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the Word of God**

Planting Churches

**Meeting the Physical
Needs of the People**

Expanding Ministry

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After much prayer and consideration, we have officially expanded the number of HCM churches in Haiti to eight as Breda II and Longes are now HCM supported churches! This is such an exciting time for HCM as God continues to move in a mighty way in Northern Haiti. We are blessed to walk alongside these churches and communities as God's word is shared further into remote areas of Haiti. Becoming a supported church means a few things, and we wanted to share what that looks like with our supporters.

Supporting a church plant means we will meet not only physical needs of a new church such as space and bibles, but also spiritual needs of the pastor as they are included in all pastoral training. The total cost is around \$20,000 and can include items such as:

- Land (paperwork) – Purchasing the land. Even if there is a donation of property, we must still work with the government to transfer ownership.
- Pavilion – Often very simple, open-air structures that provide shelter from wind and intense sun. It also shows the commitment of the Church to the community.
- Small sound system – Not only does this help those in the church hear, but with open-air churches, the message can be heard in the surrounding community.
- 3500-watt Generator – In order to power the sound system, portable power is essential.
- Hymnals and Bibles (creole) – We want to ensure those new to the faith have access to God's Word.
- Well – Providing clean water meets a basic need that can make a huge difference in the health of the local community.
- Bathroom – Very basic "outhouse" style bathroom.
- Benches – If you have been to Haiti, you know that "bring a chair with you" is a real thing. We want to lessen the burden, especially for those traveling a distance to the church, and provide a place to sit.

With all of this, we utilize local Haitian labor, so we are putting money into the local communities. And these are just the start-up costs. Nearly all the churches are not self-sustaining for a period of time as Haitians struggle to meet basic physical needs. Our supporters encourage churches by shouldering the monthly expenses of generator gas, pastor's salary, and maintenance on the physical parts of the church.

Longes is a remote area about a 20 minute drive from Rivière Sable. There is no school or medical clinic there. There are about 100 families living there. The relationship began with Pastor Phida (Difou) and Pastor Jacquesene, both students who graduated from Emmaus University, being led by the Holy Spirit to visit this area. When they first went to the area, they discovered that there was no one there who knew Jesus. The people in the community did not want to hear about Jesus at all. Most of their time was spent practicing voodoo and cockfighting. This did not stop Phida and Jacquesene from continuing to visit the people in the community. After several weeks of visiting, some families were open to hearing the living word of God and the first person accepted Christ, with 3 others following soon after. It was not easy, but the Spirit of God encouraged them to keep evangelizing this poor community for Him. Within a few months, God worked on the hearts of those in the community and continued to bring more and more souls to Him. Praise God! Now there are more than 25 believers attending this church. This church which started with an official service on the 23rd of December 2018, is now a growing beacon of Hope.



Breda II is located in Plaine du Nord, not far from the dirty voodoo pool. This church started in May 2019 with Walter, one of our Emmaus University students who attends church at Lory. Walter is a third-year theology student at Emmaus University which is just down the road from Pillatre and a great partner in ministry. This church plant is surrounded by many voodoo temples, but many people have submitted their lives to Christ upon Walter's arrival. This church plant already has 40 members.

Please continue to pray for these new churches. Pray for the Pastors that lead them, our Board as we make decisions on financial support, and Pastor Bob as he leads all the pastors of the churches.

“I always thank my God for you. I thank him because of the grace he has given to you who belong to Christ Jesus. You have been blessed in every way because of him. You have been blessed in all your speech and knowledge.” – 1 Corinthians 1: 4&5 NIRV