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To GOD be the glory!!

by Kim Waller, HLMS Board of Directors

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Cor 10:31

Keith and I had the privilege and honor of leading 2 teams to Haiti this past summer. One June 19-26th, 2019 with a group from Shelby Township, MI and a brand new group from Alabama from July 10th-17th, 2019 (some of us came home on the 18th due to a scheduling error!)

Each team is so different and full of its own Joys and memories! Together with both teams we were able to purchase 18 tons of food, providing for 3 orphanages, 2 youth programs and all the Pastors under Pastor Thomas! What a Blessing to be able to help those who have been so affected by the demonstrations this past year! In July God directed a divine meeting with Sister Paesie, whom we met at the Guesthouse where we were staying. We made a last minute decision to meet the boys she had taken off the streets and do a craft with them at their new home. Sister Paesie wanted to take Keith and I to her passion, the poorest part of Cite Soleil, where she has another place for the boys who are living on the streets. (She has a total of 14 places for young street boys- even on opposing gang sides) The Sister wants to help all she can! We were able to give her food and clothes for all the naked children we saw *(continued on page 4)*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isaiah 43:1 - "...He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel; Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name, you are Mine."

Whether in Haiti with its current political issues, or around your dinner table, our lives too often are defined by fear. For our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ, fear may result from needing food and water for the family, an education for their children, how will I get to work today, even the need for a roof over my head. Our fears are perhaps more complicated, or so we think, but they still exist - fear of the unknown, fear of being lonely, fear of losing our health or losing our youth, fear of life, fear of death. Spiritually, the fear of God's righteous wrath over our many sins affects all of mankind, no matter one's location.

Which is why these powerful words penned by Isaiah, but inspired by the Holy Spirit, are so valuable to us. God steps into our hopeless and helpless situations and declares, "Fear not!". Fear not for four very real and powerful reasons.

First, "fear not...I have created and formed you. "You are not just a lucky accident. You are not somebody's mistake or just a product of human procreation. You are not just an insignificant part of some endless line of evolution.. Psalm 139 has these powerful words - "You, God, formed my inward parts; You, God, knit me together in my mother's womb". From the moment of conception, God created and formed you. You are significant. You are important. You are His special creation.

Second, "fear not...I have redeemed you." Conceived and born in sin, God bought us back. Once in bondage to sin, death, and the devil, God paid the price to get us back. The price is voiced so well in the meaning of the second article - "not with gold or silver, but with His(Jesus) holy, precious blood, and His(Jesus) innocent suffering and death...". Jesus suffered and died and rose again to assure us that all our sins are paid in full, and that we have been rescued from bondage and slavery.



Pastor Jim Dahlke

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PRAYERS FOR HAITI

Fall 2019

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For the safety of Kim and Keith Waller and their teams who have traveled to Haiti & for the work accomplished through them.

For continued wisdom for Rev. Jim Dahlke who God moved to become the current president of the HLMS.

Praise God for Hudson's work at Zion Church with the children's program and the impact this will have on the future.

For the many ongoing construction projects including the new floor on the church at Coracess and improvements to the school in Cite Soleil.

For our dear Haitian workers in our churches, schools and orphanages & for the opportunity to minister to physical & spiritual needs of many Haitians.

For your continued prayer and financial support for the HLMS Mission so that both bodies and souls are fed.

For the faithful leadership of the HLMS Board.

Prayer Requests—Please PRAY:

For increased financial resources to support the growing schools, including the need for more student sponsors at Good Shepherd Church and School and Cite Soliel as well as more chairs and desks.

For increased financial resources for the children's program at Zion Church.

For the safety of those in Haiti and for the stability of the nation.

That God would prepare the volunteer teams going to Haiti & keep them safe as they work in Haiti.

That God would sustain & continue to grow the mission in Haiti and give continued enthusiasm, wisdom and strength to its leader.

For God's wisdom and discernment for the board members as they lead the HLMS.

**The next meeting of the
Board of Directors of the HLMS
will be held on Saturday,
October 26th, 2019 at 9 AM
at the office of
Buethe & Associates
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The mission of the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society, USA
is to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the
Haitian people, so that they might be won by the Holy
Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:7-15

Fall Report

DICK BUETHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HLMS



Because of recent political unrest in Haiti, I have not traveled to the country since the time of our last newsletter but am pleased to report that so many exciting things continue to happen at our various mission sites! Just last week, while I was away at a fishing trip in Canada, I received a call from Pastor Thomas Bernard letting me know of the many students enrolled and ready to begin their new school year at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. With enrollment comes the need for new uniforms and supplies for each student and the HLMS was requested to wire in over \$5,000 to cover this expense. During this time of the year when donations are lower, we could really use your help in partnering with us to continue covering these much needed supplies. With your help we are able to support the teachers, the pastors, and keep the schools and churches running. It is so exciting to see the ministry continue to grow under God's rich blessing. Thank you for your prayers and your important partnership.

Dick Buethe, Executive Director HLMS

President's Report *(continued from page 2)*

Third, "fear not, I have called you by name..." Again you are more than an insignificant dot in an endless universe, or simply a number on a page. God called YOU by name. In your baptism, YOUR name was spoken. In your baptism, the sign of the cross was marked on YOUR head and heart. In your baptism, God placed His name on YOU as the precious water was poured or sprinkled. YOU were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God knows YOUR name.

Fourth, "fear not, you are Mine." Lost in sin, God finds us. Unable to escape, God rescues us. With nothing to offer, God offers Himself, His blood shed for you that now cleanses you from all sin. We are now God's prized possession. We now are members of His family. A Christian songwriter has this refrain in one of his songs - "two times you're Mine, once was when I made you, once was when I bought you, you are Mine, two times you are Mine."

By God's grace, let us continue to support our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti through whatever means God provides. As we do, they too, have times of fear - uncertainty, sorrow, distress, loss. As Pastor Elione Bernard, president of the Haiti Lutheran Church, once said to me - "the answer to Haiti's problems is 'God'." The answer to all our fears are found in Him. He has created and formed you. He has redeemed you. He has called you by name. You belong to Him.

-Pastor Jim Dahlke, President HLMS



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Greetings From Pastor Thomas In Haiti

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July 23, 2019

To the board members of the HLMS and to all the donors and supporters of the ministry of the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church and School:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and his mercy endures forever and ever.

We are more than delighted to write you this letter in which we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continuing prayers and support. Thanks to your support we were able to serve at least 628 kids, a number of teachers and hundreds of other people. We appreciate it and we are very thankful to each and every one of you for your Christian love and commitment.

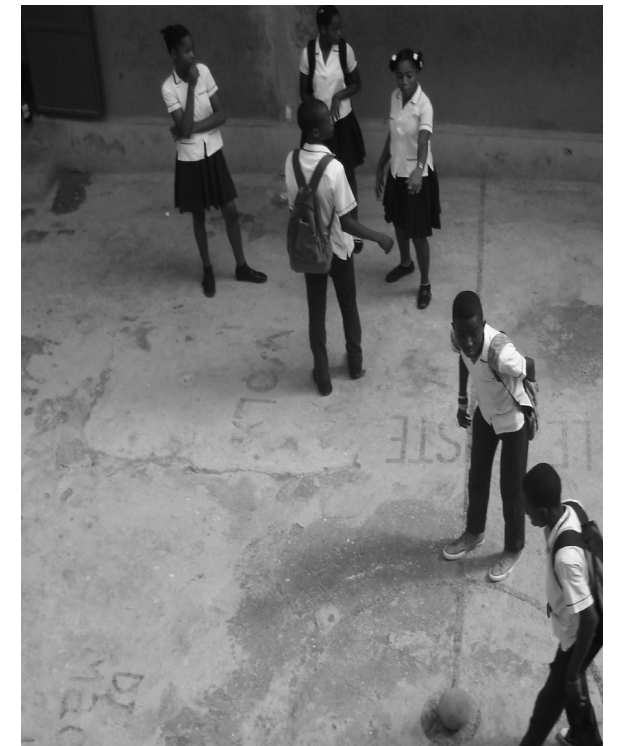
Thanks be to God, in spite of the unrest and the political situation of the country these last few days, we were able to achieve the academic school year safely. We are now in summer break and getting ready for the academic school year 2019-2020. School will resume on the first week of September. We have closed with an effective number of 600 students. For this coming year we plan on receiving 75 new kids which will give us a total of 675 students. It is an opportunity to be able to share the good news of salvation to those kids as most of them come from non-Christian parents. Knowing that education is the basis of all societies dreaming after a better social condition, we prioritize Christian and academic education in the community. By so doing, we might save souls spiritually and socially.

Since last year we have had a very big change in our ministry. Our school doubled in number. Our student population went from 300 to 628. For this coming academic school year 2019-2020 we plan on receiving 75 more kids. Unfortunately, we do not have enough space to put all those who would like to attend our school.

The main purpose of this letter is to thank you for all the blessings you are sharing with us and keep you informed about the progress and the challenges we are facing. Without your help and support we wouldn't be able to make it. But together we can accomplish great things for God's glory.

Again, in the name of all the students, teachers, parents, church members and in my own name, I thank you so much for all you do.

Brotherly yours in the resurrected One,
Pastor Thomas Bernard.



To GOD be the glory - Trip Report (continued from cover)

along with vitamins and any extras we had! This Sister and her mission will now become a part of our week when we go back into the country. “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, ‘I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25:35-36

In June we were unable to help out at Village de Coracess due to demonstrations on National 1, but were able to complete the flooring in July! Thank You to the HLMS for providing the funds to get this project completed!! It is a Joy to be a part of this work!!

In June we were able to again attend Good Shepherd’s anniversary service on Sunday! In July we were able to participate in the service with song! We have several members from the congregation work with us during the week and one young lady (Yes, we have our first Haitian female working with us) taught one of our team members the song “Give Thanks” in Creole! What a true Blessing it was to watch these two passionate young ladies sing from their hearts! It was very moving! (Let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich... Give Thanks!)

Both trips we were able to visit with the Isidor family on Sunday afternoon!! Always a highlight of our trip! In June we met at Renia’s, had a delicious meal and played lots of UNO games! In July we met at Nadine’s, more yummy food, laughs, devotions and tears! Always great memories with this family of Leonard’s!! His memory is always with us!!

In July we finally met the young people Hudson has such a passion for!! We will also make this part of



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each trip when we go to Haiti! We were able to play games and do crafts with these kids!!! Such Joy!!

Thanks to the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society in June we were able to take Josie of House of Love and Hope a solar panel and battery to provide electricity when there is none available!!!! What a true gift and necessity if the children are going to be able to stay on top of their studies!

Our teams continued with construction projects and running some Eye Glass Clinics! We were able to distribute over 400 eye glasses during these two trips and complete a roof for one of our Haitian team workers, continue work of a Guesthouse that was destroyed in the earthquake and finish the floor at the church in Village De Coracess! We also visited and did crafts with 3 different orphanages! Both trips were full and busy and we give God all the Glory for keeping us safe and helping us be His Hands and Feet to His children in Haiti!!

Kim and Keith Waller



New solar panel for the orphanage



Finishing the floor at Village de Coracess



June Team



July Team