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Beep-Beep! Vehicle Need ahead

As we highlighted last month, the Board of Directors fervently believes that God has prepared the ministry for a time of **GOING**. We believe God is calling us to **GO** throughout all of Haiti with His word. Those that have been to Haiti have witnessed firsthand how transportation is so critical in daily life. How many can recall that first ride from the airport in the back of the HCM tap-tap? God has prepared and equipped the ministry with great leaders in Pastor Bobanoit Lucceus and Pastor Jacques Zepherin. God also connected HCM with Emmaus Biblical Seminary (EBS) in Haiti, who has a number of students who are finishing their degrees and want to plant a church.

While we feel led to Go, neither of our pastors has a dependable vehicle. The ministry only has the large white truck that is used for the school and medical clinic.

HCM wants to provide Pastor Bobanoit and Pastor Jacques each with a dependable vehicle so they can travel throughout Haiti sharing God's word and providing support to our church plants. We also want to purchase a reliable vehicle for the ministry to be kept at Pillatre that can be used to help transport teams to and from the church plants. We are not looking to buy new vehicles, but want to get reliable vehicles costing about \$15,000 each. We also want to purchase a small extended bed truck, and believe the cost for this would be approximately \$20,000. In total, we need to raise \$50,000 to purchase the vehicles.



Please pray about this decision. If you feel led to give, please make sure to include a note on your support payment that states "Church Planting – Vehicle Fund". Thank you so much for your continued support of reaching the unreached in Northern Haiti!

Focus on the Family – Haiti style

Special thanks to Jack and Crystal Patterson for providing this article.

We were advised right before we left about how much rain was happening again. While there was definitely flooding, the rain held off until evening most days, so it didn't hinder any of our plans – praise God!

Saturday brought us much laughter as our team rode donkeys and horses up to the Citadel. It was cloudy and rainy, but we decided to make the trip up despite the conditions. As soon as we got to the top, the sun came out and we could see all of God's beautiful creation. It was a breathtaking view! We took some

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time there to prepare our hearts and minds for the Lord's work we planned to do the next several days. Sunday we attended worship services at Lory for the first time and heard a passionate sermon from Pastor Jacques. The women in the choir were especially moving – authentic worship. Later that afternoon we held our first Family Conference, with Jason delivering a message to the adults about the importance of God's design for the family, while a puppet show about Peter walking on water taught the kids to fix their eyes on Jesus. We handed out bags with rice & beans for the families, and gave out granola bars, fruit snacks and flip-flops to the children. The attendance – especially from adults – was greatly limited due to the flooding in their area.

Monday we went to Pillatre, doing the puppet show for the hundreds of kids & handing out granola bars and fruit snacks. Jason again gave a message (through Pastor Bob translating!) to over 300 adults and we handed out rice and beans. We also spent some time with our sponsored kids, making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. A highlight again this year was walking around the community, going home to home to pray for people, and handing out rice & beans along the way.

Tuesday we went back to the orphanage we visited last year which was started by Geneus, the Chaplain at Pillatre, and his wife Rosiane. We gave them mats & blankets for sleeping on, toothbrushes & toothpaste – and they all enjoyed the puppet show too. We spent the day playing with the children and simply just loving on them. We also built a kitchen so they can cook even when it's raining. The young Haitian men did MOST of the work, but let us help. 😊



Wednesday we went to see the Welcome Home Haiti ministry started by Steve & Shelley Hari – what an amazing operation they are running! We also got to visit Pastor Bob and Rose's beautiful new home. Then we went to Haut Dehaine. Pastor Phito had organized quite an assembly – nearly 300 people – for our final Family Conference. Jason was sick, so Jack gave the family message, but the kids did the puppet show, we played games with them, sang songs, and handed out more food and supplies. The most amazing part was when we walked around their community to pray, and four women accepted Christ! (Willeme sent a message Sunday morning saying that five more accepted Christ at church that morning! To God be the glory!)



On Thursday we celebrated Thanksgiving with our Haiti family and we all had so much to be thankful for – our hearts were full! We also got to share the sweet moment of Josh and our daughter Hannah getting engaged. Haiti is such a special place to both of them and now they will have the memory of starting their “forever together” there!

Pastor Bob was encouraged by us, and he inspired us as well! We celebrated his wife Rose's birthday with their whole family one night. The ministry is thriving, and the movement of the Spirit is tangible in northern Haiti. Our team was honored to be able to join them in their work for the week.