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## Freedom

Pastor Robert Nowak, HLMS President

Freedom. It is a concept that we often discuss. Those discussions seem even more prevalent with the recent celebration of our country's birthday and the many speeches given by political candidates. For some freedom is merely the once-a-year birthday celebration with a picnic and fireworks. Others perhaps ponder the gift more deeply, but their busy lives do not leave time for serious contemplation. Still others know the cost of freedom as they have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Sadly, others know the cost with loss of limb or a life lived with other debilitating conditions. Saddest of all are those who live or who have lived their lives with the loss of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Statisticians tell us the number of Americans killed in the wars of the United States totals more than 1.1 million. During the Civil War alone more than 500,000 died. The cost continues with soldiers on battlefields in the Middle East. The cost has been brought to our own shores—our towns and our cities. Our citizens and our police officers are in the line of fire. **The cost of freedom is immense.**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Freedom. We have always known that the gift of freedom is tenuous. Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." We know we have to be ever vigilant as American citizens to protect the freedoms we have enjoyed. Our freedoms have been the envy of the world. Norman Rockwell memorialized "four freedoms" with his 1943 paintings: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear". There might be those who object to the words of choice, but these were freedoms that President Roosevelt posed as freedoms that everyone in the world should enjoy. In our country today these four basic freedoms are under attack as never before. Americans are afraid to speak truth as they see it; the church's voice in political issues has been hamstrung; the tab of our citizens on subsidies continues to grow; our streets are not safe. Some Americans question if freedom is still ours.



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*The mission of the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society, USA is to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the Haitian people, so that they might be won by the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ."*  
1 Cor. 3:7-15

Freedom. What does that mean for Christians? Robert A. Heinlein was an author who has been called the dean of science fiction. He once wrote, “You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don’t ever count on having both at once.” As we look at the history of the United States, that appears to be true, but Christians, rejoice! We can have peace and freedom. Jesus says in John 8:36, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Christ’s sacrifice means freedom from the bondage of sin. It means knowing that “heaven is my home” as the hymnist, Thomas R. Taylor, wrote in “I’m But a Stranger Here,” LSB 748. Verse one reminds us, “Danger and sorrow stand round me on ev’ry hand, Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.” With this comes peace. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:6-7)

Freedom. Our country and its citizens are in the hands of Almighty God. We do not know what is in store for this wonderful country that God has let us enjoy for the past 240 years. As Christians and workers in the mission fields of Haiti, we bow before God and pray trusting him with the future of our country. “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8: 28)

In His precious name,

Rev. Robert Nowak



# HLMS partner in the field spotlight...

## Hudsen Isadore

My name is Hudsen Isidor, I'm 35 years old. I grew up at Pétion-Ville, went to school at Nouveau collège Concordia (a school sponsored by the HLMS during Hudsen's schooling). After 16 years of classical school I went to the University. I studied IT (Information Technology) from October 2002 to August 2006 at INUQUA, a university downtown.

We have six people in my family; Dad, Mom, my sister, and my brothers and myself. My brothers are twins, I'm the oldest one.

I love to help people in need especially after the earthquake. I helped people in my neighborhood. I helped feed them and gave to them potable water, a safe place to sleep, and helped them to have a mobile clinic every month. There were around 1500 men, woman and children we helped.

Dad ask me to go and help my uncle, Léonard Isidor. The day I went to Léonard's house, we were talking about life and the glory of God and Church; he asked me to come and help him at Zion Church, and I said yes.

**My role at Zion Church:** I'm the leader of the college age at church, the photographer and the videographer, I created the Facebook page for the church and I made the first movie for the Church. I'm the sound engineer, the man on the computer who shows gospel videos and gospel songs before and after church services. I also project the lyrics of the songs at church for the worship, and the verses on the screen during church service. I do the church accounting as well. I started a new VBS type program for the kids at church every Sunday, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. Of course, I am also a worshiper at Zion Church.

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Food distribution in Cite Soleil

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My very busy day at church is Sunday, I leave home earlier in the morning since our first service is done at 9:00 in the morning. After church I make sure that everyone is okay, taking care of them, and taking care of the instruments. I come back home to prepare for the kids' program and arrive back to church before 2:00 in the afternoon for the kids program. At 4:00 I meet with the college age members. At 6:00 there is an evening church service, and after church service I help Léo share potable clean water and give rides to our brothers and sisters.



**Jim Schmearsal, Hudson Isadore & Dick Buethe**

I'm also the man who goes with the ladies at the public market to protect them from the bad guys, and helps them to discuss the price. I help in the kitchen to prepare something to eat for our brothers and sisters who don't have the possibility to get something to eat. I remember one day I left church to get back home at 2:00 in the morning and came back to church at 4:30 in the morning. Léonard and I were in the kitchen preparing food for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Léonard and I are the people who share the food in different places in Haïti from the HLMS, and Orphan Grain Train. I help also Léonard with his mail correspondence.

**I love helping people in need, everyday I want to do more for them, because Jesus did the same thing for me, he gave his life for my sins, me I give my time for helping my brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Matthew 22:37 - 39**

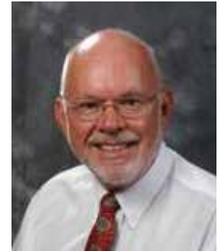
*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

May GOD bless you

-Hudson Isadore



**HAITI TRIPS**  
**July 15-19, 2016**  
DICK BUETHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HLMS



The trip started as usual with a 3:30 AM departure from my home to catch my flight out of Omaha, NE. On this trip I carried financial support for our teachers in Cite Soleil, funds for The House of Love and Hope Orphanage, and Zion Lutheran Church.

Shortly after landing I attended a church service at Zion Lutheran in Petionville, Haiti. The next day I met with Pastor Thomas Bernard who was very busy preparing for his church's (Good Shepherd Lutheran) anniversary celebration the next day. As Pastor Thomas and Leonard Isadore had each received 80 boxes of Mercy Meals from Orphan Grain Train during the previous few days, we spent much of the next day delivering this food to many hungry people. These nutritious Mercy Meals include a balanced diet of vitamins and minerals.

Two highlights of the trip were the anniversary celebration at Good Shepherd Church where almost all of the Lutheran Pastors in the country of Haiti were in attendance. After this three and a half hour service, each person was invited to stay for a meal at the church. The second highlight was visiting Orphan Grain Train's outpost in Port au Prince where containers from Norfolk, Nebraska are shipped.

Food was delivered to the neediest in Haiti to areas such as Cite Soleil, Lilavois and the Central Plateau region. (Please see our Facebook page for videos of this food distribution.) Special thanks to Orphan Grain Train as well as to our faithful donors in the US who financially and prayerfully support our work in Haiti.

**Thank you for praying for my travels!**

Dick Buethe  
Executive Director



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# PRAYERS FOR HAITI

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Summer 2016

## Prayers of Thanks:

For the dedication of a new church and school in Leogane, Haiti!

For the opportunity to minister to the physical & spiritual needs of Haitians in our churches, schools, & orphanages.

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

The safe travel for Executive Director Dick Buethe on two trips so far in 2016, as well as the safe travels of a Michigan Mission Team led by Keith and Kim Waller.

For the faithful leadership of the HLMS Board.

## Prayer Requests—Please Pray:

For the ongoing election process in Haiti, that they remain safe and that a Christian leader be selected for the country.

For financial aid and prayer support to continue our work in Haiti.

For funds for food. Many Haitians are having difficulty providing food for their families at this time.

That God will provide for the ongoing needs of the church members, students and orphans supported by the HLMS.

That God would provide for the safety & many needs at Faith Lutheran located in the dangerous & extremely poor area of Haiti, Cite Soleil.

That God would continue to prepare and protect the volunteer teams going to Haiti this year.

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

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

(prayers submitted by Jill Jank)

**The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the HLMS will be held on Saturday, October 29th, 2016 at 9 AM at the office of Buethe And Associates Insurance Lincoln, Nebraska**



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