

**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**

A Note from our Board

As we look ahead to 2021, the Board of Directors of Haitian Christian Ministries is thankful for God's provision and ongoing faithfulness as we serve the people of Northern Haiti. We would also like to thank each of you, our supporting churches and faithful supporters, for all you continue to do to meet the physical, education, and, most importantly, spiritual needs of our Haitian brothers and sisters. 2020 was a hard year for all of us. But it has been especially hard in Haiti where meeting one's most basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter are a daily battle. God has clearly interceded in that country by providing some protection from the Covid-19 virus. What was expected to be a devastating outcome for this impoverished country has actually been much better than anyone could have expected. While the numbers for Haiti on the John's Hopkins website are certainly underreported, news from the ground in Haiti confirms there is much less sickness and death there than in many developed countries. Haiti's population skews to the younger end of the age spectrum which seems to also be in their favor. Praise God for his protection, provision, and providence!

While we don't know what 2021 will bring, we look forward to the time when mission trips can again take place bringing medical teams, leadership conferences, Vacation Bible School, construction teams, and house builds to our friends in Northern Haiti. We will continue to monitor the situation here in the US as well as on the ground in Haiti to determine when the right time is to resume these types of activities. Meanwhile, life on the HCM campuses moves ahead and lives continue to be changed through our churches, schools, and medical clinic. Our churches are open for Sunday services to allow our people to come together safely to worship our Lord and Savior and support one another during these trying times. Our schools are open for daily in person instruction and the students continue to receive a daily hot lunch as they always have. Our medical clinic has remained open throughout this past year to serve the sick, pregnant, and injured, as well as to conduct routine health screenings.

One project we want to highlight that has been ongoing the past six months is the completion of our new modern restroom facilities on our Pillatre campus. This has been a huge need for a while now and it is great to see this project come to fruition due to the generous donations of our supporting churches and individuals. We will have flush toilets and sinks for use by our 1,500 students, faculty, and support staff. The finishing touches are being put on that project this week. We are very excited to be able to move forward with providing this needed infrastructure on our Pillatre campus. Praise God for this amazing gift. Below are some pictures of the new facility.

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A couple of highlights from this past year include celebrating the 35th anniversary of the ministry. With travel suspended, we postponed a planned celebration but still thank God for 35 years of ministry in Haiti. October of last year marked the 20th anniversary of our Medical clinic at Pillatre. We held a big celebration complete with a marching band and ceremony. The clinic has been recognized by the Haitian Board of Health as being outstanding. Receiving that designation brings monetary rewards along with a recent gift of an ultrasound transducer and tablet to provide advanced diagnostic capabilities. We thank God for our medical clinic that serves the many needs of our Haitian friends.

We are so thankful for each and every one of our supporters. We appreciate your continued prayers and financial support during this difficult year. We believe God has big plans for the ministry in the coming years. Would you join us in praying for the following in 2021?

- Pray for all of our pastors (Bob, Jacques, Phito, Noseben, Jacquesene, Walter, Franckel A. Paul (Geneus) & Denis Rosianne, and Jhaky) and their families. Pray that they continue to have strength and wisdom to lead in this unique and challenging time.
- Pray for our Board as we make decisions on how best to support our operations in Haiti.
- Pray for opportunities to plant new churches. There are many unreached people in Northern Haiti, and we want to share the Good News with them.
- Pray for our Medical Clinic as they continue to provide care to those who need it.
- Pray for our schools as we believe that education is one of the keys to bringing Haiti out of poverty and into the industrialized world.

“God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect

love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first.”

1 John 4:16b-19 NLT