

Before the Story:

Say: CBF field personnel Jenny Jenkins works as a nurse in Grand Goâve, Haiti. Jenny cares deeply about the health and wellbeing of the people with whom she lives and works. (Show photo.) Let's hear about Jenny's story and her work in Haiti. When people tell stories in Haiti, they will say "krik." The audience responds with "krak" to indicate they are ready. Let's try it! Krik! (prompt children to respond with "krak").

Share the Story:

Jenny's Story

"Mèsi," [mess EE] means "thank you" in Creole, the language spoken in Haiti. This was the first Creole word that Jenny Jenkins learned. Jenny had bent down to bandage a man's leg. He gently lifted her face to look at him and said, "mèsi," or thank you. She did not know the language, but it was obvious to her that he was thanking her for taking care of his leg. That moment changed Jenny's life forever.

When that took place, Jenny was a nurse at a big hospital in New York City. A friend invited Jenny to go on a medical trip to Haiti. This trip led to many more. On one of those trips to Haiti, Jenny felt God calling her to go and live in Haiti for good and help the people there. Ten years later, Jenny is still amazed by what God has done and continues to do in Haiti.

Imagine how you feel when you're really sick. You have a tummy ache, headache or worse. What if you had no way to get to your doctor unless you walked for miles and miles? What if you did not have the energy to walk or the money to pay a doctor if you got there?

This is what life is like for many people in Haiti. Jenny works to help these people by taking medical care to them. She packs up her clinic and travels around to different locations. When people hear that she is coming, they travel and line up outside, waiting patiently, sometimes all day, just to see Jenny.

Jenny and medical teams that come to assist help people from tiny babies to elderly adults. Jenny often treats people for diseases like high blood pressure that can be easily controlled with medicine. Jenny teaches people about these illnesses and gives them medicine to help them feel better. She educates them so that they can take better care of themselves when she is not there with them. She visits every few weeks, taking refills of medicine and other supplies. The people are so thankful for her presence and her help.

After the Story:

1. **Ask:** How does Jenny Jenkins help the people in Haiti?
2. **Say:** She takes the clinic and medicine to them since many people in Haiti do not have access to a medical care.
3. **Pray:** Thank you, God, for Jenny's work to help take care of the health of the people in Haiti.



Learning Activity:

Enjoy a Fruity Drink

Items needed: recipe ingredients; blender; napkins; cups; spoons

Recipe ingredients: 1 can pineapple, crushed; 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg, plus additional for topping; 1/2 cup coconut milk; 1 cup milk
Serves 4 - 6

1. To prepare the beverage, combine all of the ingredients in a blender and mix well. Top the drink with additional nutmeg if desired.
2. **Say:** When you live in a tropical area, there are a lot of fruits available. Pineapple, mango, plantains, coconut, and guava are some examples of fruits Haitians enjoy eating. These fruits provide nutrients that help Haitians stay healthy.
3. Give each child a cup and napkin. Pour the fruity drink, called "pineapple nog."
4. Before enjoying the fruity drink, say a prayer of thanks for the fruits found in Haiti that provide sustenance for the people.

Meet the Field Personnel:



CBF field personnel Jenny Jenkins is a nurse serving in Grand Goâve, Haiti. She develops relationships in the community through medical, educational, housing and outreach ministries.