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December 2018 Report

*Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.” (NIV)*

The Lord has done wonders again in Haiti through HoHaYe in December 2018. The Lord has used you to bless children, women, and men in Haiti in a way I have not seen before during 18 years of work in Haiti.

My heart goes out to Jesus Name Apostolic Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, So Send I You, Grace Haitian Alliance Church, Haitian Church of God of the South Side, Tabernacle Community Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Eglise Evangelique de la Nouvelle Jerusalem, Assemblée Evangelique de Bethesda, Rogers Park Fruit Market and Produce, New Testament Church of God of North Chicago, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Eglise Evangelique Bethel de Des Plaines, Roslyn Snow, Samantha Luk, Tom and Nancy Mannoia, Dr. Wadell Brooks, Analisa Lafontant, Annie Robert, Rev. Joseph Laine, Toni Laine, Daniel Jean, Clyde Dezir, HoHaYe members, the Women Empowerment Team that accompanied me to Haiti: Shonie Powell (co-team leader), Margaret Hoover, Jackie and Stephanie from New York who illustrate and emulate very well Isaiah 61:1-3, Noelle Dodge (my cheer leader), friends and colleagues from Northshore Baptist Ministerial Alliance, and so many others who make my work much lighter. I can't at this time find the correct words to express my gratitude to all of you. The only expression I can think of is: THANK YOU! What about my staff in Haiti? You are the best! Thank you for your hospitality and joviality.

The Kindness of God

Five of us left for Haiti on Saturday, December 15 in the midst of uncertainty and anxiety not knowing what will happen in Haiti that week. By faith alone, we let God be God and we put our trust in Him.

On December 16, at Eglise De Dieu Freres Unis de Tabarre, one member of our team, Margaret Hoover, a music teacher for more than 25 years offered a Christmas concert that was second to none. She

displayed her music skills by playing three instruments: keyboard, flute, and saw. More than 300 young people attended. Many other evangelical groups performed. The name of Jesus was lifted.

On Monday, December 17, we went to a women's prison in Cabaret Haiti. The team came well prepared to minister to 255 women inmates. They were given toiletries, underwear and hygienic paper. We wish we had pictures to show you but we were not allowed to take pictures inside of the prison. I am so proud of the team that came well prepared to serve these women.



On Tuesday, December 18, we held a seminar for at least 80 women where Shonie, Jackie, Margaret, Stephanie and I poured out our hearts to them. We expounded on dreaming big, thinking big, planning big and acting big. It was extremely insightful and inspiring.



As soon as we were done with the women empowerment seminar, we started to get ready for the big event: the Christmas party. In September we set a



goal to bless 100 children with \$25 apiece. Guest what? With your generosity, and kindness, we ended up blessing 185 kids with \$25 apiece. We were able to bless five churches in Haiti.



We wrapped up the mission trip with a health screening on Thursday, December 20th. More than 90 patients were screened. We saved many lives because some of them had very high blood sugar levels and high blood pressure.



Other Achievements

Among other accomplishments, we have reduced our debt from \$4,000 to \$2,500.

The wells we had dried up. Your generosity allowed us to dig a deeper well at the cost of \$1,500.

We blessed many.

Our Challenges

1. Pay off the debt of \$2,500 as soon as possible.
2. Buy an 18-passenger school bus and ship it to Haiti with medicines, toiletries, and backpacks.
3. Purchase a 15-kilowatt generator and ship it to Haiti.
4. Install a new gate in our entrance that will allow larger vehicles to enter the guest house.
5. Add an iron railing on the stairs that gives access to the rooftop & to the porch of the guesthouse so that young children do not fall from the second floor to the ground.

My next mission trip is February 14-25. I count on your prayers as well as financial support to start the new year on a very high note.

Save the date of June 15th when we will celebrate our 17th anniversary at Jesus Name Apostolic Church. The donation requested will be \$50.00.



Our second mission trip will be June 23rd – August 10th. Pick a week that suits you. Get at least a team of 5 and we will accommodate you.

