



International Faith Missions

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Another Year... Past or Beginning?



How you answer this question depends on your attitude and outlook on life. I guess there is value in a combination of both. We need to reflect on the past year enough to learn from our mistakes and experiences but need to be careful we don't dwell on the past so much that we miss opportunities in the new year.

Reflecting: 2017 has been a good year for us at IFM though it wasn't without difficulties. We have seen God's hand proven mighty in many ways. He has seen fit to protect our team members in the varied, daily tasks they carry out as well as in the required travel to, from, and on the island. We also thank God for the health of each one. The different areas of ministry have been blessed by God's hand. We have seen the clinic grow in number of patients and also in quality of care provided. The Siloe school has been providing a top quality education to young people in Fond Parisien. Every Child School is running smoothly for a second year since we've began working with them. They are providing a very necessary service

in the community of Soliette. The Water of Life church is growing, maturing, and looking forward to ordaining additional leaders in the future. In the Dominican Republic, the church continues to mature and minister in the surrounding community.

We are grateful to God for his provisions for IFM. Thank you to you, our faithful supporters for your prayers and gifts to the work God is doing through IFM. I like to think of IFM as a team built of God, those on the field, and our supporters. Without any of these parts, the team will not be effective. We each have a different but very necessary role.

Looking forward: 2018 lays before us like a fresh field of snow, we have the privilege of making tracks in it. Our choices will dictate where those tracks lead. We can choose to follow the path God would give us or we chart our own course. The outcomes of those two choices will be very different and have eternal consequences. We can choose to work a path directed by pride, greed, materialism, and selfishness or we can walk God's path

with humility, sharing, service, and selflessness.

Following God is not the easy, often followed path of society around us. We must give up our personal goals, comforts, and desires to fit into His will and plan for our lives. The sacrifice is great, so great that most will not choose it. The benefits and blessings though are beyond our comprehension. Giving one's life in service to God's work reaps a harvest of unexpected rewards.

I would leave you with these questions: Will you follow the path of least resistance in the year to come or are you willing to radically follow God's path wherever it leads? Complacency by definition is simply doing what we've always done without expending effort to change. Radical faith requires following God's call wherever it leads.

~Durwin Miller



Our Haiti Team

Children's Home



Andrew, Andrea, Isaiah, Sebastian Byler



Judnay



Davensky



Barb Stoltzfus



Nathalie



Lona



Lovenie

Mission Compound



Jaclyn, Madison, Maria, Darrel, Anya, Liliana Herschberger

PRAY!



Janice LaRochelle



Jenny Bontrager

WRITE!



Keith Martin

VISIT!



Amy Yoder



Ellen Schmucker

CALL!

Our DR Team



Tom and Laurie Mohler

Our newest DR vehicle
Thank you to all who gave!



Kiko and Vicki Perez

2018 Haiti Employee Banquet



IFM employs about 84 people in Haiti. All were invited to bring a guest along for the banquet. About 60 employees were able to attend.

There was a lot of food and preparation that went into lunch but it was appreciated by all. The food was excellent and delicious.

It was good to be able to see the faces of those whom our employ benefits. Statistics say that there are about 10 people depending on each employed person in Haiti. Multiplication like that spreads the work of IFM much further than one would imagine.



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MISSION NEEDS

Staff Needs:

- ♦ General administrator—general oversight of all IFM work in Haiti. Right away!
- ♦ Medical administrator—oversight of all IFM medical work. Right away!
- ♦ General maintenance person. Right away!
- ♦ Children's home house parents—2018
- ♦ Mission house parents—Right away

**If you are sensing a call to serve please contact us.*

Material Needs:

- ♦ Student sponsors for the Every Child School—\$25/month
- ♦ Funds for general operating expense.
- ♦ Fund for completion of the school addition—\$10,000

Any specified donations received over the present need will be used for a similar cause. All donations are tax deductible.

MISSION NEWS

- November 25th IFM held a Christmas/appreciation banquet for all of our Haitian employees. It was a neat time to bless those who work hard for us. Nearly 60 of our 85 employees attended.
- A new truck for the DR was purchased.
- Preparations are underway for the 2018 pastors seminars scheduled for December.
- The Water of Life church is making plans to ordain more leaders in the spring.
- Another year of Haiti Benefit Auctions has passed. Thank you to all who helped in any way make each sale a success. We appreciate the HBA funding we receive.