



# CHALLENGE

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## We Had Way Too Much Fun

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While around the Christmas table in 2015, I thought that there were few things for people of my age to do on Christmas Eve. The most common thing is to go to a disco and have few drinks and get drunk. Since then, I have been thinking and praying about a way to help some of them to have a better Christmas. God's answer was to plan a revival. The idea was quickly accepted by the church committee. A group of ladies from Sardis Presbyterian Church and from First Presbyterian Charlotte gave us \$1,500.00 to help with food and other expenses.

130 high school students gladly signed up to come. The college students in Port Au Prince had final exams, and therefore were not able to attend. The music director of the Church in Bayonnais, Mr. Facile Elisme and I planned a busy schedule to teach and entertain them.

Our first night started with a worship service. We learned new worship songs with a worship minister that Facile brought from Cap-Haitian, a former-College Classmate for him, and I talked about how to be faithful to God in all circumstances. David was unqualified; he became king. We all come from families who have a story like David, but if we truly believe in God and take our education seriously our lives will be a miracle.

Many students are frustrated about what is going on in their community. They all have dreams, but it seems impossible to make those dreams a reality. For the first time, I could hear how this generation is upset about what is going on the country. More than ever, they feel motivated to be successful in their small community. I could hear frustration and motivation. My heart was filled up with joy. The night was finished with hot bowls of pudding and prayers in their rooms.

The second day included exercise, a wonderful breakfast, worship service, conferences, games, and an outstanding celebration of Christmas Eve. The food was delicious; the youth stayed up until 3:00 in the morning playing music, singing, and laughing. Our weekend ended with a concert proclaiming the gospel and the importance of baby Jesus in this world.

My leaders and I feel that we really accomplished something because the campers had a lot social and spiritual moments. God's powerful spirit was present; the voice of high school students was heard.

They were able to spend quality in small groups by praying for each other and talking about their dreams and their future. I feel proud of what we accomplished. We helped the students to see the Gospel as fun and a way of life that sets people free. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was brought into many lives. One sentence can describe our week end: "We had way too much fun."





World of God welcome to Trinity UMC in Charlotte to our family.. They traveled to Bayonnais for the first time in December and sponsored a total of seven children!

### NEW!!! Gift Bayonnais Gift Catalog

New for 2017, World of God is adding an additional way to give. We are in the process of identifying gifts that are needed in Bayonnais and will have a gift catalog available for year-round giving. If you purchase the gift in honor of a loved one, we can send a card to your gift recipient and let them know of your generous gift.

This provides a vehicle for you to make a special gift in honor of a friend or family member for a birthday, anniversary or graduation or for holidays like Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparents Day, etc.

Stay tuned for more information on this new way to donate to Bayonnais, Haiti!

### Actionnel in the Charlotte area

May 5-15, 2017

If you would like to host Actionnel at your church, please contact Eleanor Norman at 757-968-3813 or [eleanor@worldofgod.org](mailto:eleanor@worldofgod.org)



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### UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS:

Feb 8-15: Montreat Presbyterian

Feb 22-Mar 1: FPC Florence

Mar 8-15: Myers Park UMC

Mar 22-29: First Presbyterian Charlotte

A complete list of upcoming trips can be found on our website: <http://www.worldofgod.org/MissionTrips.php>

If you would like to travel to Bayonnais with one of these groups or to plan your own trip, please contact Lindsay Gildea at [Lindsay@worldofgod.org](mailto:Lindsay@worldofgod.org) or 704-907-5391

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### Thank you for the Christmas Gifts!

Our friends at OFCB are sending a special thank you your way for the generous gifts they received over Christmas. In addition to donations made through local churches, donations made through World of God included 36 Avocado trees, 23 mango trees, 13-30 lb bags of beans, 36-25 lb bags of rice and monetary donations. Total value of \$2,160. Thank you!!!