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# BAPTIST HAITI MISSION EXISTS TO ENCOURAGE DISCIPLESHIP...



*Summer came quickly this year and, as always, brought with it high temperatures, countless activities, and the one thing that hundreds of kids look forward to all year... Camp!*

For five straight weeks youth from all over Haiti packed their toothbrushes and swimsuits, kissed their mothers goodbye, and piled into colorful buses headed for the shores of Montrouis. As they pulled into the gates of Camp Le Phare, they were greeted by a smiling staff and the promise of a week they would never forget.

For years Camp Le Phare has welcomed the youth of Haiti into an environment where positive change and development are cultivated through intentional and

innovative programming, centered around worship, prayer, integrity, discipline, and excellence. Each day the campers have unique opportunities to develop new skills, such as learning how to make beads or bake bread, playing a new sport or learning how to kayak, or even going snorkeling for the first time. Throughout the week-long program they participate in engaging games and exercises that encourage teamwork and trust. They also attend various sessions, services, and small groups focused on nurturing a personal faith and relationship with Jesus Christ and how to live out this faith within their own communities.

Although camp is packed with countless fun activities, it is intended to be more than just a "good time." The summer staff is focused on fostering relationships with the youth and encouraging them in their spiritual growth. The camp theme this year was "Saved To Serve" with Ephesians 2:8-10 as the camp passage. Each night a local pastor or speaker taught on the nature of

salvation through faith and the natural outpouring of service that comes from salvation. Each person participated within a small group that was led by a camp

Over 700 youth went through Camp Le Phare's summer camp program this year. Even though each one of them spent just a short week at camp, they witnessed

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counselor, in which they could further discuss and share what they were learning from the daily devotions and services.

The impact of Camp Le Phare begins with personal development but ultimately expands to the strengthening of the Church of Haiti. The youth are equipped to return to their communities with new experiences of positive transformation which they can use to influence further work of the church.

and experienced a model of discipleship through the staff, who in turn encouraged them to continue the process of discipling and being disciplined as they returned to their homes. It is our prayer that the impact and change that was made in the lives of these youth will extend much farther than the walls of Camp Le Phare. We thank God for using these summer camp experiences to raise up men and women with hearts after His own.

# FIELD NOTES



## *A word from the Field Director.*

In some of Jesus' final words before his ascent into heaven, He commissioned His disciples to "go and make disciples." They were encouraged to imitate the way He had taught and mentored them, and to replicate the life and relationships He had exemplified.

Baptist Haiti Mission exists in part to encourage this process of discipleship. We believe that it is imperative for each growing believer to be a part of discipling others and also being discipled. We must continue to grow in our relationship with GOD in order to effectively disciple, so that we are in a position to do as Jesus did. We must love God and put all else aside.

As a ministry, BHM provides activities and resources that encourage this process of discipleship. On a daily basis multiple Bible studies are being conducted amongst our staff. These studies are focused on seeking out the truth of God's Word together. Another example of the discipleship process is our two-month intensive theology program called Summer Bible Institute.

This program is focused on spiritually equipping leaders within the churches, and is structured around professors and upper class students teaching and mentoring underclassmen. Summer Bible Institute has produced some of the most effective leaders in our 380 churches.

From our lower and higher level education programs, to our camp ministries and conferences, to our self-help programs and medical ministry, our focus is on making disciples from all walks of life and encouraging them to do the same. To make disciples, we must replicate the humble service Jesus exemplified that was motivated by love for those God places in our paths.

BHM is a holistic ministry with a single focus: to serve the people of Haiti by providing activities to mature, disciple, and develop the body of Christ. Our job as a mission is to consistently follow our Lord.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

*- Chris Lieb*

## PRAISE

Praise the Lord for 105 new believers in the Mare Rouge area as a result of evangelism and the outreach of Thomassin Church.

We are beyond thankful for the many teams and volunteers who worked with us this summer to build homes, restore churches, and host VBS throughout the country.

## PRAYER

Many have been affected by the chikungunya virus. Pray for quick recovery and for protection for those who have not yet had the virus.

Pray for growth and discipleship for new believers as a result of summer outreach.



BHM would like to extend a big

# THANK YOU ● ● ● TO ALL OUR ● ● ● MINISTRY PARTNERS

**YOU ARE A CATALYST TO WHAT GOD IS DOING HERE IN HAITI AT BHM AS WE SEEK TO SERVE "THE LEAST OF THESE."**

## THOMASSIN SERVICE TRIP UPDATE

*On July 30th, 34 members of Thomassin church journeyed to Mare Rouge over 170 miles away. This area has a strong voodoo influence. Through both physically and spiritually serving the people in the community, nearly 1,000 of them heard the gospel and 105 began a relationship with Jesus Christ. The church thanks God for what He has done through them and asks for all to pray for the church and new believers in Mare Rouge.*



It's the start of a new school year for students all over the world! Students in Haiti are gearing up for the 2014 – 2015 school year that will begin in September. Let us test your knowledge of what school is like for many in Haiti.

1. **What do students wear to school?**
  - a. Hand sewn uniforms that are specific to each school.
  - b. The jersey of their favorite sports team.
  - c. Tie-dye shirts and cut off blue jeans.
2. **How do most students travel to school?**
  - a. Their parents drive them in fancy cars.
  - b. They ride in a bright yellow school bus.
  - c. They walk to school, sometimes 1 to 2 hours there and back.
3. **How are students taught in the classroom?**
  - a. Each student has their own i-pad to take notes while the teacher lectures.
  - b. Students learn by reciting the lesson back to the teacher, as individual books are not always available.
  - c. The teacher tells jokes all day long.
4. **What do students do for lunch at school?**
  - a. They pack lunchables and eat them in between classes.
  - b. They go to a fancy school cafeteria where they choose from pizza and a variety of other meals.
  - c. Meals of rice and beans are made over wood burning stoves. For some, this is the only guaranteed meal of the day.
5. **Why do students go to school?**
  - a. Their parents make them.
  - b. They see the importance of an education because they are the first in their family to have the opportunity to go to school.
  - c. All zebras have stripes.
6. **Why is it so difficult for students to go to school?**
  - a. Families are unable to pay for school.
  - b. There are too many responsibilities at home so the student must stay home and work.
  - c. Both A and B
7. **What would you do if you knew you could help a child in Haiti go to school?**
  - a. Go make a sandwich.
  - b. Wait for someone else to help.
  - c. Begin sponsoring a child today by visiting [www.bhm.org](http://www.bhm.org)

After learning a bit about schools in Haiti, would you join us as we seek to make education a possibility for families throughout the country? Check out question 7 for how to join us in our efforts!

*Answers: 1. A 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. B 6. C 7. C*



# MOUNTAIN MAID

## *Daily Discipleship*

Mountain Maid exists to strengthen the church of Haiti by proclaiming the gospel, making disciples, and partnering with local church members to produce products that provide a sustainable income. We desire to see this vision lived out one individual, one family, and one local church at a time.



Encouraging discipleship for the development of the church is a daily process. We cannot short-circuit growing in our relationship with God. One of the ways Mt. Maid is seeking to do this is through daily time in the word with Mt. Maid employees. Mark Dearing, a new missionary with BHM, has been teaching through Creation and pointing out how we see Christ throughout the entirety of scripture. As we spend time in the Word each morning we are able to share encouragement with one another throughout the day. This is but a small picture of how the ministry of Mt. Maid continues to grow.

We encourage you to be a part of this ministry as well. It's simple. You or a family member can purchase items from Mt. Maid. This in turn helps families in need who are being discipled to strengthen the local church.

*You can make a direct impact by supporting our artisans at [www.mountainmaid.org](http://www.mountainmaid.org)*