

HAITI UPDATE

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Dearest Co-Laborers in the Kingdom:

Our summer campaigns in Haiti have come to an end and our Christian brothers and sisters, everywhere these campaigns were conducted are happy, content and they feel blessed. Of course this year we were not able to conduct as many Gospel meetings, seminars, and Bible studies due to the fact that several of our Timothy Teams were engaged elsewhere with the rebuilding and restoring of church buildings, schools and personal homes.

I am waiting for news from areas that have not reported yet. Last year, we did much more work as we were fully funded to hold meetings. This year we did what we could to get the campaigns on the way without outside funding. It is good to know that many congregations sponsored their own meetings and invited, housed and fed our Teams and other groups from nearby churches. We have reports from about 15 congregations so far and they report 61 baptisms. I think that is a great indication our brethren know what they are doing. I am proud of our brethren especially as they asked for financial backing and when I told them there was none this year, they did not moan and groan as I have seen in the past. They said, OK and THANK YOU, BETTER GET TO WORK. I admire that in our Christian brethren in Haiti. THEY HAVE A MIND TO WORK.

When we have outside financial backing we are able to rent a bus and fill it up with Timothy Team members, their spouses and kids, with food, water and tracts and songbooks. We can bring many more to help with the meetings.

The reports are not only from Haiti but also from the Dominican Republic where we have several churches. These congregations were all established by our school of preaching students. They too conduct several meetings every year. This is so important to Haitians. Some of our SOP (school of preaching) students from the Dominican Republic and our school in Lamentin, Haiti go home in the summer months just to be present for the meetings. They love it.

We are getting very close to finishing the very last building that was destroyed in the hurricane last year. Just a few more things are needed. The brethren there were not asking for help until very late and it came at a time when funds were beginning to run very low. We have sent them

all surplus building supplies left over from other buildings and we have sent our Team members to help with the construction. But overall we are done (if there is ever such a thing in Haiti).

This was a Herculean task and I am stunned with the speed that all was done. The quality of the construction is many, many times better than ANY of our present and past buildings. It is of course good to see our Christian brothers and sisters worshipping indoors again. So many had to stay out under trees (if there were any), often in the rain. And, the kids are back in their school buildings again. Church buildings double as schools as you all know.

Again, I want to thank you all for making all this possible. This was such a wonderful effort by all, those that gave money, those who prayed for us, those who organized all things from purchasing all the necessary building supplies to church benches, food, water, clothes, blankets, mattresses, and so much more.

God be praised for such wonderful coordinated involvement by Christians from literally all over the world. This makes me so proud.

May God continue to bless you all,

Joe Worndle