



"Have the foreigners stand over there."

"Hey, wait a minute... is he talking about *me*?"

Yes, he was. On my first trip to Haiti I discovered the word "foreigner" is a relative term. And like most Americans I have a hard time seeing myself as a foreigner.

After ministering more than a decade in Haiti, I still don't see myself as a foreigner. Which is not good. Especially working from the States, it's imperative to see myself working from the outside in.

Some things in Haiti I don't think I'll ever get used to. I continue to witness some pretty strange spiritual occurrences because of all the Voodoo in Kilbitè. It's spiritual warfare on a whole other scale.

But it's not all foreign to me. I'm at home with Haitian worship music. I like the African rhythms. Then the beat changes to reggae and it feels totally Caribbean. I love it, mon! I'm getting used to goat meat.

We just celebrated the 9th anniversary of The Church of the God of Perfection. Our celebration lasted two weeks. And on celebration Sunday we had over 150 in attendance. Some days I felt at home. Other times I felt like a complete stranger.

On celebration Sunday I asked myself, "Self, how did a foreigner like you ever start and maintain a church in a place like Haiti?" Extreme cultural differences. Distance. It is a church, right? What about doctrine? Another challenge to overcome... language! Tough stuff in a third world country.

And then it dawned on me. What was the *one thing* I used to effectively bridge our cultures? To motivate? To teach, inspire, and empower the church? To unite different cultures and methods?

The answer may be counter-intuitive. The answer may surprise you. It surprised me. The Bible.

After my sermon at our anniversary service, I looked around the church, saw myself immersed in Haitian culture, and then realized... *there are no foreigners in the Kingdom of God.*

We continue to give glory to God, uniting around what He has spoken in His Word. And building upon all that Christ and His gospel have accomplished!

I like going to Haiti and not being around a bunch of foreigners.

...you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

(Eph2:19-20)

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Dear Friends,

It's a privilege for me to ask for your financial help for the impoverished children and families in Kilbitè. For 12 years now, I've been blessed to be called by God to be an advocate for them.

God's Mercy to Haiti is supported entirely by donations. Please help keep our church and school growing with a generous one-time or monthly gift. Every prayer and gift are deeply appreciated.

Day by day we look to Christ trusting Him for our needs. When doubts and challenges come, we lean on His faithfulness. God's Mercy to Haiti is a testimony to the love and faithfulness of God. Join us!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things!

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