



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

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The HOPE June 2018 Missionary Trip to Haiti was a great success. Through our evangelistic outreach effort, nine people surrendered their lives to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

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By the power of the Holy Spirit, we undertook and completed five life changing ministries: Vacation Bible School with 150 kids, Men Leadership Training with 15 attendees, Women Leadership Conference with 20 attendees, Bible Reading Contest Awards with 35 contestants and 3 winners and finally Windows & MS Office Training Graduation with 12 Students receiving a one year diploma.

Furthermore, we distributed about 35 "In Touch Messengers", which are audio devices with the gospel in the vernacular local languages. According to Pastor Zacharie Fortil, the "In Touch Messengers" create an opportunity for the families or neighbors to gather together to listen to the gospel and to have a discussion thereafter.

The focus was to teach and encourage the participants to "Trust in the Lord with all their hearts and not to lean on their own understandings and in all their ways, to acknowledge the Lord and He will make straight their paths," according to Proverbs 3:5-6.

Per request from the villagers, HOPE is now undertaking a Sewing Classes Project. The local mayor volunteered to teach the classes for free on Fridays and Saturdays. HOPE has approved an initial investment of \$4000 to purchase the supplies including tables, fabrics, sewing machines, scissors, tape measures, etc. The training will take up to 2 years. Classes started this past October along with the ongoing PC Training. Going forward, it will be several hundred dollars every year to maintain the sewing machines.

The Sewing Program will empower villagers to be self-sufficient. They will be able to sew caps and gowns for both the PC Training and themselves by year # 2. We will have an additional 20 people every year to be disciplined with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In addition, one of the graduates may take over the lead teaching when the mayor stops volunteering.

~ Wilfrid Decossard

- #1- Our HOPE National Staff
- #2- PC Training Students



VBS Crafts with the children



Coloring is always fun at VBS



Testimonies from our Summer Ministry Team

If I had to choose one word to describe the ministry trip to Haiti- it would have to be unity.

From Wilfrid's careful planning of logistics on the ground with Hope's Haitian leadership, weekly team goals to the eventful chaos of flight cancellations, the ministry team stood in the unity of faith.

As soon as we arrived in Duchity we were warmly greeted, rooms assigned and bags unpacked as we organized the plans for the busy week ahead.

With the PC graduation scheduled the next day, we needed to be ready and rested for this exciting day for the graduates. I am always amazed at how much education is highly valued in this culture. As the graduates marched in, they and their family members beamed with great pride. As opportunity provided, Wilfrid shared the gospel. The blessing and encouragement received from this special day set us up as the next few days began to unfold.

A busy week it was with VBS, men's leadership and women's ministry. I took great joy in observing Pastor Don and his wife, Lynda, engaging with the children, preparing lessons, crafts and games for VBS, and trying to learn Haitian Kreyol. Rose lead with many worship songs and interpreted the lessons. A big surprise happened when one of the sponsored boys brought his guitar and lead a song or two.

I can't give enough praise and thanks for Rose. During women's ministry time, she clearly delivered a message that drew a couple of the young ladies to tears. It was a powerful testimony of how the Lord is using her to reach her own culture. The ladies came back for more and we finally got around to the jewelry project on Day 2.

As the week closed in on us, we spent more time with the children. I loved seeing my own sponsored kids face to face, sharing hugs, checking on their school grades and spiritual growth.

Finally the day came to depart and we realized that our goals had been carefully executed as to glorify God. Each team member left with renewed hope, heartfelt memories, blessings galore and a strong desire to continue in obedience as when we were first called.

Special thanks to my Butler Hospital family for providing games, jump ropes, crayons and coloring books to be distributed during the week. We are also grateful to Rich at BeadCache in Mansfield, MA for providing the materials needed for the women's jewelry project. Rich understood the needs of the project and was able to bless the ministry with his expertise. ~ Crystal Giaquinta



#1- Graduation
#2- VBS
#3- Jewelry
#4- Pastor Zacharie receiving a French Bible for a sponsored child

This trip on July, was an exceptional one from the beginning to the end. All the volunteers were under God's Grace. Crystal and I, are always happy to work in the field of " Sharing the words of God with the ladies and also our own experiences. Some ladies rededicated their lives to God after making mistakes or taking a wrong decision. Brother Wilfrid and two other volunteers were working with the men. Two ladies planned to get married this next year after listening to the message. We offered for them to do it with Pastor Zacharie, because they're together with their partners for a long time and have a lot of kids, but they want a ceremony. We are praying that we can help them to do it.

For the young people, we were working on " Proverbs 3:5-6 " Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember Him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight." It was amazing to see how " Young People" show their gratitude to God. They were more than happy. In time of crisis, they appreciated that some missionaries came from a long way to share the Gospel with them. They said,' now we know that there is hope for Haiti." We prayed, sang, played and ate with them. They proclaimed with their mouth that God really loves them .At night, they didn't want to go home, and in the morning, they came early. On our way back to Port-au-Prince, Gods was with us. There was quite a bit of civil unrest throughout the country. He protected us about the obstacles on the streets. At the hotel, we continued our mission. God provided everything we needed to survive. Even when our planes were delayed several days, God provided for our safety. We can say, we were blessed.

It was a pleasure to work with each other and we learned from each other. In that difficult moment, we really learned and applied what Paul said to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:5 " I want you to keep your head no matter what happens. Don't give up when times are hard. Work to spread the good news. Do everything God has given you to do. That's also, our mission, " To serve others" the same way, Jesus came to serve, and today, " we say yes Lord! We want to be an instrument in your hands. Please, use us! "

~ Rose Louis-Charles

Ways to Get Involved

Consider helping in the following ways:

- Donating monthly to support the **General Fund**
- **Sponsoring a Child-** \$20 a month provides **EDUCATION**
 - Visit our website to select a child to sponsor
- **Sharing HOPE** with a friend, colleague, Bible Study or your Local Church.

Join us in **Duchity!** Consider joining us this summer! We have a team headed to Haiti in June- and there is room for you! It's going to be exciting and you won't want to miss it! Opportunities for ladies outreach, children's ministry, pastor training, encouraging the community- as well as seeing a beautiful country and meeting lovely people! Cost is approximately \$1100 plus airfare. Let us know if you are interested!

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