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I just returned from Haiti and I bring you greetings from our Haitian Pastors, leaders and church congregations!!

While in Haiti, God opened some new doors. One day we travelled 4 hours to minister to one of the worst prisons in Haiti. The conditions were terrible.....in each small cell there were as many as 27 men and there was not even room for them to walk.....they were only wearing a pair of shorts and packed in the cells like canned sardines.....the sun was beating on them into the cells and they were hot, hungry and suffering.....as we walked through to pray with them and bless them, all we could see were hundreds of hands reaching out of the cells towards us trying to grab us in desperation.

There were cells with women too.....I couldn't get photos because we were not allowed to enter the premises with cell phones, keys or cameras. It was an experience never to forget. I was saddened to think that there could even be some people in there who may have been falsely accused of a crime.

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Death in Haiti is not something I normally write about but it is an everyday occurrence in this country. One third of the children die before age 5. There are an estimated 960 deaths daily which works out to one death every minute of each day. This little girl wouldn't have died if she had received medical help in time but sadly—we were too late.....in the photo below she lies in the truck wrapped in a white blanket to be taken to the morgue in Leogane. The only consolation we have is knowing that she will never suffer again but is now with Jesus!! Her parents who already live in extreme poverty have now lost their greatest treasure--a child.



During this trip I had the opportunity to be interviewed by the radio station which was broadcast over the entire island and parts of Florida. During the interview I was asked to give a word to the President and also speak encouragement into the lives of the people in Haiti.

We paid special visits to several new unreached villages to share the Gospel of Jesus and also help with food, clothing and supplies. The people were so thankful we came and have invited us back to their villages.



### Ministering in New Unreached Villages

As we travelled to some new areas we came to one place where the road was completely washed away from a tropical storm. Now the only way the people can get through is by boat and this has made life even more difficult for them.



### Road Washed Away by Tropical Storm

There was also one area where the population is estimated at 250,000. The people were not happy because they said the police force there is made up of only 1 police officer with one motorcycle and that motorcycle is broken now and needs repairs.

Place L'or School is helping so many children to receive a good education. This little boy below used to beg on the street and when we would stop to fill our trucks with gas he was always at the gas station begging for help so we would help him anytime we saw him. This year we have taken him and registered him at our school in Place L'or. He is so happy to be receiving an education now and not having to beg for help every day.



### Place L'or School

The Trade School Building is now completed and phase one of the school has been opened. This project now will be self-supporting and students and classes will be added each year until it is operating to full capacity. It is the only professional school of this quality in the entire area. Below are just a few photos but the building is large with 3 stories to teach and train students.



Trade School



Cafeteria



Classroom



Computer Classes



Office



Classroom

The Church in Ti-Brache is growing weekly and people keep coming to Christ. With the growth we continue to see it is now time to purchase the land so we can begin to prepare to build a cement church in the village. If we do not purchase the land now then the owner is going to sell it to someone else and we will have to find a new location.



Without your help we could not maintain the work we are doing in Haiti. It takes a lot to continue to keep all of the ministries running each month. If you could see first-hand what God is doing in Haiti, your hearts would be touched very deeply. So many people would have no food without our help each month. We continue to help with dried food items but also a hot snack or nutritious meal every Sunday morning at each of our churches. Each Saturday we have Haitian women who volunteer their time to stay up all night to prepare the food for Sunday Mornings.



There is still much to do in Haiti and so many people need our help. Many who we haven't reached yet feel hopeless and are barely surviving each day. One need that continues to lie before us is the Nursing Home Project. Now that we have completed the Trade School we are praying that God will provide the financial miracle we need to build a nursing home to care for elderly people who are living in the worst conditions you could imagine. This project right now looks impossible but we know that with God all things are possible and His will is for us to offer hope to the hopeless!! Please pray with us that God will open new doors to enable us to fulfill this vision!!!



The Elderly People Need Our Help

Every one of you contribute so much to the ministry in Haiti whether through your financial donations, prayers or words of encouragement that keep us going each month!! The challenges are great in working in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country like Haiti but it is truly amazing to see all God has helped us accomplish during the past 15 years of ministering there. As we continue to persevere and move forward, we daily help change another life.....one by one!! Countless lives have been changed through accepting Jesus and being shown compassion through our humanitarian aid projects to assist in the relief of their poverty.

God is the one who makes it all possible but He uses Faithful people to get His work done.....so many of you have been Faithful to keep this ministry moving forward day after day, month after month and year after year!!

It is only God who can reward you for all you have given!!

We truly thank-you from our hearts for the way you have continued to love Haiti!!

God Bless you Richly!!

Love and prayers,

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**Compassion IS the Heart of God!**