#### **Bringing Light to** Northern Haiti



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Preaching and teaching the Word of God

**Planting Churches** 

Meeting the Physical **Needs of the People** 

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### **2019 Year in Review**

As we approach the end of the year, it is always good to look back and see what all has happened in the ministry of HCM. As Pastor Bob says, "It was not an easy year. After a lot of political turbulence, great works have been accomplished." Haiti has been through a very difficult period as we have highlighted several times in our Newsletters and Facebook posts. Through it all, we know that God is in control and He will ultimately prevail. Our hope and prayer is to continue to follow our three pillars to preach and teach the Word of God, Plant Churches, and Meet the Physical Needs of the People. We can confidently say all three of these have been accomplished this year.

Here are a few highlights as we look back over the year:

- In February, a partnership between HCM, Midwest Food Bank, and Eastview Christian Church provided 240,000 tender mercies meals. Pastor Bob and Rose were able to attend the packing party in Illinois.
- In the midst of struggles, we were able to have medical teams in Haiti in March, April, and May. Hundreds of Haitians received medical care as dozens of volunteers, including doctors and nurses, came to be the hands of Jesus. We are so thankful for all those that gave their time and knowledge to bring medical care to those who may not otherwise have access.
- In July, our Pillatre campus basketball court was converted into a storage facility as HCM and Midwest Food Bank continued to expand their partnership. Making Pillatre a food distribution center benefits all parties, including our school feeding program.
- In August, the recently completed storage facility has the finishing touches put on in the form of solar panels. The solar system is such a blessing as it provides a reliable source of electricity and removes a great need the ministry had for diesel fuel at the Pillatre campus.
- In November, we added 2 church plants as official HCM sponsored churches. We now have 8 churches in Northern Haiti!

It has been a very difficult year for our Haitian brothers and sisters as the government continues to destabilize. God has continued to move and provide for the ministry, even in the midst of hard times. We appreciate all the prayers, volunteering, and donations you have given to further the ministry this year. We believe God is on the move in Northern Haiti and there is even more to come!

## **Looking ahead to 2020**

Next year will mark 35 years of HCM. It has been quite a journey, and we are humbled to be a small part of what God is doing in Northern Haiti. We continue to seek His guidance in all that we do as we want to continue to preach His word all throughout the northern part of the island. We know we have a great group of leaders and pastors that will continue to spread His word while also meeting the needs of their communities.

We see three key areas of focus next year:

- Our Pillatre campus is showing its age. The student bathrooms are 25 years old and badly need
  updating. The septic system is at capacity and the water system for the campus is leaking and needs
  to be replaced. All the classroom roofs are rusted with some leaking when it rains. There is a portion
  of the wall that is leaning beyond repair and needs to be replaced. We have been blessed by our
  monthly reduction in fuel costs, but these are all significant capital improvement projects.
- We want to continue planting additional churches. It takes time to plant the seed in an area and see it
  grow into a successful church plant. We don't have a number in mind but believe in the concept of
  "more". We want to continue to go further and further into Haiti and spread the Good News.
- Continue to expand medical care and grow education. We want to continue to pour into the youth of Northern Haiti by enhancing our schools through vocational training and developing our teachers so



they can pour into their students. We also continue to consider how to best use our medical clinics at Pillatre and Lory.

Please continue to pray for the ministry. Pray for our leaders, our pastors, and our Board. Pray for wisdom and guidance as decisions are made. Pray for strength for all our pastors (Bob, Jacques, Phito, Noseben, Jacquesene, Walter, Franckel A. Paul (Geneus) & Denis Rosianne, and Jhaky) and their families.

We thank each and every one of you, our supporters, for your prayers and gifts. You make this ministry possible through your love and generosity.

### We wish you a Jwaye Nwèl e Bonn Ane!

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father." – Colossians 3:14-17 NLT