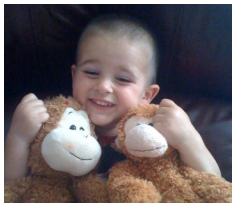




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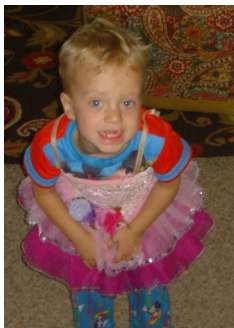
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**COMPUTER PROBLEMS**

The web is a fantastic place to surf and browse everything to your hearts content. You can buy just about anything and find all the information that the world has to give by just sitting at home and allowing your fingers to do the walking. It is so easy that even a child with a little bit of computer savvy can be at home and search cyberspace stimulating his or her senses. There is Google, Face book, U-tube, Iphones, Ipods, Blackberries, videogames and thousands of other Internet options. Many who enter through the door of the internet feel like they have just entered a huge candy shop with so many choices they don't know where to start. But, just like candy, too much of a good or bad thing, can ruin your day or even your life. The Internet can be hazardous to your medical and spiritual health. Most things on the internet are fine, but there are plenty of sites that can lure you in and invite you to chat, gossip, lie, cheat, view images or video, listen to audio

files, download just about anything, and fantasize behind the keys of your computer. We think that no one can see what we are doing and yet we know that the spirit of God who lives in the hearts of all who believe in Christ grieves that we would allow ourselves to become contaminated by the internet. In those dark moments, we might as well invite our mother, father, wife, husband and pastor to come and join us, because God is sitting right there next to us watching and hearing all that we are doing and saying. If we are not ashamed of the Holy, Pure, Glorious, All knowing, Father and God of all existence being part of what we are doing, then we are not trying to be Christ-like, serving and worshiping the God who loves us.

The only thing policing and trying to protect you, is your will power and your conscience. God has given you a "free will" to choose wisely and has placed the Holy Counselor in each of His children's hearts to help them discern good from evil and convict us of any

sin. Some may experience the judgment of society when they step beyond the moral acceptance of healthy behavior, but hold fast to the assurance that God will bring all who sin in His sight, to a just punishment of His choice, in His perfect timing. The Bible says that all our sins will be laid before Him.

Now-a-days it seems like everyone has a computer, cell phone, music player and game player accessible at all times. The question is, are we using these life-altering tools wisely, to honor the God that gave us the intellect to create these devises or are we letting Satan tempt us into playing with his sticky "web" of tantalizing sweets that could destroy our lives?

If you find yourself trapped and being emptied of your life-blood by a dark addiction to the Internet or other video or sound device, then I would suggest that you fall on your knees and repent of your sins. God loves you and is always willing to forgive a repentant heart. The true joy of living is robbed by

sin, and can only be restored by grace from God, through Christ, who died for us. We all seek to experience joy and love in this life. There is a right and healthy way, and there is a wrong and deadly way. Death comes through sin and following the ways of Satan. Life comes only through the sacrifice Christ paid on the cross.

I urge everyone to live a life of peace and love towards each other and our God who created us. Take time away from the computer, headphones and video games and worship your heavenly Father, who loves you.

*Dr. Harold*

# Meet Our Staff . . .

My name is Julie Laguerre and I've been a clinical tech in Dr. Nord's office for the past seven years. I met Dr. Nord on one of his first mission trips to my hometown, Cap Haitian, Haiti, where my family has their mission's medical clinic, school & church. When I was seventeen he offered for my siblings and I to come to the states for our post elementary schooling. I am currently attending college, working towards a nursing degree to better equip me to someday return to Haiti to serve the people there.

## My coworkers asked that I share about my upcoming marriage...

I remember the first time I saw Stanley. We met at a mutual friend's Christmas party in 2004 in Haiti. The theme of the party was to wear black or white and I was dressed all in white with one of my favorite pairs of shoes. Stanley was also dressed in white with a "Rico Suave" looking dress shirt on. The party was fun for me because I was able to see some friends that I had not seen in over two years. Stanley told me he also had fun that night, because he met me. My girlfriends and I were talking, laughing and taking lots of pictures, as Stanley was approaching us. I had no idea who he was or who he wanted to talk to, but I did think he was sort of a cutie. As he walked towards us, his head was down and I could tell he was thinking. When he approached us, he reached out his hand to me and said in French, "puis je avoir cette dance?" (May I have this dance?). I agreed, and as we walked towards the dance floor, all I was feeling were my unsteady nerves. I could not feel my legs, as they felt numb. When we got to the dance floor, he introduced himself by whispering in my ear and I did the same to him. That night we danced, talked, laughed and got to know each other. I left the

party that night smiling, and I'm still smiling today after four years together. Our relationship has been long distance from the beginning, and I can't wait till the day when we can actually be together. We recently got engaged in November 2008 and are now planning our wedding.

As I sit and reflect, the first word that comes to my mind during the first month of our engagement is - hectic. My first challenge came when I called home to Haiti, sharing my engagement with my parents. We all know that no two cultures are the same. I was born in the states and raised in Haiti until high school. So, during my childhood I was exposed to both the Haitian and American cultures. When I told my parents that Stanley and I were engaged, my dad's first words were, "I have not seen the kid yet". I was puzzled, because both my parents have met, spent time with & have shown love to Stanley, just like their own son. So, I asked my dad what he meant by his comment and that's when he proceeded to tell me how a "customary engagement" was done in Haiti. Stanley was to purchase the engagement ring, and he and his parents were to come and visit me and my parents. This meeting gave the families the opportunity to decide if we were to get married or not. I have lived in Haiti for most of my growing up years so I thought I knew the culture pretty well: what to do and not to do that would offend someone... the proper way to greet someone... how to show respect to your elders... the proper dress code for young women... what's expected by women regarding the home-making responsibilities, etc. I guess I didn't pay too much attention to the getting engaged part, as I have never had the need to do so, until now. My mind was spinning...and while on the phone with my dad, there was a long pause, because I was still trying to process what I just heard from him. Huh?, what? is he crazy? I thought to myself.

Then I respectfully asked if he was serious? Then his response was, "yes, my daughter, I am". Those who know my father can clearly picture him responding in this way. My parents and I are very close, and we can talk about anything, so my dad and mom expressed how Stanley and I could now make our engagement official, by doing it the "right" way, according to the Haitian culture. I understand the need for this step, as we desire our parents to respect us and honor our desire to be married.

Stanley and I plan on getting married in 2011 and as we proceed with our planning, we ask for your prayers as we journey forward.

I Hope this helps you get to know me just a little bit better!

Julie



Stanley and Julie