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Education... The Unique means to diminish disparities

By Actionnel Fluersima

So far this year, Kenold and I have made two extraordinary trips together to promote the ministry in the mountainous region of Bayonnais, Haiti. Our thanks and everlasting appreciation go to the Bauknight's, David Nichols, and Lisa and Philip Cope for their accommodations we have been in Charlotte, and to every single family, Brothers and Sisters that have been hosting us for OFCB Ministries. Immeasurable thanks and understanding from our hearts also go to the congregations that have opened their doors to World of God Ministries to promote the vision of giving hope and dignity to children in Bayonnais through Education.

We have had the honor to visit and worship with congregations such as: Lake Norman Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach, SC; Sardis Presbyterian Church, Myers Park United Methodist Church, and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Big surprises everywhere with warm welcomes and a great desire to be part of the ministry in Bayonnais. **"How shall I render to the Lord for all he has done for me?"**

***"Zombies have tasted salt and have been having a stronger and stronger desire for not only more, but also for better salt since then."* Haitian Proverb.**

While in the US, Kenold and I have been to visited different classrooms in Mecklenburg County. It is surprising to see here in the states there is an average of 10 students per teacher, whereas we have about 30 in Bayonnais. It was surprising to see so many teaching materials available in those schools including textbooks, computers and high speed internet for all. It was truly shocking to see how much food that was on the table as snack for those kids, but 90% of that food would have been thrown into trash cans. It would be insane for us to attempt to compare a builder of women and men in the states with one in Bayonnais, Haiti. It would be impossible to try to compare classrooms and school buildings here n Mecklenburg County with what we have in Haiti.

We think that we are not Zombies. At least not yet as far as we know. But, what we have seen since February 2016 has been challenging for us both. What we have seen and understood during this trip in April, which we are still trying to digest, has made us wonder how to have a better school in the Haitian culture while giving a better consideration and treatment to our fellow Haitian teachers, builders of men and women. Where all little students, whether they are in Nicolas or in Zoranger or in Cathor, are not rejected because of financial handicap of their parents.

Eternally grateful to you all, FOFCB, WOG, Congregations and individuals for your strong and vivid involvement in the Bayonnais community since 1994, where tremendous transformation has taken place.

Thank You Sardis Presbyterian ...

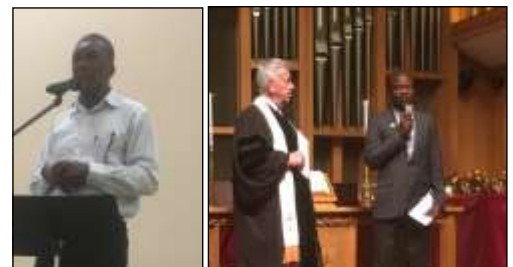
We are celebrating 26 children sponsored on April 10 by the members of Sardis Presbyterian Church today! This represents a 47% increase in students sponsored from Sardis!!!



Sponsorship Campaign at Sardis Presbyterian Church



Kenold interviewed by Rev. Dr. McKechnie at Sardis



Hearts for Haiti

Breaking Bread

Hearts for Haiti - Myers Park United Methodist Church held a sponsorship campaign from February 7-14, Hearts for Haiti was the theme. The campaign kicked off on February 3 with a sponsorship drive during all Church services. Throughout the week, MPUMC held various events including Breaking Bread and a coffee with Actionnel for preschool parents. The preschool through MPUMC, The Children's Circle, jumped on board for the campaign and the children made hearts that were given to the children in Bayonnais, Haiti. The campaign ended with another sponsor drive on Sunday, February 10. We were able provide 35 new sponsorships as a result of the campaign. Thank you to the members, staff, and clergy at Myers Park United Methodist for your commitment and support of World of God.



On April 7th, Actionnel traveled to **First Presbyterian Myrtle Beach** for their Early Sabbath Service followed by Breaking Bread with Actionnel. During the service, Actionnel shared his call to start OFCB ministry how God has provided for OFCB growth through the help of churches and individuals in the US. The Rev. Dr. John Brearley tied his sermon on The Great Commission to Actionnel's words reminding the congregation that God calls us to "Go" and not just stay. After worship, Actionnel had an opportunity to share the work of OFCB and opportunities for churches to become connected with OFCB. After nine years, the visit was a wonderful opportunity for FPCMB to reconnect with OFCB and Actionnel.

On April 11 **members of SMPC** and others enjoyed hearing about our friends in Haiti from Actionnel and Kenold. They told us about new developments at the school, which now is in three locations and has 2,500 students. Actionnel expressed appreciation for SMPC's long term support since 1984.



Upcoming Mission Trips

Light of Christ UMC
April 27 - May 2, 2016

First Presbyterian Charlotte
May 12-17, 2016

Lake Norman Baptist Church
May 19-25, 2016

AVAILABLE FOR MISSION TRIP
May 31- June 7, 2016

If you are interested in joining a mission team in Bayonnais, Haiti, contact David Nichols at david5cents@aol.com.



*We have more children in need of sponsors,
we would love to talk to your church about hosting a campaign.
Contact Lindsay Gildea at Lindsay@worldofgod.org or 704-575-0062*

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