## Bringing Light to Northern Haiti

# Haitian Christian Ministries March Issue - 2021



Preaching and teaching the Word of God Planting Churches

Meeting the Physical Needs of the People

# Lory church continues to grow

Thank you to Pastor Bob and Pastor Jacques for contributing information This month we wanted to share about our second oldest and second largest church, Lory. The Lory church plant started in 2003 and Pastor Jacques Zepherin has been the leader of this church as Senior Pastor since 2005. Lory is located on the outskirts of Cap Haitian in a somewhat rural area. In 2017, after several spiritual events and activities, the church grew in membership from 200 to 400 members. In 2018, the HCM board bought an additional piece of land and a new facility was built on the property and dedicated. The multi-use facility was designed as a medical facility but could be used for other purposes if medical teams were not utilizing it. In 2019, the campus was secured as a perimeter wall was added. The property also has a guard house built by Welcome Home Haiti, bathrooms, a shipping container with medical equipment, and soon will have a small kitchen for school lunches. What started as a small piece of property with a small church has now grown into the second largest campus of HCM in Haiti.





The outreach of the church has also grown in the past several years. In 2018 a small school was started with 25 first grade students. The school filled a gap in providing education in an under resourced area. What started as the small classroom on the back of the church also now serves as a temporary children's chapel. As the school has continued to grow, it has expanded to utilize the medical clinic space. Recently the church has also added a big farm that contains vegetables, sweet potatoes, and fruit. Pastor Jacques tells us this farm is a huge blessing for the church. Additionally, two members of the church have been blessed by Welcome Home Haiti houses.

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Pastor Jacques and his wife, Vanette, have faithfully served and lead this church, school, and community. If you have had the opportunity to meet and spend time with them, you know how kind, compassionate, and loving they are. They care tremendously for their flock all while raising 4 children. They have dedicated their lives to sharing the gospel to those in this community and we are thankful for their preaching, teaching, and leadership.

Below is a picture from the third Sunday of March where the church members celebrated their harvest service. This is a good time for church members to show their gratefulness. The funds collected will be saved and be used for the building extension.



Prayer requests for Lory are:
1 - The building extension to be started this year. The church is regularly overflowing. Praise God!
2 - The kitchen facility to serve the school lunch will be finished.
3 - Provision for a small solar system to run the church activities since gasoline is expensive in Haiti.
4 - Provision for a larger sound system.

5 - More equipped leaders and more serving.

6 - Plan to send a student to Emmaus Biblical Seminary who will come back serve the church.

Thanks for your prayers and support. We are so grateful to the HCM board of directors and supporters of HCM.