



# CHALLENGE

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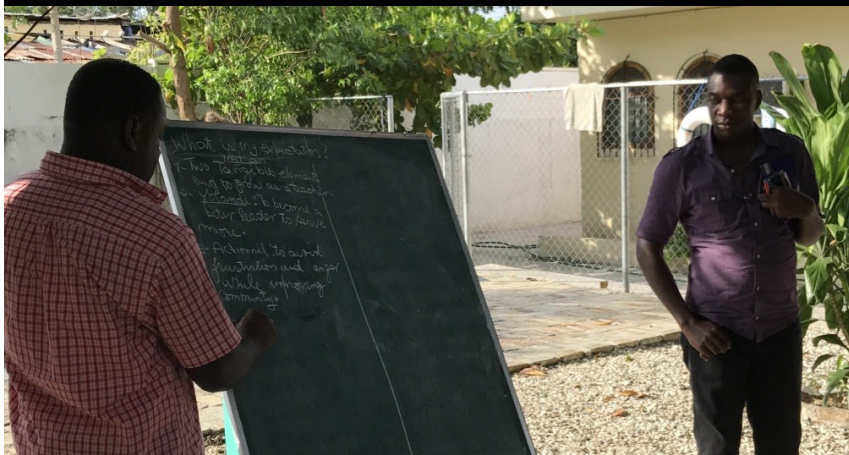
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## WHY AM I HERE?"

This was the first question that we asked when 10 leaders from Bayonnais met in Port au Prince with Nathan Arledge, Minister of Missions at Myers Park United Methodist Church (which co-sponsored the workshop); Dow Bauknight, Chairperson of World of God; and Missy Parker, volunteer for World of God. The workshop was "Leadership Capacity - Building the Next Generation of Leaders for Bayonnais" July 27-29.

The Haitians were very active in the workshop, leading discussions, recording answers, role playing to learn concepts like "Be the Message" and questioning each other in friendly dialogue.

Presly, World of God worker, and Charlesen, Elementary School Principal, are recording answers from the group to "What is my expectation from the Workshop?"



We started with Foot Washing, to remind all of us that, as Leaders we are here to serve.

We role played, we learned. "Be Authentic [and be vulnerable]." "I Am the Message." The Way We Treat Each Other Affects Them, Their Family, Bayonnais, Haiti, and the World." "Listen." "Celebrate." "Acknowledge [others]."



Kenold, Headmaster of all school campuses, washing the feet of Yolande, Head of Guest House.

### Bethesda clinic

This article is to introduce you to Fegens Saint-Louis. Fegens graduated at the top of his class from the OFCB High School (College Classic de Bayonnais) in 2012. In the 13th grade, he received the highest score in the Haitian National Exams in the state of Artibonite. He entered medical school in January 2013 at Université Quisqueya (Quisqueya University). After a successful course of study Fegens expects to graduate in the December, 2018. After that he will spend one year doing an internship and one year in social service. The location of these years as well as his residency will be determined by the Haitian medical board. All of his education and training is expected to be in Haiti. After completing his basic medical training Fegens would like to further his education, specializing in infectious diseases. His long term goal is to do research in order to contribute to eradicating infectious diseases such as AIDS, Cholera, Tuberculosis, etc. in the poorest countries like Haiti.

7) Wallace  
 To enrich my knowledge and learn more how to live with friends.

8) Alderin  
 Learn to serve better

9) Vanel!  
 I'm here to enrich my knowledge about leadership

Answers to the question, "Why am I here?", were from the heart. The answers from Wallace, Alderin and Vanel (left) sum up pretty well what the group came for and what they achieved.

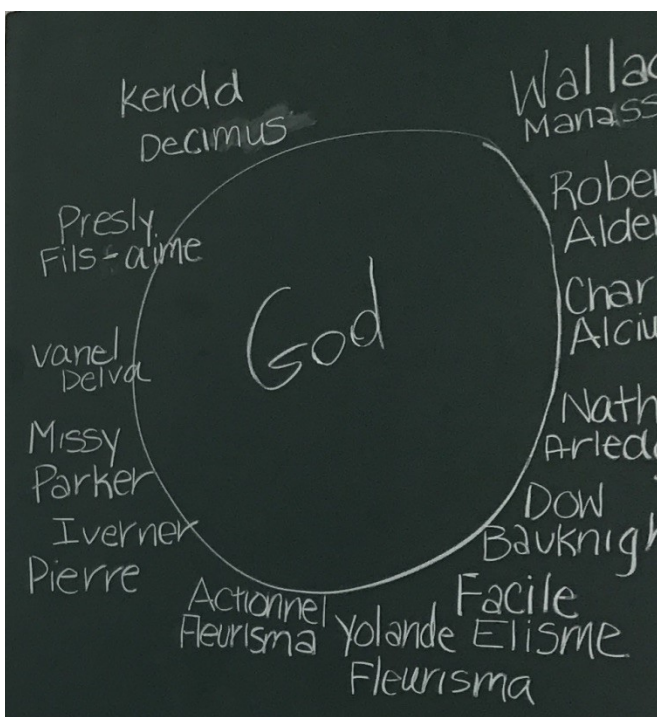
The wrap up to the workshop was Communion – to remind us that we are forgiven and renewed, the reading of the Covenant – which the Haitians developed amongst themselves, and Commissioning – to celebrate the accomplishments of the group.

At the airport, I asked Nathan, "So what happened?" His answer: "The group absorbed into their very souls the teachings from the workshop. They left with energy, and they are already better leaders."

Postscript: Actionnel and I talk frequently about what concepts each individual is practicing, how the group is working together to buoy each other up, and what is different. Each time, he shares with me specific interactions where he and others are employing the new way of being. In a recent conversation, when Actionnel said, "Hello, Dow" I heard something in the background and asked, "What was that?" He laughed and said, "Oh, that was Yolande reminding me, 'Be Authentic!'" Sure evidence that the concepts have taken hold!!

**Note:**

Actionnel and his team are committed to this course and a small group of us are committed to continuing these workshops every two to three months. If this is something that you are interested in learning more about, please email Dow at [dowbauknight@worldofgod.org](mailto:dowbauknight@worldofgod.org).



Leadership workshop attendees

Sidson's surgery was successful and he is recovering nicely at the home.