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Dear Friends,

Watching God work in Kilbitè can be mesmerizing. It's like having a front row seat to many of His productions. At times it seems our impoverished little village is a stage for divine dramas. At every point directed by God Himself.

Divine affirmations of God's presence in our ministry are consistent and undeniable. Some are astonishing. It's a privilege to boast about His supernatural power, purpose, and presence.

In 2013 The Church of the God of Perfection had our first worship service on a hilltop above the village. For our first year we gathered and worshipped outdoors. No building.

In 2014 a group of five Americans pooled our money and built a church in the village. Construction finished, I returned to the hilltop where we had our inaugural worship service. A voodoo temple was built where we first worshipped! Distraught, I prayed there until I was hoarse for God to intervene.

Weeks later, when I returned to that hilltop, I was dumbfounded.

***That voodoo temple lay in a heap. No wind.
No earthquake. Just rubble. The residue of divine
power. And a few confused voodoo priests.***

We knew we were in for a fight when a year later they built another temple just a stones-throw away.

In 2021 we placed a 20-foot-tall illuminated white cross on top of The Church of the God of Perfection in Kilbitè. This was our spiritual Iwo Jima. A glorious proclamation of Christ's redemption and hope.

On the very day we placed that cross on top of the church building, God supernaturally affirmed His power, purpose, and presence (photos in the center section).

THEREFORE, AS IT IS WRITTEN:

“LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS
BOAST IN THE LORD.”

(1 Corinthians 1:31)

For decades a 6-foot hand carved wooden voodoo cross was a fixture in Kilbitè. Voodoo items are considered sacred. So no one dared touch it.

It stood planted in the ground next to an enormous, generations old, mango tree.

On this very day God gave that mango tree a divine nudge. It fell on that voodoo cross and crushed it. There it lay, looking eerily pitiful. Again, no wind. No earthquakes. No help from men. Just God.

The village was buzzing. The children were laughing and shouting, 'Eske ou weh sa Bondye te feh?' (Did you see what God did?)

It was glorious! The moment we all saw what happened we began singing and praising God. The voodoo priestess who lives nearby was glaring at us in defeat. She understood this moment. We all did.

There's more to make this dramatic day even more poetic. The evening before I preached from Colossians 2:15, *“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”*

A public spectacle indeed! In both the spiritual *and* physical realms.

It still lays there crushed and rotting under the mango tree. A dark symbol of a defeated enemy.

And the cross of Christ continues to shine brightly atop our church. A supernatural symbol of Christ's victory over death! A divine marker of our hope and eternal redemption by God's amazing grace.

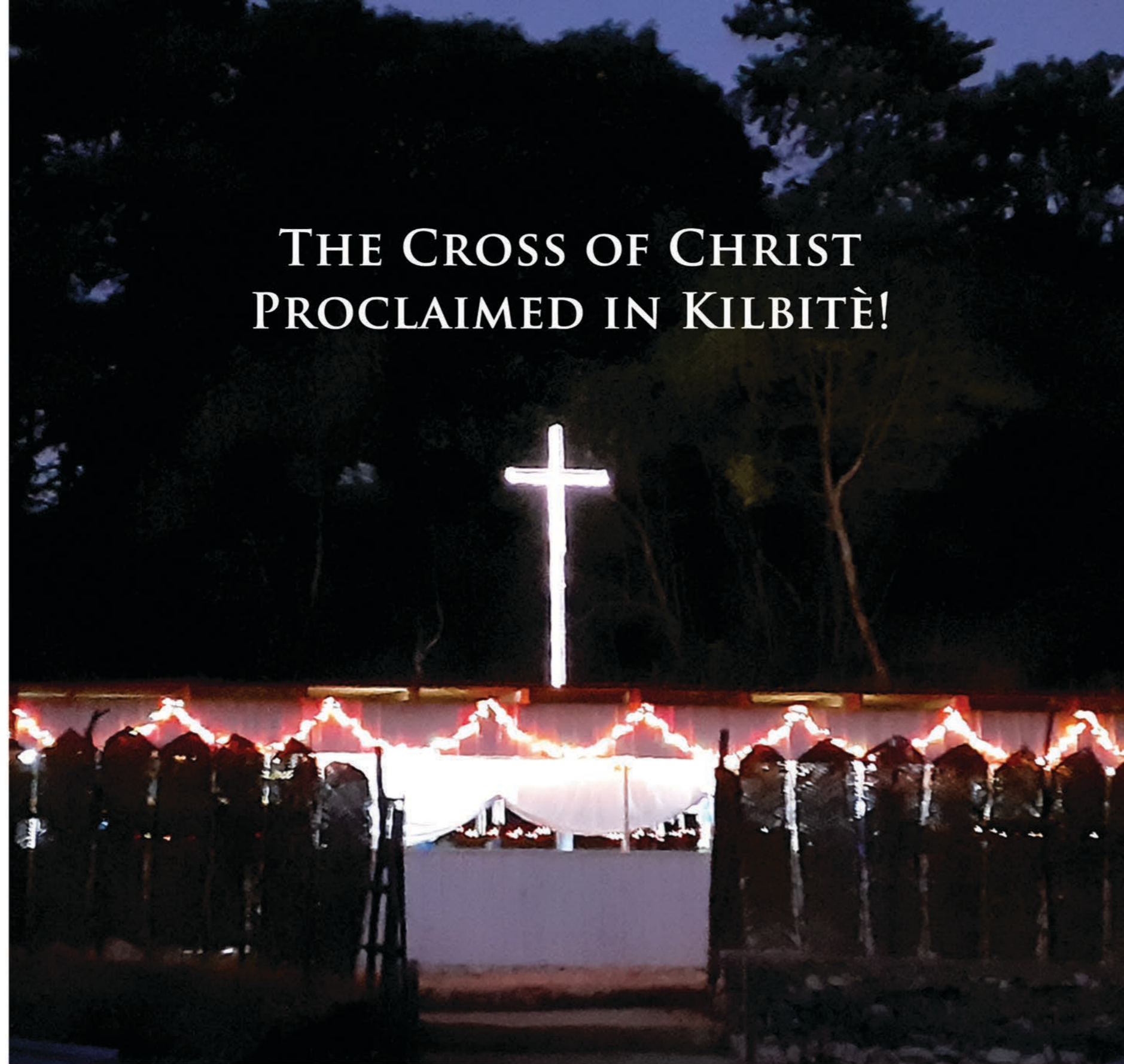
Amen!

GOD'S MERCY
to Haiti

The cross
of deception
is crushed...



THE CROSS OF CHRIST PROCLAIMED IN KILBITÈ!



The cross
of Redemption
is lifted high...



To God be the Glory!



And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He (Christ) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Colossians 2:15)



The Church of the God of Perfection in Marotte is growing steadily with new Christians.

Geston finally burned all his voodoo items. This angered his family and girlfriend who is a mambo (voodoo priestess). "It just got to be too much. People in my house talk with spirits. I had to go." He's happy to be free! He's attending The Church of the God of Perfection in Marotte. Guinel disciples him. Geston publicly confessed his faith and was baptized into Christ this month. God is at work!

Ministry Update: A new kindergarten building is fully funded and currently under construction by T-fre and Jimy.

Our staff has dreamed (and now an answered prayer) of moving our kindergarten classes out of the church building and into a new building next to The School of the God of Perfection.

God's Mercy to Haiti partners with five supporting churches. Recent donations from them and other ministry partners helped make this a reality. Thank you for loving our kids. The Lord provides!

This will also provide a storage pantry for our refugee ministry! Photos and stories in the next newsletter.



Q: I hear it asked frequently. How do the Haitians live like they do?

They are immersed in lawlessness, chaos, violence, poverty and injustice. When their plight is seen only through the world's lens, what can possibly be seen but total despair and hopelessness?

Dark spiritual forces are not only blind, they try to prevent and destroy mercy and order. But Haitian Christians can see. See from above. Because of God's grace through the Spirit, their eyes are fixed upon Jesus (2Cor 4:6-18), His cross (Col 2:15), His return (Tit 2:13). Grace matters!

Christ's purpose and power transcend darkness (John 1:4-5). Jesus can be seen in their smiles and heard in their prayers. They share their faith, food, and possessions. A living testimony to God (2Cor 12:9)!

Our churches are strengthened by seeing God's light shining in their brothers and sisters (2Cor4:6). Their testimony: Worship despite oppression. Gratitude despite lack. Joy despite pain. Hope despite despair.

Daily they pull back the veil. The spiritual reality is Haiti is an island in God's Kingdom. An isle lush with salvation. Abundant in God, fighting a dark and real enemy. Since Jesus is Light in dark place, so are they.

A: This is how they live. Glory be to God!

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From our 23 Haitian staff... *We are grateful to you - our supply line. You help provide purpose for our lives. You help sustain our families, our villages, our churches and our school. You encourage, equip and empower us to love in the name of Christ. And to joyfully and faithfully do the Lord's work. Thank you all!*

God's Mercy to Haiti is grateful to God for our strategic placement in Haiti. We love the Haitian people and our opportunities to equip. To reach out to them with love and compassion, and His Word.

Love is difficult weapon for the enemy to counter. Especially when rooted in Christ and His Word.

True Christianity is a fight. A fight for joy. A fight for His love. A fight for the glory of our great God.

In this we delight... *Join us!*

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