



...entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.
(2Timothy 2:2)

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Dear Friends,

For everything there is a season.

Building buildings in Haiti was very rewarding. But now, instead of swinging a hammer or pouring concrete, the emphasis is to build leaders. It's a privilege to disciple and entrust our four Haitian leaders to lead our two churches and school.

Danger in Haiti has brought unexpected opportunities to our doorstep. By the power of His Spirit, our leaders have responded with courage, calm, and faith in God. Growing amidst oppression and chaos.

They're applying what they've learned over the years. Now, while living in the fray, they're learning daily in real time. It's harsh season no one wishes to go through. But they've been prepped for the task.



Guinel and The Church of the God of Perfection next to their sign in Marotte. Guinel's spiritual growth flows from his love for God's Word.

Patrick and Guinel are co-pastoring The Church of the God of Perfection in Marotte, our second church. Patrick excels in administration and mercy. Guinel is an effective evangelist and is improving as a teacher. The church has a ministry to refugees who've fled gang violence. Guinel's mom is battling cancer. All told, it's heavy load. Both are inspirational leaders who God is refining in this pressing season.

Somebody help me get Pastor Gerguens to slow down! His English is improving so this helps my instruction and his learning. In turn, Pastor Gerguens is teaching scripture to Guinel. We understand the imperative of entrusting God's Word to the next generation. Pastor Gerguens affectionately refers to me as "my pastor." Thank you "my pastor," what do you think "my pastor?" Our relationship is deep and reaches out.

Odieu is the principal at The School of the God of Perfection. He is building a legacy of learning. And an environment of emotional health. By leading parent meetings, staff trainings, and student activities, Odieu keeps morale high. Which is a tall task considering what everyone is facing. He is a great student in his own right. Kilbitè is happier and stronger because faithful men like Odieu. He is vital for our future.

Last month David Way and I attended our 4th Pathways training workshop. Pathways equips US leaders to train overseas pastors to better handle the word of God. David models this training. He is discipling Pastor Nico who shepherds a church neighboring Kilbitè. Last month in Nico's church, over 20 people came to saving faith in Christ! David's personal ministry to Pastor Nico has broadened Nico's reach.

The following is recipe for Kingdom growth:

Teachable men who love God's Word, living life as a servant leader, having a vision for duplication, and walking by faith in God, willing to persevere through extreme hardships.

Praise God that He's entrusted these faithful men with these gifts to lead in the seasons ahead!



And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name

The 1st Annual Kilbitè Youth Soccer Invitational



Our soccer team were local celebrities in the village for a few weeks. It was a great experience for all our students.

Normalcy. Fun. Laughter. These are good for the soul.

The School of the God of Perfection hosted a local youth soccer tourney. Principal Odieu organized it. 10 local schools participated. Schools met down the road from the village and then paraded into the village together to kick off this event. Very festive! The tournament was on Thursdays and Fridays for 4 consecutive weeks.

It was a huge boost for Kilbitè and the school. Everyone pitched in to help. Our soccer field was expanded. Concessions were sold. The event more than paid for itself.

Our school only goes to 6th grade. So our team played much older boys from others schools. They got creamed, but played their hearts out. We are all so proud of our school and village.



Principal Odieu gifts of leadership and organization were evident. He motivated our students to landscape and expand our soccer field.

of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
(Colossians 3:17)



Special Delivery

Haitians have taken to the sea to get to and from Port au Prince.

Traveling the highway to Port au Prince to get our ministry shipments is not possible. Gangs rule this route.

Traveling by boat is also dangerous. But it beats the alternative. It's difficult, slow, and expensive, but necessary. Imagine loading over 600 pounds into these small boats and sailing back to our villages! Patrick has taken the trip from Port au Prince to Akaya numerous times to deliver school and mercy supplies.

In years past it was common for teams travelling to Haiti to bring items for the ministry. But that's changed.

God's Mercy to Haiti now partners with **Missionary Flights International (MFI)** to deliver our supplies. They fly from Florida to Haiti specifically for Haitian ministries. School supplies, maintenance items, items for baby / mommy ministry, even tie dye t-shirts are shipped with MFI.

We are an equipping ministry that continues to bear fruit despite these changes. More and more we seek to equip Haitians to minister to Haitians.

Please pray for law and order to be restored to Haiti. We thank God for partners like MFI and for our courageous staff who go to great lengths to express the mercy of God.

We Love Our Bibles

Bibles are becoming a precious commodity in Haiti. The price used to be \$10 US. It's now \$25 US. **We make it our goal to give every new Christian a Bible.** The folks at church are very good about bringing the Scriptures to Bible studies and to Sunday worship. It is a blessing to see the people so hungry for Jesus and His Word.



As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 18:30



WE LOVE OUR SCHOOL!

God's Mercy to Haiti needs just **98 people** to donate just **\$98** so that each of our **98 students** will have a new uniform and curriculum for the coming school year.

Donations can be sent to:
godsmercytohaiti.org
PO Box 201 Cedar Falls,
Iowa 50613

Thanks for supporting The School of the God of Perfection.
100% of your donation goes directly to the school and is tax-deductible.



Thank you!

Gratitude *is the key to our* Optimism.

God's Mercy to Haiti is a testimony to what happens when folks like you generously share with folks in Haiti – people miles apart, cultural opposites, yet with the same purpose – a better and happy life for their families, all to the glory of God.

THANK YOU for the many ways you have blessed all of us. God bless you!



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