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This trip to Haiti (January 19-25th, 2021) displayed many ways God used us all to answer His children's prayers in Haiti and give them HOPE! It was an honor and privilege to be His Hands and Arms while giving them His love!

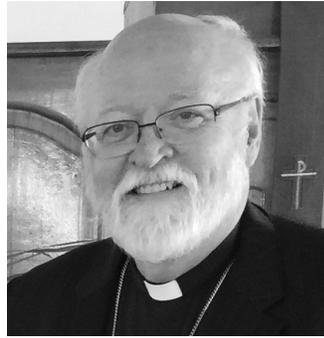
We heard over and over that we brought Hope! Hope of better things to come, hope during a very dark time, hope for food, and hope of answered prayers! Through your donations we were able to purchase and distribute over **11 tons of food** (rice, beans, spaghetti, corn meal, oil, fish, brown sugar, flour, and milk), be able to pass out many solar lights, seeds for growing gardens, cloth diapers for newborns, many Thrivent shirts and pillow case dresses and so much deodorant, soap, toothpaste and brushes, vitamins and pain relievers!! Wow!!! What a Huge Blessing you were in participating in this trip! And, most importantly, your prayers!! They are very much appreciated by us all! Thank You for being such an important part of this trip!!

You are a true gift!!
Mesi Bokou!!!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Pastor Jim Dahlke

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and supporters of Haiti,

One thing that Haiti teaches us every time is that in serving, we receive back the greater reward. Some thoughts on Mark 10:43-45 as I think how God truly blesses us in Haiti- "but whoever desires to be great among you shall be your servant. And whoever desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many". Let me expand a bit on the idea of "called to serve", with some Lenten thoughts thrown in.

The first part is easy. To be called is all grace. To be called is to be one on whom God has showered His gifts - chosen before the foundation of the world; created anew in time through the Good News of Jesus Christ, the One stricken, smitten, and afflicted for the forgiveness of MY sins; declared righteous through the bloody sacrifice of Jesus, gifted with eternal life.

It's the "... to serve" that is the tricky part. In our humanness, we like to turn our service into something meritorious or self-righteous. I like to say there's a bit of the Pharisee in all of us. It's easy to make the "things" we do in Haiti my service, my deeds, my doing. What's wrong with a little recognition? What's wrong with listing all our accomplishments? There's a tendency to break our arms patting ourselves on the back, if you know what I mean!

So we return, as always, to Jesus. It is in Him that we live and move and have our being. It is Him who is working through us to accomplish His will

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Letter of thanks from Cite' Soleil workers

Many of you may know that one of the schools we support is in Cite' Soleil. What you may not know is this part of Haiti is very poor and extremely dangerous (many times police will not go into this area.) For these workers, who are risking their lives, to be concerned about and praying for Us is incredible and heartwarming.

From: Luther MIXED SCHOOL, #131, 2nd City Gérard (Cité Soleil)

Subject: Greetings and Thanks

We Cite Soleil workers, are very happy to greet you in the name of the Lord our savior, a distinguished greeting to each one of you especially, Mr Dick.

We take this opportunity to thank you for all your supports towards us in spite of the situation.

Despite it was a catastrophic year, facing covid 19 which hit the USA a lot.

We congratulate you ladies and gentlemen for dedication towards us.

Despite all the difficulties that your country are going through.

May GOD in his love deserve bless and may he keep you and your family safe for time and for eternity.

Once again thank you, thank you, thank you... Very much for your support.



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“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16. Even during this pressing time of demonstrations and Covid we felt completely safe at all times thanks to our many Haitian workers and friends. Thank You Father God for this protection! This team was also able to fit 200 people with eye glasses so they could read their Bible, sew, garden and drive more efficiently! Hard work was done at our friend, T’Jean’s home as a foundation

was started for a wall and painting and clean up at Hudson’s Youth Home. Throughout our week there were children that were played with at multiple locations with games, crafts and piñatas! Our relationships were strengthened as we spent time with our friends and met new family members. We saw God’s Hand answering so many fervent prayers during our stay and it was so uplifting and encouraging that God is always present even during some of the darkest times! To God be the Glory Always!! He was definitely SEEN! Again, THANK YOU for being an integral part of this trip!! Alleluia! Amen!! (Our sincere gratitude from the Haiti Jan. 2021 Team)



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and purpose. Jesus, true God, took on the form of a servant, humbled Himself, and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Jesus was called to serve - in the most sacrificial, unselfish, unconditional, loving kind of way. In serving each of us in this way, He led the way to true Christian service, in Haiti or anywhere. And that is simply being a "little Christ" to those God places in our paths, to let the Light shine through us to others, to do those acts of kindness to the least of these, Jesus' brethren. And to do so not for rewards or accolades, but simply because that is what God called us to do.

Called to serve. That's all about Jesus. Called to sacrifice. That's all about Jesus. Called to love. That's all about Jesus. "If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another".

Thanks to each of you who in your generosity serve the people of Haiti, who pray for us and support us as Haiti Lutheran Mission Society.

To God be the glory!

Rev Jim Dahlke
President, HLMS



PRAYERS FOR HAITI

Spring 2021

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For the safe and successful trip lead by the Wallers that brought hope to so many along with food, clothing, and other supplies so desperately needed.

For our dear Haitian workers in our churches, schools and orphanages & for the opportunity to minister to physical & spiritual needs of many Haitians.

For your continued prayers and financial support for the HLMS Mission so that both bodies and souls are fed.

For the faithful leadership of the HLMS Board.

Prayer Requests—Please PRAY:

For additional donations to help us support these mission outreaches at one hundred percent.

For new support so that we can be more prepared to help when crisis occurs

For the continued safety of those in Haiti, for their health and for the stability of the nation.

That God would prepare a way for volunteer teams to continue to travel to Haiti so that God's love can be seen and felt through their work.

That God would sustain & continue to grow the mission in Haiti and give continued enthusiasm, wisdom and strength to its leaders and loyal contributors.

For God's wisdom and discernment for the board members as they lead the HLMS.

**The next meeting of the
Board of Directors of the HLMS
will be held on Saturday,
May 22, 2021 at 9 AM
at the office of
Buethe & Associates
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Lincoln, Nebraska**



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