

## Haiti – House #4 The Whitlene Pierre Family

On the 2010 Spring trip, the mission team was touring the Kay en Rond school and well site as well as the surrounding community. We had been made aware of the terrible situation in which Mr. and Mrs. Emile Charles were living but we had never noticed or met Whitlene Pierre before that day although she lived only a short distance across the path and up from the Charles'. After discussing the Charles' house and receiving commitments for funding for that project from some of the group members, we walked to see Whitlene's family hut and saw Whitlene. At the time she was 13 years old and was crippled from birth. She was squatting on the ground like a little bird who had fallen out of a nest. Her father, Mr. Whitney Pierre, picked her up in the most tender and loving way and held her as they stared at us and we stared at the situation. Needless to say, almost immediately we received commitments from the Schonacher's (Darryl and Travis) to make this dream of Whitlene having her own bedroom come true.

(The Whitlene Pierre and Charles' homes were built at the same time.)

Before



Joe Cunningham with one of the Pierre children

After



With Whitlene, Fr. Joe, her father, Darryl Schonacher, Deacon Lloyd