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Hello All,

On behalf of the entire Rebuilding Haiti Together team and the Saints of God in Haiti, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for all that you have done to make the Delmas 9 project a reality. Since then, additional projects continue to make a lasting impact on the island of Haiti. There have been so many ways people have donated to these projects we could not tell it all. From the financial gifts to the donation of labor hours, materials and prayers it has taken every single loving gift to complete this monumental task. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with an update of what projects we are continuing to complete and to highlight the impact your gifts continue to make in Haiti.

While some gifts have been large, we would like to point out that each and every gift continues to having a lasting effect on the work in Haiti. Like the ripples that spread across a pond caused by a single stone, we want everyone to understand some of the wonderful opportunities that have been created for the work of the Lord in Haiti by your benevolence.

Sincerely,

Bro. Ken Jacobe
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(Delmas 9, Aerial of completed project.)

Delmas 9 Update [A Note from the Saints in Haiti]

It is with excitement and heart filled with gratitude that we announce the completion of the Delmas 9 building. This construction is most likely one of few in Haiti that use such high level of safety and seismic standards. The building includes the sanctuary area, a primary school, a secondary school, a library, and a clinic (The Joseph Derivières Clinic). We are also truly thankful for the audio visual system that was donated to us! The clinic is now equipped with a pharmacy, multi-probe ultrasound machine as well as lab equipment such as a binocular microscope, centrifuge machine, Hemacytometer, Spectrophotometer, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and an Electrocardiography device (ECG).

We give thanks to Jehovah Jireh, our provider – He deserves all our praise. Furthermore, through the donations of love, time and resources of our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ throughout the United States all of this was made possible. God has worked through amazing people and institutions to make this dream come true. Lastly, thanks to the monetary and in-kind donations of several donors who generously gave to a cause that will indeed bring about blessings leading all the way to eternity. Our people now have a place they can call home. We want to say THANK YOU! THANK YOU for allowing God to work through you.



Healing Hands, Healing Hearts- Free clinic serving the Haitian communities

With medical care being as expensive as it is in Haiti and with most families living on less than a \$1 a day, more than 90% of the Haitian population cannot afford healthcare. The saints of God in Haiti are not exempt. Thankfully, they



now have the Joseph Derivières health clinic, which is staffed by a group of highly trained doctors and nurses who attend the Delmas church. The goal of the clinic is to primarily serve the church community as well as the surrounding communities, by providing quality medical services.

Therefore, on March 12 through the 16, 2018, the Joseph Derivières Clinic opened for the first time to the community by offering free clinical care. The services offered included: general consultations, health education, women’s clinic (obstetrics and gynecology), vision care and pediatric consultations. The clinic also provides free medication. The church’s medical team has partnered with a team of US doctors and nurses who provided additional medical support. About 1500 people were served during the free clinic.

With the addition of a new lab and imaging/ exam equipment, the clinic is poised to become a integral part of the surrounding community. The focus of this clinic has always been and will remain: **Healing Hands, Healing Hearts.**



The JLJ (Jean Lyonel Joseph) Adult Learning Academy

It is clear that quality education is the key to deviating the Haitian nation from the pathway of poverty. Poverty can overpower the human condition and the minds of men. If a man's state of mind can change, he can then change his community and why not his country? It's been said that it is best to teach a man to fish rather than handing him a fish daily. People often speak of educating the youngest as in order to shape the next generation of spiritual leaders, parents and decision-makers. However, the older generation that are responsible for raising and training the next generation are often overlooked. If this older generation fails to earn a good living in order to provide for the basic needs and education of their families, if they fail to know how to raise God-fearing, responsible and successful citizens, if they fail to exercise their God-given talents and live a life that sets a pattern for the next generation, our path to successfully save the next generation is not clear. As it is stated in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."



Therefore, the next project, a dearest dream of the late brother Jean Lyonel Joseph, is to start an adult school that would offer learning options such as: Parenting techniques, language skills in English, French and Spanish, computer skills, career advancement support such as resume building sessions and interview practice sessions, communication skills, and trades such as construction techniques, electricity, how to set up a sound system, plumbing, dressmaking, carpentry, baking, etc...



This consistent focus on continuing education will be the key to lifting the people of Haiti out of poverty. Let's help the older generation shape the next one to come.

Polishing the Pearl

One of the exciting opportunities that has arisen out of the Delmas 9 construction project is the training of the saints of God on how to properly maintain and service their new facility. By developing a proactive maintenance program to establishing a daily janitorial program, the people have developed skills that are creating opportunities within the



service sector in Port-au-Prince. The saints have also learned to take ownership in their facility and appreciate the value of maintaining a clean, safe and properly functioning property for years to come. In an effort to maintain this focus Rebuilding Haiti Together has approached Sierra Packaging Company about providing a container load of paper products, cleaning chemicals and other janitorial supplies at a highly discounted rate. It is our estimation that this one container of products would save the church approximately \$15,000 per year. (For example:

the reduction of the unit cost for a case of jumbo roll toilet paper would reduce from \$47 to \$17 a case.) After this initial purchase, our ultimate goal is to establish a commissary where the church would pay for the supplies as they use them. This account would then be utilized to purchase another container once the supplies are depleted.



We are currently seeking approximately \$25,000 USD in funds to purchase the paper goods and maintenance/ cleaning supplies to send to Haiti in a container. These goods will stock the commissary for approximately one year.

Haitian Youth Trip

In March of this year, Tyler Gospel Chapel embarked on a Haiti missionary trip. The group included 12 adults and 19 youth (31 people total). The primary goal of this trip was for the young people to experience the culture of Haiti, both naturally and spiritually, with the hope of a lasting, positive impact upon their lives. We also felt a need for the current generation of youth to develop a perpetual burden and relationship with the Body of Christ in Haiti. These goals were achieved beyond measure, as the entire group returned with a new excitement and love for God's people along with a newfound purpose in serving God.

The trip was a total of ten days and the itinerary included activities that started early each day and lasted late into the evening, with very little downtime. A good mix of hands-on work, church services, fellowship time with the Haiti youth and site-seeing filled every moment of the trip. Some of the specific activities included the following:

- Attending several church services at Delmas (Pastor Dupuy); as well as, Ganthier (Pastor Simeon) and Pernal (Pastor Preval).
- Arrange a blended youth choir of Tyler & Haiti youth to sing at the planned Delamas church concert
- Painting the entire interior and exterior of the recently constructed church at Ganthier
- Supply youth donated books and tablet devices to the Delmas School for a new Library
- Visit and interact with children at Delmas and Pernal church schools
- Spend time at a local Orphanage in Port-Au-Prince, giving love and gifts to the children
- Tour of the Haiti National Museum in Port-Au-Prince and Haiti Mission in Kenscoff

Youth fundraisers provided funding for the trip which also allowed the group to leave a generous offering at each church, school and orphanage that was visited. Two months removed from the trip, the concept of developing an authentic love for our brothers and placing their needs ahead of our own has taken root among those that participated. It proved to be a true life-changing experience for the youth and adults alike.

