Counselors at Work in Haiti
by: Stephanie O’Brian

Getting the opportunity to travel to a foreign country and utilize your skills as a counselor is a tremendous blessing. It is one that I have been fortunate enough to partake in the past three summers in Haiti. Dr. Todd Patten has led a group of students to Haiti for the past five years. Dr. Patten, along with Harding Professor of Engineering, Jimmy Huff, formed “Ansanm” many years ago. Ansanm means “together” in Haitian Creole. American counselors and Engineers work together alongside the Haitians to better the church, school, and overall livelihood in the village of Peltan in northern Haiti.

Through our efforts in Ansanm, we have been able to see amazing transformations in the community. The school now has a well, latrines, additional classrooms, lights, and a security wall. There have been seminars conducted for teachers, parents, marriages, and many activities with and for the children of Peltan. Each year is a little different and each year, God works in abundantly powerful ways both in us and through us. The Haitian people are truly beautiful and inspiring in so many ways. Their history and culture are rich. The people are diverse children of God—just like us. There is a certain reciprocity of growth and wisdom each trip; they give us so much and we aim to give to them also.

This year we went to Peltan with a relatively small group. Dr. Patten and his son Asher, fellow counselor Adam Dizer, Tessa Zuniga, Aaron Copeland, and I all ventured to Haiti at the end of May. The trip was no disappointment. We held a seminar with both the parents and teachers from the school in Peltan, held a field/experiential day with the children, and traveled around to several communities around Cap Haitien and visited with them and prayed with them. It was a quick but amazingly fruitful trip. The theme this year was about how God holds all the authority in the universe—and when God holds all the authority, there is no one else to succumb to nor fear. That, as both a Christian and a counselor, is a message which resonates in one’s heart, mind, and soul.

If you are interested in the efforts of Ansanm or going on the next trip, I encourage you to watch the video from last year’s journey by going to http://vimeo.com/89182143 and email Dr. Patten.
Mrs. Elizabeth Rose

Get to Know the Faculty... Mrs. Elizabeth Rose

1) Where were you born? Searcy, AR

2) When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Archeologist, Pediatrician and a Teacher

3) Siblings: Two younger sisters - Julie and Kristen

4) Where did you attend college? BS Vocational Home Economics, Harding; MEd Counselor Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock; EdS Professional Counseling: Clinical and School, Harding

5) Spouse and how long you have been married: Steve, 20 years in March

6) Children: Tanner (9) and Brooklyn (3), who went to Heaven on December 16, 2007; and Tyler and Elyn (18 months)

7) Somewhere you would like to visit and why? Florence, Italy because I love its history, art, architecture, and everything Renaissance; and because I was too chicken to go when I was an undergrad!

8) If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be and why? Jesus - to be in His presence and have an opportunity to ask questions, and Tanner and Brooklyn - to have a chance to spend some more time with them and get some hugs and kisses!

9) Something not many people know about you: I love ancient Egyptian history and have always wanted to go to Egypt on an archeological dig

10) Favorite color: red

11) Favorite movie: Steel Magnolias and Notting Hill

12) Favorite sport and/or team: Favorite sports are football and baseball. Favorite teams are whoever my husband is coaching and the Razorbacks

13) Favorite thing about Searcy: The Christian atmosphere, sense of community and people always being willing to help others

14) Favorite book (other than the Bible): My Dog, written by Tanner when he was 6

15) How long have you been employed at Harding? 5 years

16) Biggest challenge or obstacle: Losing Tanner and Brooklyn

17) Proudest moment or accomplishment: Our 4 children

18) Person who had the biggest impact on your life and why? My Parents, Jimmie and Sharen Crockett, because of their unconditional love, continuous support, and awesome parenting

19) Favorite scripture: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

20) Words of wisdom for students: "Courage does not always roar, sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow.'" - Mary Ann Radmacher
My name is Cameisha Brewer. I am from Kensett, AR. I am a graduate of Riverview High School. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Harding University in December 2012. I began the Clinical Counseling Program in January of 2013.

My family is quite unique. I am 23 years old. I am the youngest of five children. All of my siblings are in their 40s. I never had the opportunity to meet any of my grandparents because they all passed away before I was born.

As a hobby I enjoy listening to music and eating cookies n’ cream ice cream. I love teaching dance. I also love working with adolescent girls.

My proudest moment was this past spring when I was inducted into Alpha Chi and Chi Sigma Iota the National Honor Society for Graduate Counseling students. I was also chosen to be on the cover of the new Professional Counseling Brochure.

The biggest obstacle I had to face in life, happened when I was a teenager. I was 17 years old and my father passed away due to Lou Gehrig’s disease. When I was 18 years old my mother passed away due to breast cancer. This was a very difficult time for me. I had to make the transition from being a teenager in high school to being an adult in college without any form of parental guidance.

The biggest influence in my life is definitely my parents. I am so grateful for the Godly principles they instilled in me. More importantly they introduced me to Jesus. They taught me how to learn more about Him through reading the word of God.

I became interested in psychology as a child. I wanted to understand human behavior. I began watching documentaries about serial killers and I wanted to learn more about their thought processes. While in undergrad here at Harding I learned that I could help a lot of people with the knowledge I obtained through studying psychology.

My experience in the Clinical Counseling program has been absolutely amazing! This program has challenged me in ways I never imagined. It has been such a blessing. I have grown in knowledge of others and in knowledge of myself. I have a deeper understanding and appreciation of who God is and how he works through people and situations. I look forward to putting this knowledge into my practice in the future.
Fall 2014 Calendar

New Student Orientation.................................................................August 17
Classes Begin..................................................................................August 18
HU Lectureship ...........................................................................September 28—October 1
Fall Break Day................................................................................October 10
Homecoming/Alumni Breakfast & CE............................................October 31
Thanksgiving Break.................................................................November 22—30
Final Exams..................................................................................December 8—11
Commencement.........................................................................December 13

Alumni Connection

Harding’s annual Homecoming festivities will take place October 31—November 1 this year. We hope you can visit campus for the Homecoming musical or football game. We will be hosting an Alumni Breakfast and 1 hour CE as part of Homecoming. It will be held at 8:30 am on Friday, October 31st in American Heritage 208. We plan to present our first “Outstanding Alumni” award at the breakfast. We are taking nominations through August 1st. If you would like to nominate someone, please send us the name of an alumni that has been out of the program for at least three years, and the reason you nominate that person. We are excited about the opportunity to hear what our alumni are doing and how they are impacting the world.

We are still looking for alumni that would be willing to come share with our classes about what it is like to work in the field, things you are doing, things you have learned, experiences, etc. If you are willing to share, please contact Angela English.

We would love your input in future newsletters. If you are working in the field and are willing to write a short article for us about what you are doing, we would appreciate it. If you get married or have a baby in 2014, we would love to celebrate with you. Just send a photo and some brief information.

We want to connect with you!