

Before the Story:

Say: Jenny Jenkins is working with the community in Magandou to build a clinic that will serve thousands of people. (Show photo.) Jenny is excited to be a part of building the clinic. The clinic will help Haitians get help when they are sick. Jenny Jenkins continues to build relationships with the people in the community as they work together.

Share the Story:

Joyful Work

"Alleluia, Alleluia!" Jenny Jenkins heard the sound of voices drifting over the hills. It was sweet, sweet music to her ears! When she topped the ridge, she saw a group of women working at the clinic site in Magandou. They were moving rocks and some of the rocks looked very heavy!

"Bon jou!" (Hello!) Jenny called out to the women. She stopped to talk with them. She asked how their day was going and about the progress they were making. The women were pleased to tell Jenny that they had carried at least 50 rocks that morning!

As Jenny looked out over the site where the clinic would be built, she saw a line of people coming up the hill. Each person had something in their hands or on their heads. They were all carrying buckets of water!

The truck they had been using to transport the water broke down. The people in the community did not want the work to stop. They formed a human chain of sorts, carrying water for short distances to the next group of waiting people. Bucket after bucket of water was being hefted up the hill from the water source, miles and miles away from the clinic site. If you were old enough to walk and carry a bucket, you were old enough to help! There were toddlers carefully steadying their buckets so they did not spill the precious water inside.

Why are the stones and water so important? Water and stones are needed to make concrete. The stones will be smashed into tiny bits and mixed with the water, cement mix, and sand to create concrete to build the walls of the clinic.

Jenny is amazed at how the community has helped with this project. They are excited to have a clinic, a place where people from all the villages around can get medical care. It will give them a chance to share God's love with them.

After the Story:

1. **Ask:** Why do you think the people are working so hard to finish the clinic? What problems are they facing while building?
2. **Pray:** Thank you, God, for Jenny Jenkins and the people in Magandou, who are working so very hard to build a clinic that will help so many people.



Learning Activity:

Learn a Song in Creole

Link: <https://vimeo.com/158537087>

1. **Ask:** What is one of your favorite songs that we sing at church?
2. **Say:** Children in Haiti learn and sing some of the same songs that we do in our church. We're going to listen to "Jesus Loves the Little Children" in Creole. This version has the English words and the Creole words on the screen at the same time. It is also a song that is probably familiar to you, so feel free to sing along after we listen to it in Creole. We'll listen several times.
3. Show the Singing in Creole video and encourage the children to sing along.
4. **Ask:** Did you recognize any words in Creole that sounded similar to English?
5. Pray, thanking God that we can worship in any language and God still hears and understands us.

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.