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## CMSHNEWSLETTER 2018

### FAITH HERO'S

In every family, institutions, and nations there are Heroes. We are Christians who build the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all of us are Heroes. A Hero is someone who fights to defend his or her faith, his or her religion to protect his family, to keep their heritage forever. We may have underestimated our force and power we represent right now on Earth. We fight day by day the spirit-forces that go against Christ. It is our task to keep the Church of Christ alive in the World. We embrace the Great Commission. We are preaching all over the World. We have not hidden our belief from anyone. Therefore, we are the elect of God, and we are the Heroes in the God Army.

#### Mission Priorities

We have 3 three great priorities:

- Churches with Evangelizations Radio TV Program,
- Schools in two of our Churches it will be Three in September
- Orphanage – LOGIC.



### **Our First Priority is Evangelism Among the Haitian People**

These activities keep the Board Busy 24/7, I am on the field and active with them daily. I send updated reports to Jim and Beverly almost every day. Some time I contact some of our supporters directly. The School budget is a heavy task for us with 28 teachers salaries to pay. Our goal is to care for those children, give them an education with a Christian base, and to educate and equip them to continue with the Church for tomorrow. We, teach them love and compassion.

An important aspect of the Missions Ministry is Bro. Lusma's evangelization through the outreach of radio and TV programs. They have been and are our best outreach program. We had a regularly scheduled spot on the Radio and TV, but often we didn't have the funds to pay for the air time cost. We bought our own radio station transmitters, but they burned up and are not repairable. They emit a very dangerous electrical shock. What we have now is a small one. If we

do not use the air time, the government will give our frequency to someone else. Brother Lusma believes so strongly in this ministry, and its valuable outreach that he has been paying for it himself. The radio is a great boost for our evangelization in Les Cayes. The number of callers that follow up on his teaching on his shows is a true work of God.



### **Our second priority is the Schools**

We currently have two schools operating, and plan this fall to open a third school.

We praise God this year we were able to provide food in our school, but it brought another cost with it. We are blessed to receive food from for the *Food for The Poor* organization, But we did not have enough money to pay people to prepare it, nor did we have money to buy materials and all thing to eat the food. Because of this, we have made it our priority to put the school's second in our budget in 2018. It is important to us to at least pay each of the teachers \$60 per Month. This means that at \$60 per month for 28 teachers times 12



months, comes out to \$20,160 for one year. That doesn't include the others expenses in the school. This is why we need folks to sponsor this vital need of the School. Could you as a church, missions committee, Sunday School class, youth program, or family consider covering the cost of one or more of our teachers? Whatever you can do on a monthly basis or a one time basis will be a great blessings to our school.

### **Our third priority is to the Churches** associated with Christian Mission South Haiti.

We are assisting and in some ways overseeing ten churches now. That includes financial assistance for their ministers. Many of our congregations are small, and since there is little employment in South Haiti because there is no work available, they cannot survive without our assistance. We are still at 98% unemployment in South Haiti.

Hurricane Matthew in 2016 severely damaged or completely destroyed six of our Church building. Since then, we have been able to repair only three of them through the support we received through IDES and others. The Chalette building was completely destroyed. The Savanette building's roof was completely lost and half of one wall was also gone. At Renaudin there was nothing left to even salvage as the entire town was totally destroyed. The Mangnant

building was completely made useless. At Bergeaud, the school and church had roof damage and other repair work required to open again. Praise God, we were able to fix the Bergeaud building and school, We also repaired the Mangnant building. Also repairs to the St Martin and St Jean building have been done. The Renaudin building is half way rebuilt now. We have more work to do on the Charlette, Savanette and Renaudin buildings. We feel the need to finish repairing them, as our second priority.

Many of our members are very poor because there is no employment. Most of our churches are struggling financially and some aren't able to pay their monthly expenses. This is where Christian Mission South Haiti works to help them with their expenses. We still have families living under tarps and in unbelievable make shift shelters. Many of them are living desperate lives. They lost everything in the hurricane and still have in some cases not even the bare essentials to survive. To such brethren we are their heroes. Any way we can help and assist our brothers and sisters there and their families, we rejoice to do that. We implore you to join with us in this survival times ministry to them. We are the hero's for Christ to them. It is urgent that we find a way to do more for brothers and sisters in that deep poverty here in South Haiti, and around the World.



**Our LOGIC Program:** LOGIC means "Letting Orphans Grow In Community". This overwhelming need in Haiti to aid and assist children in desperate and dire straits has always been a part of the work of Christian Mission South Haiti. You cannot visit Haiti, without seeing and feeling this great need all over Haiti. In James 1: 27, we learn we must take care the orphans, in order to show our religion to pure and unblemished. For that reason, we ran an orphanage for many years. It became very costly to house, feed, educate, and staff our orphanage. It was always a heavy financial burden. We built an orphanage building that we could care for around 100 children. Before the hurricane we had closed the building ministry down, and set up the LOGIC program wherein we placed orphans and children in serious need in homes and then gave a monthly support amount to the family.

Hurricane Matthew destroyed every home where we had placed children. Sad to say many of those homes are not repairable, and thus the children have no place to stay. At this point, we believe we must reopen the orphanage in Savanette. The roof of the building was and is still destroyed. Hence we need to repair the roof and restore the lost and necessary items to open the orphanage building. If God gives us the power, and support, we hope to reopen it to bring life for that community and for new Children.

As we have watched and followed some of our former orphans move into adulthood, many of them need further education and job training. There is still an unbelievable need for orphanage care in South Haiti. Our estimate to re-open the building will be around \$6,000.. Again, this is where Hero's for Christ are so needed. We bring that to you the Hero of Christ for you to think about.



## **Haitian Esport Ministry**

My name is Alex Lusma, I graduated from Johnson University of Kissimmee, Florida, last year. In my own personal search of finding God, and the ministry that he wanted me to pursue, he brought me back to Haiti. The condition for the younger generation have been deteriorating for decades, and the church saw a need and way encouraged and blessed by the elders to make an impact towards the younger generation. Many youth in Haiti have turned away from the church, and thus sadly from Christ. The old way of the church created a spiritual barrier that many youths shy away from. The younger generation in many cases cannot be reached by the gospel of Christ. As a result of this this has greatly contributed towards the nation's insecurities and violence. Therefore, I established a ministry, the Haitian Esport Ministry (H.E.M) that incorporates the joy of sharing the gospel of Christ Jesus to the youth and through the game of soccer. I coach these young men and work with them as well to introduce them to Jesus, and then to baptize them and teach them about what Christ has done for them and what he will do through them.

## **Update on IRS 501c3 Status**

Due to our misunderstanding that the Not-For-Profit 501c3 paperwork that we filed in Florida, we were unaware of the need to file additional 990 forms with the Federal government. As a result of that inaction on our part, the IRS has withdrawn our 501c3 membership status. Our President Jim Johnston is in contact with the IRS and is currently gathering the information they need to reinstate our not-for-profit 501c3 status. He is filing form 1023. We have to reapply with the proper paperwork and required information. An IRS agent has answered the questions for him, and he is now filing the proper papers and getting the financial information they require. The form will be re-filed this month. Please pray that we are reinstated soon after that.

## **We Deeply Appreciate Our Many Churches, Families and Individuals who support the Mission and Work of Christian Mission South Haiti.**

We know God is blessing you through your blessing us to bless those we are privileged to minister to for him in South Haiti.

As you can see from this update, our commitment to the Lord and to his work in South Haiti is vitally important. It is with heartfelt concern and awareness of the deep needs we face daily in South Haiti that we are thanking you for your support and encouraging you to help us find others who can support our ministry. Blessings to you.