



Preaching and teaching
the Word of God

Planting Churches

Meeting the Physical
Needs of the People

Feeding the children and Haitian Flag Day

From Pastor Bob

“And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’” Matthew 25:45

Good news needs to be shared! Meeting the physical needs of the community is one of HCM’s priorities in Northern Haiti. Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is so much more than just preaching but showing love by action.

Last year, the HCM Board discussed a food project which is a partnership between HCM and Midwest Food Bank. We agreed to start in two impoverished locations where we have our church plants (Difou and Longues). Midwest Food Bank provides Tender Mercies for 50 needy children from ages 0-5 in each community and we prepare the food. We feed them one meal per day, six days per week until they enter school. As one child moves into school, we can add a new child to the program to maintain 50 children in the program at each location.

We just hired a graduate student, Wensky Fleurissaint, from our



leadership program to administer this program. Wensky

and his team teach Bible stories, leadership lessons, make sure the food is cooked, and the children fed well. The children in the program are monitored to see how they are growing and gaining weight. This food program brings a lot of joy among the churches and the community. We think it will be a great program for other HCM communities and Midwest Food Bank. Our prayer is if we get some experience with these two feeding centers, we can expand it to our other locations.



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On May 18th, Pillatre Christian School kids celebrated Haitian Flag Day. Haitian Flag Day is a Haitian holiday to celebrate the creation of the Flag of Haiti during the Haitian revolution. The day is celebrated each year on May 18th, which is the anniversary of the date of the flag's adoption in 1803. Over the years

the nation's flag has been modified several times, but Flag Day itself has remained the same as the day the nation's flag was first sewn together. The design of the original flag began with the French flag made up of blue, white, and red bands. The white band was removed to indicate that the French no longer controlled the colony. A woman named Catherine Flon sewed the new flag together, using vertical bands of blue and red cloth. Blue represented blacks and mixed-race people, and red symbolized their blood. The current recent design is from 1986. On February 25, 1986, after the fall of Baby Doc and the Duvalier regime, the Haitian flag was again changed with the request of the Haitian people to two equal-sized horizontal bands, a blue one on top and a red one underneath. The coat of arms of the Republic remained in the center. The school was on fire 🔥 with a Flag Day Parade. Praise God!



“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them.”

Romans 15:7-9 NLT