



CHALLENGE

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

Supporting our family through our work is freedom.

(Excerpts from Actionnel's Speech to Congregation, Sunday, October 22, after Entrepreneur Graduation on Friday, October 20)

November 18, 2017, will make it 214 years since 1803 when the chain of slavery was broken – the big fight [Slaves rising up against the French]. Let me tell you this morning I am not talking as a history teacher. This morning I am talking about the history of Haiti – what I have learned in school and what I have read in a book. There are several facts regarding 1804 and the Slave Hiding System. In the Hiding System, the slaves would hide in mountains. Then, during the night they would go to the valley, get what they wanted, set fire to the plantations, and poison the water to kill the French. That system was not enough to gain freedom. In order to succeed they had to come together and agree on something. November 18, Boukman in Cap-Haitien called the slaves together, to make a decision. The outcome changed the trajectory for Haiti.



Inaugural Entrepreneur Workshop, Bayonnais, Haiti. October 15 – 20, 2017. Graduation Picture

Christmas Gifts for the Children of Bayonnais



Each year we receive questions from sponsors about Christmas gifts for sponsored children. Since there is no mail service to Bayonnais, we have no good method for sending gifts and are dependent upon teams traveling from the USA. For this reason we ask that you send only small gifts that will fit into a standard business envelope. It would be thoughtful and will be greatly appreciated by the children if they receive greeting cards and photographs of you and your family.

We want to thank you for your kind thoughts not only during Christmas, but throughout the year and for your support of the children of Bayonnais and World of God.

For ¼ century we [Bayonnais] have been working on a revolution. But we have not gone straight; we have just been beating around the bush. We think we are free. We are not. People are leaving family for other countries for other opportunities. And ruining family relationships. We can't put food on the table, we can't pay the doctor. Even on January 1st, our Day of independence in Haiti, we cannot even put food on our table. Since Thursday, 10/12/2017, we have had 3 people from the US. Two have already left. Since 10/12/2017, 37 Haitians have come together to get knowledge. Philosophy. Now we need to put it into practice. We need to create jobs. We need to create businesses.

At this time, I would like to talk about entrepreneurs. We already have entrepreneurs in our community.

1. Kenold's mother. Lots of hardship. She keeps moving. Bakes and sells Haitian pies and soft drinks – like a small restaurant.
2. Jamene, down the road. He sells soft drinks, batteries for flashlights.
3. Madam Dima sells shoes.
4. Eli Bon has a business as well.

And many more. You entrepreneurs are not a slave to anybody. And I am sure that you have faced hardship as entrepreneurs.... I am glad for you to be doing business. That way you are free and are not a slave to anybody. I am sure that you guys have not had enough to employ other people, but at least you have created jobs for yourselves.

Now I am asking the ones who took the Entrepreneur course to stand up. You are creating your own freedom by creating a business. And we are talking about this morning not only to start your own business but to also to hire other people. Now I would like for those participating in the program to please stand so that everyone can see you. I count 17 or 18 that are here. Please stand up to be seen. These are people [the ones who are standing] who will create businesses for themselves and also hire other people.

Now I am asking all of you [congregation] as a sign of appreciation to God and to these people to give them a hand. [Clapping.] Thank you so very much. And I ask all of you to Stand up, Stand up for Jesus. The fight is not over yet; we need to stand up; we need to stand up.



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