which was standing when we left. It came down rather easily. next, a pile of larger rocks at the front of the church needed to be removed. We all set to work loading them in the bucket of the backhoe. I think it took us well over an hour but we got them moved.



We returned to the second wall which was another matter. No amount of pulling or tugging could bring it down. The men resorted to breaking it down with hammers. Part of it is still standing.

The man who is the "big boss" of the Haitians is named Paul Chlorisme. As I said, he is a delightful man with a quick smile. He communicated with me about my lap top yesterday. I thought he was interested in my blog. Today I realized he wanted me to give him my lap top. I told him it was in America and I am using an iPad which I could not give him because I needed it to make him famous. I think that ended it.

Rachel has reminded me that I should tell you about the tap taps. They are omnipresent taxis which people ride. They are brightly painted pickup trucks which



often have the name of Jesus somewhere on them. People pay their fees and pack in. The question is how many Haitians can ride in a tap tap? Answer - one more.

We received a lesson on life in Haiti. Do you remember flexib? After moving the rocks, we waited to see what was next. A dump truck arrived to haul rubble away. It sat for two hours. Then, something malfunctioned in the backhoe. They were still trying to fix it when we left. After lunch, a meeting was held to plan for our major task, building a fence around the site. That meeting went on for two hours. We had to be flexib. Planning a plan and executing it takes a different path in Haiti. That's why flexib is so important. Tomorrow, we hope the tools we need will be there. At some point, Tommy will go out to buy the materials we need. Will he be able to get them to us. Remember blokis, the unpredictable traffic. He may not get back before noon.

I will wrap up for the night. We are all well and appreciate your interest. Continue to pray for us.