

**Bringing Light to
Northern Haiti**



Haitian Christian Ministries

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the Word of God**

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**Meeting the Physical
Needs of the People**

Pastor Bob

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that the Board of Directors of Haitian Christian Ministries (HCM) announces that our Field Director and Senior Pastor, Bobanoit Luceus (Pastor Bob), passed away March 20, 2025, and is living anew with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pastor Bob was married to Rose, his amazing wife and endless source of strength. Together they have three incredibly sweet and kind children: Calvin (15), Martin (11), and Zayra (9). Pastor Bob was a dynamic leader who poured himself into the development of others while leading his church by example in how to love God and love people.

A funeral service was held on April 5th at Eastview Christian Church in Normal, IL. A Memory Service will take place on April 19th at Pillatre Christian Church in Cap Haitian, Haiti. More information, including the formal announcement from the board can be viewed at <https://hcm.in.org/pastor-bob>. Additionally, we have established the Luceus Family Support Fund to provide financial assistance to Rose and the kids. You can find details, including how to donate, at <https://hcm.in.org/luceus-family-support-fund>.



While we mourn the passing of our field director, senior pastor, and friend, the HCM board continues to support our key resources in Haiti. The week of March 17, a group of three people (HCM board members Vicky Steele and Kevin McDonald, along with former board member, Tom Moss) traveled to Haiti to provide leadership and direction to the leaders of the ministry and the pastors. They were there to provide encouragement and reassurance to staff that the ministry will continue. We will continue to travel to Haiti, when possible, to provide support and guidance while also searching for the next field director.

Please pray for Rose and the children as they navigate through this very difficult season. Pray for strength and guidance for them and the close support structure that has been established to love them well in the months ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for God's ministry in Haiti. We will continue to highlight how God continues to move in upcoming newsletters.

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Maternity Care at Pillatre

Thank you to Willeme for providing this article.

We had the opportunity to have two of our board members, Becky Haas and Vicky Steele, come to Haiti to celebrate the 40th anniversary of HCM. They did not come only to celebrate, but also to see how things are going in the ministry, especially in the medical clinic. They went to some local medical facilities, met the pastors of our churches, visited the staff of the clinic, and talked to many pregnant women about how useful maternity care can be for them in the area around Pillatre. HCM is considering expanding the medical clinic to include maternity care. Please pray for the funds needed to allow this to happen. The pregnant women in the community would be so blessed if this came to fruition. For many of them, it is a great challenge to give birth to a baby at a hospital as it is a major financial burden. It is not only expensive, but also dangerous as the primary mode of transportation to go any distance is to ride a motorcycle. There are no hospitals close to Pillatre, so women must go very far away, like Cap Haitian or Limbe. The roads to those locations are often



not in good condition. Sometimes, before they arrive at the hospital, the baby is no longer alive. For these reasons, most women attempt delivery at home. This choice is not without risk. At home, the maternal and infant mortality rates are high, there is a lack of emergency medical care, infections are common due to poor hygiene, and birth injuries and disabilities are common. Additional maternity care being offered at Pillatre can reduce maternal and infant mortality by providing a safe and hygienic space for childbirth. We have already laid the first stone of the construction with a group of deacons and the national board. We look forward to God providing the necessary funds to complete this important and impactful project. If you would like to give, please



note “Maternity Project” in the comments section of our online giving form or in the memo of your check. We will share additional details on the project in the months ahead.

Additional Prayer requests:

- The leaders and pastors of all the churches, schools, and medical clinic. Pray also for their families.
- Successful completion of the maternity expansion at the medical clinic.
- Wisdom for the board as they navigate a difficult season.
- Peace for the people of Pillatre as they are without their spiritual leader.

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 NLT