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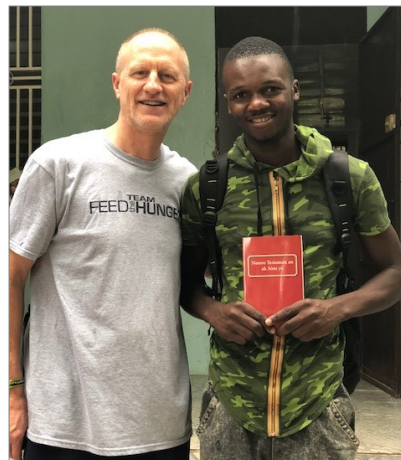
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Inspirational Stories to Ignite your Passion

Lake Norman Baptist Church in Huntersville traveled to Bayonnais in March. Their team members felt the presence of God in many ways. Their stories are moving, we've shared some below.

My trip to Haiti was my first international trip. It really opened my eyes and my heart to the remoteness and the needs there. Worshiping with the folks, even with the language barrier was wonderful. We were privileged to participate in an in home prayer service for a sick member. There were prayers, singing and scripture reading over and over. It was inspiring! The children at the school were eager to learn despite walking long distances and often being hungry. I was excited to see the improvements in the village with the clinic and mercantile doing well. Actionnel and his support staff were open and made us very very much at home in the guest house. Blessings, Marty Helton



Sometimes the "quick purchase" is not the correct long-term solution.

Lake Norman Baptist Church was inspired to suggest that purchasing land would be a strategy to reduce the amount of food that needs to be purchased for the school.

Rather than returning to NC and raising funds, they listened to what God put on their hearts.

They quickly realized the concept requires much development and a plan that includes far more than just buying land. Things such what type of equipment would be needed to work the land, workers needed, funds needed to plant initial crops etc. They are committed to engaging in these discussions in a meaningful way but have not firmly committed to funding a land purchase at this point.

The children stand out being strong, enduring, curious, joyous, well mannered, ever present and ever loving. Haitian children have such beautiful spirits and loving hearts. Many with one or no living parents, little to eat yet hundreds arriving eagerly and promptly for school in their small uniforms with books in hand, washed in a creek and feeling joyful for the privilege to enter the school to study, learn and help each other and adults at every possible opportunity. Many of these little men and ladies hike for hours to be an important part of their community with eyes like radars searching for ways to contribute all they can which is most significant to their community where children are the great majority.

Then at noon comes school lunch, the feast of a few ounces of rice and beans to power them up until lunch tomorrow unless it is Friday and for very many the next meal must wait until Monday.

These children of our Lord are the future; so faith, hope and love is alive in the Bayonnais Valley. The over 500 sponsors of these fine people defying the odds are a true blessing. Yet 2,500 children need to be sponsored.

“Let the little children come to me, and Do Not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

John Jones



Young man toting water to his mother from a mud puddle with ducks, he dreams of clean water and school if made possible.



This was my first trip to Haiti. I had met a boy from Bayonnais and had spoken to several whom had visited there. I was amazed with the passion and closeness of the people there. I was able to truly see their struggles and see how they have been overcoming things at the same time. The kids there are amazing to get to know and seem so eager to learn. I was blessed to have been there and will go back. Tim McNeil, LNBC

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



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