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BAPTIST HAITI MISSION EXISTS TO SERVE PEOPLE...



“The Church needs to preach the Word of God. The Bible tells us we need to make disciples for Jesus. This is how we do it, we go to the people.”

Team members, check. Travel plans, check. Bags packed, check. These are but a few of the items being “checked” off the to-do list for many members of Thomassin Church. In just a few short weeks, members of “Legliz Thomassin” will be making the journey North, through the mountains of Haiti, to serve their fellow countrymen through outreach and evangelism.

The church group will be traveling to a province in Haiti located several hours and quite a few foot paths away from the city of Port-au-Prince. The trip will not be a vacation for Thomassin Church members, but a way to practically serve the people of Haiti.

“Our mission will last 5 days. We will bring gifts such as clothes, soap, and food to the people in the community. The most important gift we will bring is the Word of God. We will preach to the people and help them see they need to accept Jesus,” explained Claudivet, a member of Thomassin Church.

Thomassin Church is one of hundreds of churches connected with the ministry of Baptist Haiti Mission. BHM stands firm on the belief that one of the central reasons the ministry exists is to serve people. Serving people is accomplished through the body of believers coming together and actively obeying the Word of God.

“Evangelization is the most important thing God gave us. It is a mandate for the church. The Bible says we are to go and preach the gospel and make disciples. I think one of the main things Jesus told us to do is to

preach the gospel in order for people to be saved and to make disciples,” responded Pastor Edrice of Thomassin Church, when asked why he has chosen to lead Thomassin on this mission trip.

Over the past several months the church has prayed about a variety of places the Lord may be leading them to visit for their mission trip. One of the primary factors in choosing where to serve, was going to the difficult places in Haiti where the people are desperate to hear the gospel.

Although the journey will be difficult, the people of Thomassin are excited to serve others and be a part of this special mission.

“The church needs to preach the Word of God. The Bible tells us we need to make disciples for Jesus. This is how we do it, we go to the people.” Claudivet said.

It’s that simple. We serve people by going to the people.

Would you join the ministry of BHM as we pray for the church of Thomassin as they continue to finalize the details of their mission? Pray for the members of Thomassin who will be making this trip. Pray the Lord will open the hearts of the people, to hear and accept the gospel. Pray the Word of God is clearly proclaimed and lives are changed forever.

The Thomassin Church Mission trip will be July 30 – August 4. Check back in our Fall newsletter for a report of how the Lord worked on this special trip.

FIELD NOTES



A word from the Field Director.

We launched into 2014 with the new vision to serve people, encourage discipleship, and develop the church. It has been exciting for me to look back and see what God has already done in relation to these goals, and how He is continuing to lead us forward. In the last two years BHM has seen seven new missionary families answer the call to serve in Haiti. In addition to this expansion of personnel, BHM has also expanded its mission centers to two new locations, Arel and Montrouis, to better serve the Haitian churches in their proximity. At the heart of these new ministries lies the desire to serve the people, encourage discipleship, and develop the church. What a joy it has been to be a part of these growing partnerships that have been rooted in love with a mutual focus of serving others. We continue to seek out how we can better serve together with our Haitian counterparts and utilize our cultural differences to sharpen one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

It has been my pleasure to see relationships with our Haitian brothers and sisters increase in unity. It is our goal to continue to strengthen and encourage this unification. I believe that one of

the most effective ways to facilitate these kind of relationships is through Godly leadership. In Mark 10:42-45 Jesus confronts the ideology of the disciples concerning greatness and authority. Jesus said “whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant”. This model of leadership stands in stark contrast to the world’s idea of ruling by exercising power. The gentiles ruled by power, and motivated the people through fear. Jesus however exemplified a different approach to influence others. He became great by washing feet, He inspired people by serving them, and He changed lives by His love.

Our job today is to help the leaders within the church to understand that greatness comes through service that is motivated by this same love. This can only be done by following the example of Jesus. If we do not model this from the top, then we are hypocrites and risk leading people away from God just as the Pharisees did.

As God continues to move us forward in serving the people of Haiti, we invite you to continue to partner with us in prayer and participation.

- Chris Lieb

PRAISE & PRAYER

Pray for the churches of Haiti, that God will continue to build them up in His Love.

Praise God for His continued provision of much needed resources.

Pray for the discipleship opportunities that BHM churches will take part.

Pray for all who attend Camp Le Phare this summer to be impacted by the gospel.

Praise God for continuing to provide ministry partners for the work of BHM.

Please continue to pray for people to open their hearts in giving to BHM.

CHURCH-TO-CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

BHM is seeking to facilitate unique church partnerships. We are connecting North American churches with Haitian churches for the purpose of fostering authentic relationships that result in sincere disciples and mature churches.

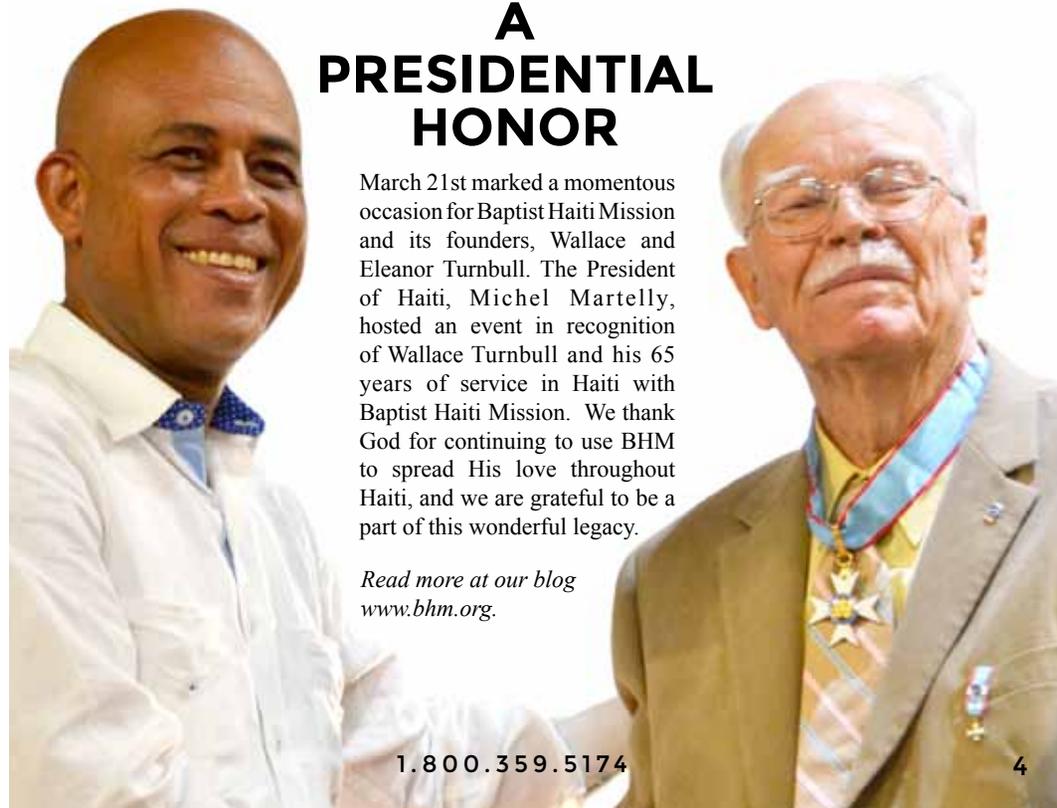
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The graphic features a church icon at the top left, a person icon with a shovel and book, a person icon with a book, and a church icon at the bottom right, all connected by dotted lines. There are also icons of people working together and a group of people.

A PRESIDENTIAL HONOR

March 21st marked a momentous occasion for Baptist Haiti Mission and its founders, Wallace and Eleanor Turnbull. The President of Haiti, Michel Martelly, hosted an event in recognition of Wallace Turnbull and his 65 years of service in Haiti with Baptist Haiti Mission. We thank God for continuing to use BHM to spread His love throughout Haiti, and we are grateful to be a part of this wonderful legacy.

Read more at our blog www.bhm.org.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP



“Meeting Marc-Donald, and how he changed my life.”

When I arrived in Haiti in December, I had no idea how the Lord would impact my life far beyond that week-long missions trip. After hearing about the child sponsorship program, I began to look through the profiles of all the children in need of sponsors. I was excited for the opportunity to invest in a child’s life, and praying that the Lord would draw me to a particular little boy or girl. Then I saw him, Marc-Donald with a name that caught my attention and a smile that melted my heart, he made the decision easy. I was anxious to meet him. However, the week was drawing to a close and it seemed doubtful it would happen, but the Lord had a plan. Before I knew it, I was off to meet Marc-Donald, with a few gifts in hand, and an excitement I could not contain.

My heart practically exploded when I first saw him. He was no longer just a picture on a card, but a living child. With a translator by my side, Marc-Donald and I talked about his school, his family, what he likes to do for fun, and a variety of other things. We drew pictures for each other, took silly photos, and prayed together. His mother, a beautiful woman who was overflowing with thankfulness in my willingness to sponsor her son, told me that she would be praying for me and hoped to see me again soon. With tears in my eyes, I watched as they walked away. My time spent with them did not seem nearly long enough.

As I returned to the states, the Lord pressed on my heart a stronger desire for international missions. After spending much time in prayer and in seeking out opportunities, He opened the door for me to return to Haiti and serve with BHM for the summer. The Lord has taught me so much through the child sponsorship experience, and I am so thankful for the opportunity to now serve alongside the ministry of BHM.

I believe the child sponsorship program is such a beautiful and God-honoring thing. Not only can we be generous with the money that the Lord has given us by helping children receive education and provision of basic needs, but we also have the opportunity to form real relationships with them and hear about what’s going on in their lives. What a humbling picture of how the Lord chooses and pursues us, desiring to have a relationship with us and to call us His children.

I’m looking forward to meeting with Marc-Donald for a second time this summer, bearing both gifts and love... he seems to be excited too!



Morgan Whobrey is a graduate of Indiana University Southeast. She is passionate about taking the gospel to the nations. She will serve with BHM throughout the 2014 summer.



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impact.

The Cowley Family

Dennis and Sara Cowley recently joined the BHM missionary family in April, after serving with New Vision Ministries in Montrouis, Haiti since January 2012.

Their U.S. home is Winamac, Indiana, and their sending church is Bethel Bible Church. Dennis is an optometrist who had a private practice in Winamac for over 30 years. Sara is a pharmacist who practiced in their hometown’s hospital. They have five adult children and two young grandchildren and one more expected this summer. Sara is assisting at Mountain Maid Self Help Ministries. Dennis is working with the BHM administrative staff, and is also getting ready to expand the eye care services of BHM- at the hospital, as well as mobile clinics. Dennis and Sara consider it a privilege to work alongside the missionaries and national workers who are selflessly serving the Lord at BHM.



NEW FACES ON THE FIELD

The Dearing Family

Mark and Melanie Dearing along with their 3 children, Clay 12, Lydia 10, and Blake 6, are joining the ministry of BHM. Their family moved from North Vernon, IN where Mark has served as Pastor of Students at First Baptist Church for nearly 10 years. Melanie has taught special education in the public school system.

Mark first came to Haiti with a group of students through Crossings Camp. Several mission trips later, including one last September with the entire family, Mark and Melanie realized God was calling them to Haiti. “Seeing our children work and play with the Haitian children was confirmation from God that we were to begin the process to join BHM,” said Melanie.

Mark and Melanie have a heart to see the Word of God used to make sincere disciples of Jesus Christ, and are so thankful that God has called their family to serve Him in Haiti.

