



**Preaching and teaching
the Word of God**

Planting Churches

**Meeting the Physical
Needs of the People**

Midwest Food Bank Partnership

Thank you to Tom Moss for providing the following article

Haitian Christian Ministries (HCM) is focused on transforming Northern Haiti through the message of Jesus Christ via our 3 core values. One of the ways that HCM lives out its core value of meeting the physical needs is by providing meals for the children who attend the HCM schools and food for those in need in the communities served by our church partners in Haiti. Our Executive Field Director and Senior Pastor, Bobanoit Luceus, frequently shares a Haitian Proverb with our board that stresses the importance of meeting the needs of the people if we desire to transform Haiti through the message of Jesus Christ. The proverb says, "A hungry stomach has no ears".

Over the past two years HCM has had the incredible opportunity to partner with [Midwest Food Bank](#) (MFB) to provide [Tender Mercies Meals](#) to the school children in our schools and to provide other food to support the communities served by our churches. As supporters of HCM we wanted to provide you with more information about our partnership with MFB.

MFB is a faith-based organization. It is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief; all without discrimination. MFB's vision is to provide industry-

leading food relief to those in need while feeding them spiritually. MFB is the largest faith-based food bank in the U.S., and is a non-denominational, non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. MFB's story started in 2003 when the Kieser family actioned their faith to share their blessings. They turned a barn on their family farm into a distribution site for local food pantries. Soon they realized the need was greater and there was room for growth. Thanks to the generosity of MFB donors, the valuable work of our volunteers, and most importantly, the blessings of God, Midwest Food Bank now shares the blessing worldwide. More than 4 million people were impacted through MFB in 2020 and God provided \$383 million in food distribution through MFB in 2020. Midwest Food Bank currently distributes over \$32 million worth of food to over 2,000 non-profit organizations each month. This is done



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from their twelve locations in Illinois, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, New England, East Africa, and Haiti. With the help of volunteers, dedication of strategic leaders, and generosity of donors, MFB has flourished into something greater than the founding family could have ever imagined. Now, MFB has a presence across the globe and is widely recognized not only for its service to those in need, but also because of its organizational transparency. 99% of every donation goes directly toward providing food to people in need. The remaining 1% of income is used for fundraising, costs of leadership, oversight, and other administrative expenses. Charity Navigator has awarded four out of four possible stars to Midwest Food Bank (MFB) since 2011. Receiving four stars indicates that MFB adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

We are truly excited about this partnership and cannot wait to see how our amazing God works through this partnership to share the Good News while providing for the physical needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. For more information about MFB can be found on their website [Midwest Food Bank](#) or through subscribing to their [Newsletter - Midwest Food Bank](#).

Uncertainty and Re-routing

Thank you to Pastor Jim Howard of Dillion Community Church for this article

I recently flew to Haiti and taught a leaders' conference for Haitian Christian Ministries. In order to get there, I was supposed to travel to Cap Haitian from Fort Lauderdale. However, for some unknown reason, the operations manager in Fort Lauderdale would not let me board the plane. I trust the Lord, and not knowing what he was up to, I rerouted back to Denver as there were no other ways to get to Haiti. While on the flight back, I texted Pastor Bob and told him and he replied, "You have to come! We have 400 signed up and have bought the food. Trust the Holy Spirit and find a way." This made me laugh. I knew I could get to Port-au-Prince, but to go from there to Cap Haitian required that I fly a local airline. They were booked up! So, while still on the flight, I checked every 15 minutes and ONE seat opened up!

As I returned to Florida, I sat next to two young ladies. They asked me what I did, and I replied, "I am a pastor." I asked them what they did, and they sheepishly replied, "We're in adult entertainment!" Two things immediately happened... I realized the Holy Spirit just showed up and this was why I had to reroute, and I became very curious. I asked what it meant to be in adult entertainment, and we had the best two-hour conversation. Knowing that this industry is extremely difficult to break into with the gospel, I recognized God's handiwork in placing me here so I could share about Jesus. We should always be opened to allowing the Lord to "reroute" our plans as he chooses.

Pillatre Crusade

Pastor Bob coordinated a Crusade on March 28- April 4 at the Pillatre campus. His staff set up a covered stage on the basketball court complete with speaker towers and lights. The soccer field was where the crowd stood or sat. He hired a revival group from Port au Prince to come in and do a music and preaching session every night from about 5-10pm. The theme was: "my debts are paid", Eph. 1:7. It was rocking and amazing! Many leaders and churches in the community closed their nighttime activities to join us. There were estimated over 3,000 people there per night! 130 people accepted Christ. Praise God! So many people were delivered from demonic possession and our very remote church, Boukan Michel, was invited to stay at the campus during that week. We are praying for God's support to see if this event can be coordinated every year. Our God is on the move! God has provided! For pictures and videos from the event, you can check out our website: hcmi.org/blog/article/2021/04/pillatre-crusade



*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will reward them for what they have done.
Proverbs 19:17*