

**Bringing Light to
Northern Haiti**



Haitian Christian Ministries

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**Preaching and teaching
the Word of God**

Planting Churches

**Meeting the Physical
Needs of the People**

Shalom! Shalom!

Thank you to Pastor Bob for providing the following update.

Dear Sponsors,

God is daily glorified among the people of Northern of Haiti because of your involvement with this crucial kingdom ministry, Haitian Christian Ministries. Blessings in God's Grace!

After several months of lockdown, local Haitian churches were allowed to reopen doors for Sunday worship services. The challenge now shifts to managing the continuing health protocols in a tough culture and keeping the people of God safe. We are encouraged to appreciate these everyday blessings, as Lockdown begins to ease, and we are trying to redeem the time and use better the opportunities that God gives us to witness about Christ to all people.

As a ministry, our hope and faith are not moved as we face this devastating virus and we stand in solidarity with all members of HCM churches and partners, their families, and communities. It is a great time of "gift of presence", since we are called to be the *hands* and *feet* of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). Thankfully, we are not alone as part of Christ's body. It is also important to remind our brothers and sisters that the world has not suddenly become a scary or isolating place, but that these social distancing and hygienic precautions are significant to stop the spread of this infectious disease. We are living through the most precarious circumstances, and yet we dare not lose hope in the salvific triumph over the pandemic. Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope. So far, Haiti has confirmed more than 8,541 coronavirus cases, more than 220 deaths and 6,258 recovered.



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Praise God! Pillatre and Lory kids are returning to class, five months after the government closed schools because of the coronavirus outbreak. More hygienic rigors are being increased by the staff of the school and we encourage masks to be worn and hands to be washed at the entrance of each class. Schools are restarting to complete the 2020 school year which was interrupted due to COVID-19 from March to July 2020. The remedial classes will end on October 9, 2020, but official exams for students in grades 9-13 will begin. However, the opening of the new 2020-2021 school year is scheduled for November 9, 2020, 2 months behind the regular school calendar which always begins on the first Monday in September.

Hand Washing station

In this difficult time, I want to encourage our brothers and sisters, and churches not to allow the circumstances brought about by COVID-19 to define them, but rather, Christians should continue to focus on Christ in ways which their faith and hope in Christ define and strengthen them for the challenges they face. Indeed, the omnipresent God is not limited by space, but is everywhere and in all circumstances. We are called to keep hoping, worshiping, and praying to the omnipotent one. As people of God, we cherish the invincible hope in God that while situations come and go, our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The Great “I AM” is near.

Pray for:

- God’s love, mercy, and healing upon all who have been infected
- protection for the vulnerable in our community to not succumb to the risks of the virus.
- wisdom for HCM board of directors at the October 17 board meeting
- economic and political stability in Haiti
- HCM Pastors to remain faithful to the calling
- HCM Field Director
- wisdom for HCM Field Director to lead, and courage to make difficult decisions and a spirit of humility

God bless all the HCM Sponsors to keep them safe and healthy. On behalf of our kids, we thank you for your financial support in helping our kids to get back to school and be fed!



“Not only so, but we[a] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us”. (Roman’s 5:3-5)



Pastor Bob with the children at Rivere Sable