

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor 4:6

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Dear Friends,

Have no doubt . . . God shines through adversity.

Three days after He was executed on a cross - during His follower's darkest hours of despair - Jesus walked out the tomb.

Since that day we have learned the power and hope of Jesus and His gospel.

For sure, dark days are upon Haiti. Obviously, God's Mercy to Haiti cannot remedy an entire country. But we can, *and we are*, by God's power, being used by God to shine brightly where we are planted.

Imagine not eating for two days knowing tomorrow you couldn't access food. Imagine not accessing your money because the banks are shut down.

This kind of oppression weighs heavy on an already weary people.

Just getting places is a burden. There is no gas at the pumps. Black market gas is over \$40 a gallon. Many days Patrick, our operations manager, simply cannot drive his motorcycle to Kilbitè, because the local road is dominated by predators.

Regardless of the culture - fear, powerlessness, and poverty will always translate to survival mode.

Kilbitè has been down late in the game, but we are definitely not out. Determination and faith define us.

Thankfully, many whom God has called have stepped up to the plate, and in the clutch, delivered hit after hit. Some sacrificed. Some singled. A few homered.

We are so grateful to God for all of you here in the US, who have shone so brightly upon our village. Every response to our plea for help is lighting up Kilbitè, *and beyond!* Amen!

Recently the Holy Spirit brought six souls to new faith in Christ. The Church of the God of Perfection is busting at the seams at Sunday worship. And so is our sister church in Travo. God's Word is reaching more people every day. GMH is equipping the church to feed 2500 meals per week for the next 4 months.

We have every reason to be optimistic while walking in The Light. Light will always penetrate darkness.

We humbly ask for your help to continue to feed empty stomachs and hungry souls.

Please, join us! Let's shine together.



Jeff

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THE FEW. THE PROUD. THE VOODOO RANGERS.



Haiti nurses her own demons. And voodoo is willing to oblige.

Those who have the guts to fight against such dark spiritual forces I refer to as Voodoo Rangers. Their weapons are prayer, faith, the gospel, and God's Word. God's Spirit is their driving Force. Voodoo Rangers love their enemies with mercy, forgiveness, and prayer.

Pastor Nico led a criminal life as a youth. He was consumed by alcohol by age 19. One evening three friends came to his house while he was drunk and laid hands on him and told him he belonged to Christ. Though he had never gone to a church before, a few days later he found himself at a worship service. That's when God saved Nico from himself. He's been a Voodoo Ranger ever since.

After serving in the church more than a decade Nico was 32 when he started The Redeemer's Church. His church is next to a voodoo temple in Travo in the foothills above Kilbitè. Both villages battle voodoo influence. Dirt floors and a tin roof housed his flock of Christian soldiers. Faith, perseverance, and the Holy Spirit protected and grew this congregation. In a village of about 400, over 120 people come to worship every Sunday.

Nico and his family know firsthand the cosmic powers opposed to his message of Christ and the cross. Both he and his daughters have been cursed by voodoo priests and fallen into comas for days. Only to be delivered by intercessory prayers from the congregation. Nico and his wife, Marie, were threatened to be shot and were forced to leave their tarp hut and the land they lived on. Currently, men are threatening to overtake the church's land. Nico's battles are fought in the spiritual realm.

For the past 10 years the Holy Spirit has been building bonds between God's Mercy to Haiti and Pastor Nico. He has come to our leadership seeking counsel and prayer. He attended all our pastor trainings. Together we've reached out to Kilbitè and Travo with mercy and worship.

Kilbitè and Travo are not the only places inhabited by Voodoo Rangers. There's a few in the US too.

Recently a local Voodoo Ranger from right here in Iowa, blessed God's Mercy to Haiti with a generous gift. Unselfishly, our Haitian leadership seized the opportunity by using this gift to widen our reach for God's Kingdom - to bless Pastor Nico and equip The Redeemer's Church in Travo.

Now, for the first time in over 20 years of ministry Pastor Nico will have a paycheck for the next year. The Redeemer's Church has new cooking kettles and a budget for an essential food ministry to their village. Blessing many who were on the edge of starvation. This kind of mercy and encouragement are deeply empowering.

An equipped, battle tested warrior, is an essential strategic advantage to advance God's gospel.

The few. The proud. The Voodoo Rangers. Willing to battle for the sake of the poor and the glory of their Holy Commander.

Join us in praising God... for calling, preserving, and equipping warriors for the sake of His Kingdom!



Life got just a little better. Pastor Nico with his new motorcycle gifted from a fellow Voodoo Ranger.



Pastor Nico at The Redeemer's Church. Voodoo Rangers Pastor Gerguens, and Jack (deacon) Guinel are trusted allies.



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LOVING HAITIAN BABIES!

A year ago, Linda told her mom, Nancy, about God's Mercy to Haiti. Since then, Nancy has been sewing non-stop! She makes custom made diapers and blankets stitched with love. Nancy also shops regularly for baby and adult clothing items. This month we are shipped out 100's of pounds of Nancy's labor of love. From all the mommies and babies in Kilbitè - Thank you Nancy and Linda!



GETTING MORE FOR LESS

In the past we have shipped peanut butter to Haiti. We have found that making it locally is faster, more cost effective, and helps the local economy. Chrisantina, our kindergarten teacher, and wife of Pastor Gerguens, makes peanut butter for The School of the God of Perfection. Being good stewards of God's resources is one of our core values. Plus, it honors God's blessings. And it's really yummy!



"I HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS IN HAITI!"

Ellie and Lydia understand God's connections. Friends Shawn and Melissa's 6- and 5-year-old daughters were at church telling folks, "We have lots of friends in Haiti!" How cute! Though they've never been there, these girls express what it means to be part of God's Kingdom. Good job mom and dad for teaching Christ's love transcending time and space! Thanks for being our pals, Ellie and Lydia!



HOW SWEET IT IS!

Bob and Nan Smith, owners of Stone Cliff winery have been producing Wild Pineapple Wine for God's Mercy to Haiti for the past 6 years. They have donated all the costs going into this and donate \$3.25 for every bottle sold. Find Wild Pineapple Wine at over 100 locations in Iowa or at stonecliffwinery.com Here's a hint - it goes great with Thanksgiving turkey! Thanks Bob and Nan for your love and mercy to Kilbitè.



IT'S A GIRL!

Oh, the joy! Guinel and Enide had a baby girl! After long hot Haitian Summer Enide gave birth to a happy and healthy baby girl. Welcome Molina! After carrying Molina for almost 10 months Enide worked right up to the day of delivery! Enide is the head cook and kitchen manager at The School of the God of Perfection. Guinel is a deacon in The Church of the God of Perfection and the village leader. Molina is their 5th child. God bless this family!

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We're Planting Another Church!

God doesn't want just more apples - He wants more apple trees!

The Church of the God of Perfection will celebrate our 10th anniversary this January. And to celebrate this increase God has given us the opportunity to branch out and plant a new church! We believe God is preparing another harvest.

Patrick, our operations manager, lives in the town of Marotte, about 15 minutes north of Kilbitè. I watched as Patrick sacrificially shared food with his neighbors. Patrick is a respected leader in his village with a large network of friends. Our leadership and The Church of the God of Perfection see the Holy Spirit preparing our way to Marotte. The need is great. The network is in place.

The Church of The God of Perfection continues praying and fasting about our new mission. Their enthusiasm is off the chart.

There is also quite the buzz in Marotte as well to begin this new fellowship. We will be sending a core group there to begin worship. The members from The Church of the God of Perfection are excited to evangelize. The deacons from our church will begin teaching and preaching in Marotte next month.

Despite their hardships, the Haitian people are eager and thankful. Their resolve and faith are strong. I, Jeff, am so very blessed to be part of a church and ministry with such passion and vision for Christ. And to see His gospel proclaimed.

Our new fellowship will be centered around His Word, mercy, and worship.

Much more news to come as we step out in faith to proclaim the sure hope of salvation in Jesus! Praise be to Jesus... THE Savior and Lord!

Please pray for those who have yet to come to faith in Christ in Marotte. And that as a church, we will be used to bring more people to worship Jesus. Please pray for the faith of the church. And for the provision of God to provide physically and spiritually.

Halleluiah, what a Savior!



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*Happy Thanksgiving!
Look for an update from us next month.*

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

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