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We called ourselves the "Trail Blazers"

by Kim Waller

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our team of 5 (2 from MI and 3 from AL) set out for Haiti April 13-20, 2021 to help our Haitian friends, first and foremost, but to also answer questions for future groups concerning Covid! Our main focus for this trip was to distribute eye glasses and to see, play and share God's Truth through crafts and games with the kids at House of Love and Hope, Gertrude's, Divine Family and Hudson's weekly get together with the kids in his neighborhood! We also purchased 24 tons of food for all our workers, their families, all the kids at the children's homes, and the 6 Pastors the HLMS sponsors! God was certainly SEEN as food, eye glasses and love were passed out to those who came across our path!

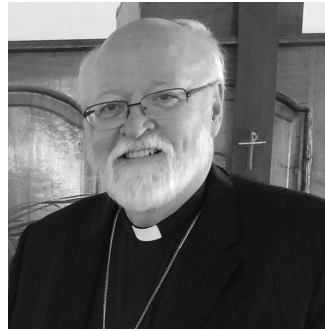
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ ,

Listening to pastor friends in Haiti and watching the news of Haiti, I thought of the familiar passage from Hebrews 12 - "...let us run with endurance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...



Pastor Jim Dahlke

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul used the word "endure" twice in this short passage. The first is in relationship to the race we run called "life". It is not a sprint. It is a long distance race. It requires endurance, hanging in there. Although our lives are quite different than our Haitian brothers and sisters - one pastor told me it's never been worse in Haiti - we all to some extent deal with difficulties, hardships, and stress. They look differently, but they still impact our individual race.

The second use of endurance is in relationship to our Savior Jesus Christ. His life was about living, suffering, and dying on our behalf, for our sins. There was most certainly opposition, difficulties and hardships in the race Jesus ran. There was denial, betrayal, beatings, thorns, nails, thirst, forsakenness, death. He endured. He persisted. He hung, literally, in there. And the most remarkable thing of all - He did so with joy. He knew the end result of His race was the good results of our race - forgiveness, life, and salvation.

I pray daily for Haiti and our fellow believers there. I pray for the continued blessings that God bestows on the work of the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society. I thank God for faithful members of the HLMS who give so freely and generously to continue our work in Haiti. And I pray that although the race is extremely difficult now, that our Haitian brothers and sisters will run their race with endurance, fixing their eyes on Jesus. And may they realize they **do not run alone**.

"Christ be my leader by night as by day, safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care. Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there."



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Haiti - Current News Update!

We started to put this newsletter together and pulled in the articles before some major events happened in the country. We will give an update here but that is why some of the events weren't mentioned in the articles.

Assassination – On July 7th, 2021 President Jovenel Moise was assassinated in his home by armed men.

There was uncertainty about who was in line to take over which led to chaos and political unrest in the country.

Earthquake – On August 14th, 2021 – a magnitude 7.2 earthquake hit Haiti about 100 miles west of Port-au-Prince close to Les Cayes. Over one million people were impacted by this including over half a million children. The schools, churches, and orphanage we support fared well but the aftershocks caused many to fear for their lives. The prices for everything from building materials to groceries and fuel have increased dramatically.

Hurricane – tropical storm Grace hit Haiti a few days after the earthquake. The wind and in some places over 10 inches of rain were miserable for the people who lost their homes and were living in the streets or tent cities.

Please pray for all our Haitian brothers and sisters during these unprecedented times and if you are able, please help us financially so we can continue to offer hope.

Letter from Pastor Thomas Bernard

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ! We pray that all is well and continue to give thanks to the Almighty God who has sent His only Son Jesus to set us free from the bondage of evil that is trying to sink us into the ocean of despair. We are thankful to our God for His continuous blessings during this difficult time of crisis. Because of His love, grace, and mercy, we continue to shout “Ebenezer, Ebenezer”!

The biggest issue now is the current political unrest. It's challenging to travel from one place to another as safety challenges may arise unexpectedly. The pandemic and the social unrest are still raging among the Haitian people. The situation is getting more complex; in some places, some family members are obliged to leave their home in quest of another in a different neighborhood. Currently, traveling from Port-au-Prince to Leogane is difficult, if not impossible. Nobody knows what to expect and what to do.

Regardless of these circumstances, we remain hopeful. God is all-powerful and has the whole world in his hand. We know the plan He has for us: Jeremiah 29: 11: I know what I'm planning for you, says the Lord; I'm planning to make you happy and not to harm you, to give you a future you can hope for. So, no matter what will happen tomorrow, we are in God's hand. Because of his goodness and all his blessings, we will praise the Lord and sing to Him as long as we exist (Psalm 146:1). (continued on page 6)

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Our 8 workers kept their eyes and ears open for our safety and we changed our plans on 3 different days! God was working mightily through them also! In fact, one day, House of Love and Hope met us at Good Shepherd on Delmas75 (due to Croix de Bouquet being dangerous) where we created baskets with gummy fish to go along with the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and then we played volleyball with beach balls! We had a super time with all the room at the church! Kettia made reservations for us to get our Covid tests

on Saturday morning so we would have the results back by Tuesday morning in time for our flight! It was an all morning affair but we know where to go now and what to do if someone tests positive which Keith did as he had a light case of Covid 3 weeks before we left. It was very informative and we feel comfortable taking a team in this coming January, God willing, if the country stays calm.

Thank You always for your prayers and support when we are out of the country especially during these trying times! **May God Bless all of our efforts as we try to be Jesus' Hands and Feet to His children in Haiti who are so distressed as they try and take care of themselves and their families.** "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12





“There’s a sad contrast between children who have the support of the schools, churches, and orphanage (left) and the children who do not (below). We wish we could help them all.”



Pastor Thomas letter *(continued from page 3)*

Thanks be to God, we have completed the academic school year (2020-2021). Our students are on summer break now. Thirty-five students from our high school and 52 from the middle school have participated in the official exams prepared by the Ministry of Education. We are hoping to have the results of those exams at the end of August. Therefore, the school will resume on September 6, 2021, God willing.

Love & Hope Orphanage

Greetings and Salutations to Haiti Lutheran Mission Society (HLMS) and Everyone:

First, we must thank God for His blessings and grace. Since we opened our doors in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti on December 25, 2009, Love & Hope Organization has been passionately working on our goal to change children's lives for the better.

Love & Hope Orphanage

- We provide the physical, educational, and socio-economic needs of 24 children of all ages and from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- This includes food, clothing, shelter, education, hygiene, healthcare, and security 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Our wonderful and dedicated staff work hard to meet these goals.

Love & Hope Professional School

- We have expanded our services to prepare our young adults aged 16 and older for the future. Here, they receive professional training in trades like tailoring, baking and pastry making.
- We provide them with the knowledge and skills so that when they graduate, they are prepared to integrate into their communities and become productive members of society.

Due to the pandemic and political climate in Haiti these past two years, things have been extremely difficult for us. However, with God's blessing and donations from contributors like HLMS, we have and will continue to persevere.

As we enter our 11th year in operation, we are preparing for the re-opening of the school year starting in September 2021. Without the assistance of people like you, we would not be able to continue our mission. We ask that you pray we continue to receive the Lord's help in guiding our steps as we start another school year, and on behalf of the children and staff at Love & Hope Orphanage, we thank HLMS and all sponsors for their generosity and continued support.

Sincerely,

Josie Antoine, Founder & President



PRAYERS FOR HAITI

Fall 2021

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For the safe and successful trip lead by the “Trail Blazers” that brought hope to so many along with food, eye glasses, and other supplies so desperately needed.

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 prayers 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 additional donations to help us support these mission outreaches at one hundred percent.

For new support so that we can be more prepared to help when crisis occurs like we have seen recently.

For the continued safety of those in Haiti, for their health and for the stability of the nation on so many levels.

That God would prepare a way for volunteer teams to continue to travel to Haiti so that God’s love can be seen and felt through their work.

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

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,
Oct 30th, 2021 at 9 AM
at the office of
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_____ I will continue to pray for the HLMS.

_____ I would like to contribute to the HLMS general fund. Enclosed is \$_____.

_____ I would like to pledge a monthly gift of \$_____ to the HLMS.

_____ Please forward additional copies of the

HLMS brochure. I need ____ copies.

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