

*Therefore the Lord himself
will give you a sign...
The virgin will conceive and
give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.*
(Isaiah 7:14)



Hello Friends,

Reconciling Christmas with suffering can be found in a most poignant Bible verse. "Jesus wept." In Easter is seen the divinity of Christ, in His resurrection and ascension. In Christmas the humility of His humanity. He left the glory of heaven to relate to us, love us, laugh with us. To cry with us.

Jesus wept at the sorrow and death of His friend Lazarus. He grieved from the cross when He witnessed the tears of His mother. He weeps because He cares, having compassion for our suffering. And because our Savior weeps, He knows how to wipe away our tears.

I see the suffering of my friends in Haiti. Their plight seems to deepen every week. I stand in hope because of Christ's divinity. I find comfort in His humanity. In His humility He knows their grief and suffering. And He knows injustice. For He Himself was ravaged by it.

And yet it was in His unjust suffering that we find our redemption. Our forgiveness. Our worth. Our future. The victory of His story becomes our story. Divine deliverance. Unfading and imperishable hope.

While I am not in Haiti physically, daily I share a small part of their burdens. Sadness and fear live side-by-side with joy and hope. Despite their constant hardships, they demonstrate great faith.

Their afflictions and spiritual stamina and are best expressed in these Scriptures...

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

(2 Cor 4:8-10)

...we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

(Romans 5:3-5)

Suffering and hope live side by side. Please pray with us as we fight against a very real evil. We are comforted knowing Jesus weeps for Haiti. God will see us through.

As our Haitian friends fight the good fight of faith, they do so with assurance...

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:15-16)

Please remember us in prayer. Rejoice with us. We give thanks to God for your encouragement and provision. God bless you!

May we all come to enjoy Him more and more. Immanuel. God with us!

GOD'S MERCY
to Haiti

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“and what you have heard from me...entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”

(2Timothy 2:2)

Paul’s instruction to Pastor Timothy has been duplicated for centuries. I’m grateful for the faithful men who have invested God’s Word into my life. It’s most satisfying to equip men who are in strategic roles to effect His Kingdom. And even more fulfilling seeing His Word take root in the subsequent generations.

Over three decades ago I received my first Bible. A Thompson Chain Reference Study Bible. I didn’t know it at the time but it’s one of the very best study Bibles. Our most recent shipment to Haiti got there just 2 days before the airport was shut down. An integral part of the delivery contained Thompson Chain Reference Study Bibles (in French) for our leadership team.

Our leaders received them with eager anticipation and much happiness. They were astonished at the “red letters.” They commented how the cross references and concordance opened up a new world of study to them. Watching them “dive in” is joy to witness.

A long held personal Bible can become a treasured beacon of light. A go-to. An anchor that tethers a man to the heart of God. I’m confident they will treasure their treasure as I do mine.

God’s Mercy to Haiti is grounded in, and committed to, God’s Word. Its divine legacy is our mission.

Those Bibles were sent not just for those men but for those who are far off.

Thanks for your support that provides for our ministry of God’s Word!

Welcome aboard, Ostanel!



Ostanel is the newest member of the God’s Mercy to Haiti leadership team. His official title is Communications Manager. He takes care of all translations, and aids all staff, school, and church communications. He helps oversee stewardship and accountability as well.

I met Ostanel on my first trip to Haiti 14 years ago. We immediately connected. I preached. He translated. We were so tight he would know my next word. We’ve helped each other in times of need and shared much laughter. Ostanel is a tender-hearted Kingdom-minded warrior.

He understands both the American and Haitian cultures. All our staff know and respect him. Ostanel is a pastor and church planter. He also served as a denominational leader in Haiti. He is a gifted with wisdom and has strong business skills as well. A great fit!

The benefits he brings were immediately visible. He raises all our levels of communication and professionalism. He brings out the best in all of us. GMH just got better!

He and his wife Betina have 5 young children. We enjoy blessing his family.



Getting new clothes for worship - very exciting



The joy of a getting a new dress - and it fits!



We especially enjoy blessing our senior saints

Happy Anniversary, Church!

The Church of the God of Perfection in Marotte celebrated our 2nd anniversary this month. Yes, we center our church around Christ and His gospel. And yes, we strive to be faithful in all our ways of worship that are pleasing to God. Yet, it's impossible to not be influenced by our specific cultures. So while we did not celebrate with a pot luck, we did cook hot dogs. I was told they were filling and yummy.

Foot washing ceremonies are part of the culture of the Haitian church. This fosters a hearts to live as servants. Before our anniversary celebration, Pastor Gerguens led a foot washing service. It also reinforces a strong sense of purpose, which is so beneficial when despair is so prevalent.

People often wonder how poor people can look so dressed up? The answer is simple really. Sacrifice. Most every church going Haitian has one set of nice clothes to worship. All of them sacrifice buying food in order to purchase church clothes. While these intentions may be honorable, it may be a stumbling block. If they don't have a set of nice clothes, they are hesitant to attend worship.

This last shipment of clothing was administered by the church in Marotte. A church clothing pantry is almost unheard of in Haiti (Isa 58:5-9). When you struggle to buy food, the prospect of getting a new piece of clothing is huge!

We are so grateful for our American partners who supply this mercy ministry! Over 100 suitcases have been donated to ship items. Suitcases end up as clothes dressers in Haitian homes.

A network of ladies (headed by Nancy, my dear mother-in-law) work together to keep our clothing pantry, and baby/mommy ministry thriving. They thrift shop for the very best items. Haitian men appreciate the new dress shirt and ties so they can come to church. Ladies experience the joy of getting a new dress. It's a big help for parents who can get underwear and socks for their kids.

Wow! New clothes and a clothes dresser. Our Haitian friends say "Thank You!"

The Church of the God of Perfection in Marotte has a lot going for it. Their focus on teaching and mercy are just what their community needs. It's an unfinished story but it's more than just begun.



"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." 1John 5:11

Raise your hand if you want to have fun!



Teachers, kids, and parents, enjoyed our annual School of the God of Perfection Christmas party. We even had perfect attendance! The menu this year...Haitian hot dogs.

Our annual Hot Wheels races are always a hoot. The best part of the fun is to hear the kids squeal with joy as the cars are released. Then as they race down the track there is a crescendo that erupts as the cars cross the finish line.

Again, our shipment of clothes, Bibles, and new Hot Wheels cars arrived just 2 days before the airport closed. Thank you, Lord! Patrick and Pastor Gerguens traveled to Port au Prince at great risk to pick up the shipment. And to go to our bank to get the payroll that was wired from our bank here in the US.

Everyone is adapting to the new sense of "normalcy." The party was a welcome diversion with all the angst surrounding the current gang presence.

We will be assessing resuming classes after the first of the year. There are many factors to weigh. Security is our highest priority in this decision. Together as a school we continue to pray and worship.

PLEASE PRAY WITH OUR CHURCHES

(Psalm 37:1-5, 40:1-4, 46:7-11) Please pray for:

- 1.** **worship** to be unimpeded and school classes to resume
- 2.** **growth** in our churches both in maturity and number
- 3.** **provision** to sustain the churches and school
- 4.** **oppression** to end and **peace** to come

Dear Friends,

We believe the Lord is faithful. The Spirit and His Word light our path. As a ministry, determination and commitment define us. My confidence in our leadership and churches is strong. Personally, I have doubled down on my resolve to lead this ministry through the present challenges.

What God has ordained He has affirmed. We see the evidence of His hand upon our work.

We're grateful for every prayer, giver, and gift that provides us with the opportunity to serve. Thank you!

We are a mission on a mission. You, and everyone who contributes are the supply line to this operation. As the supply line, you are a tactical and strategic link, critical to our operation's success. December and January are most timely. For the oppressed, for His Kingdom, for the glory of Christ, Please... Join us!

Proclaiming (Christ). **Equipping** (the church). **Rejoicing** (always). This is our delight!

Together for the glory of Christ our Lord.



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