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# International Faith Missions

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## *The Lord Needs You...*

*And so do we!*

**H**ave you ever felt as though the Lord was testing your faith? Did it seem like your prayers just weren't being heard? Sometimes, the Lord does test our faith. Sometimes, He does give us a "Wait!" answer. Our timing is not always God's timing. We see needs and pray for solutions. In our minds, we expect that God's timing is the same as ours and the urgency we feel is what He should be feeling.

Here's the lesson the Lord has been teaching me. We need to remember we don't see the whole picture and often don't know the whole story. Our all-knowing God always answers in the best way at the right time. Let's not lose faith in God just because He isn't answering on our schedule. Let's be amazed and humbled when He answers in His time because it's perfect.

We are still looking to fill open positions at IFM. Some of those positions have been open for several years, some critical positions are opening in the next weeks and months. We are praying and trusting that God's timing is perfect. We are encouraged that there are some people interested in some of the openings and pray that the details can be worked out for them to serve in Haiti.

Please continue to pray with us for these needs and if the Lord is prompting you to serve in missions let us know. Wouldn't it be exciting if God would use you to answer prayer?

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### 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—Right away!
- ♦ Children's home house parents—Summer 2018
- ♦ Mission house parents—Right away!
- ♦ School teacher—Fall 2018

## *Work Opportunity*

**W**e have a couple of opportunities for work teams. One of the projects is a new restroom building for patients at our clinic. Our clientele at the clinic have out grown the basic pit toilet that was sufficient originally.

We are able to accommodate teams of up to 15 people. If you know of a group interested in working in Haiti on a short term work team please let us know.



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# Team News!

## Farewell!



Thank you to Jenny Bontrager for her help around the mission. She started out by teaching at our children's home school for a school year. She then returned to help out with domestics and anything else that needed done.

Jenny, your smile and willing spirit was a blessing and brightened many days. God bless as you go with Him! We pray that you will walk with Him and continue to bless others.



## Thank You!

- ♦ To the numerous short-term folks who have visited the mission to help out! Some of you were there for a week or two others a couple of months. Your help was very much appreciated. It often assisted in catching up on one thing or another.
- ♦ To the various Haiti Benefit Auctions, the boards, committees, donors, and sale-day volunteers that work so hard to make the auctions happen. We realize the amazing amount of work that goes in to a sale and deeply appreciate the effort and sacrifice of those involved.
- ♦ To our donors that make the work of IFM possible through your donations and prayers.
- ♦ To the Lord whose work we are trying to accomplish. Without His direction, prompting, and provisions we would only be working in our own strength.

## Ambulance Project



Our ambulance has faithfully served the clinic since arriving in Haiti in 2009. Thanks to the many maintenance workers over the years it has been very reliable. Years on the roads in Haiti have taken its toll though and now it's time to retire it.

We need funding to replace it with an used 4x4 Land Cruiser type vehicle. These are very rugged vehicles designed to hold up in the extremes of the third world.

Our vision is, that with the proper vehicle, we will be able to serve the underserved mountain regions near the mission.

The \$30,000 price tag looks daunting but with the Lord and our faithful supporters we trust we'll soon be able to have another ambulance to serve the clinic for many more years. Will you Help?



# IFM Pastor's Seminars 2018



*IFM's 6th annual pastor's seminar in Haiti was very much enjoyed and appreciated once again. The seminar was held in two different locations. The first week of Seminars was held in Robia as usual. The 2nd week of seminar is normally held at Badi but this years Robia and Badi agreed to combine and the second seminar was at a new location in Marre Roseau. Both seminars had an attendance of around 150 for a total of 300.*

*One of the questions/discussions that came out of the sessions was whether or not Christians should be involved in politics. I don't know how familiar you are with Haitian politics but it's a very relevant discussion for this country. Many people are involved and here politics tend to be more about what you can get and less about what you have to offer. Another discussion was on the question of 'mariage plomb'. I had never heard of this practice before so I'm guessing that it happens more in the mountains but the basic idea is that if they catch two young people in fornication they call the pastor and have him marry them on the spot. They also discussed church people being involved in voodoo—it happens quite a bit, especially when someone gets sick. If their Christian walk is weak or if they're afraid that someone put a curse on them they will often resort to going to a witch-doctor. Another very relevant discussion was about a pastor leading his church all by himself.*

*We were happy with the turn out and with the interest and participation at both seminars.*





Lots of hard work goes on behind the scenes and these are the guys helping coordinate everything as well as a group picture with the speakers

All the helpers (besides the local cooks) are from the IFM church (L'eau de Vie) here in Fond Parisien.





# Peyi Pou Kris

## Seminar

Simeon Schankster and Dinean Cadet both taught on 'The difference between Praise and Worship'. Neither of them could be there for the whole seminar so they only did half a week each.



*Pastor Jule Carlot taught for the first time here at the seminar on 'Pastoral Ethics'. His subject was most voted as a favorite.*

*Sujet spoke on 'How a leader should lead his family'.*

*Pastor Raleigh Rhodes from Virginia taught on 'Confession and Repentance'. He used a form of teaching called 'Tell the Story'. It's a simple but effective method of teaching that involves the audience in thinking through the lessons of a simple story. We believe it was especially good for the illiterate pastors.*





# Marre Roseau

## Seminar



Thank you to Wismith and Rebecca Joseph for this write-up and also for helping organize and coordinate the seminars this year.



# Water of Life Church



The church at the mission is preparing for the selection and ordination of two new pastors to form a leadership team to assist Pastor Voltaire. The date is set for May 3rd through the 6th for those meetings. Please pray for the congregation as they play their part in the selection of additional leadership. Also, pray for those who will be helping lead the church in this process. Our prayer is that the Lord will bring forth leaders that will help the church grow and mature.

## School News



We are excited to be using the four new class rooms at our Siloe school. After many years of having classes in the church sanctuary and outside in a tent, we now have class rooms for each of the classes again.

Thank you for those of you who donated time or money to this project. The school administration and students are grateful to have real classrooms!



## Sponsorships



Would you be interested in sponsoring a student in our Every Child School? Our sponsorship program allows students to attend school at no or minimal cost based on their family's financial ability.

Each year we see some sponsors discontinue for varied reason. This means there is always opportunity for new sponsors to join.

This is the second school year we are working with the Every Child School and things are going well. Our goal is to get enough sponsorships to restart the meal program that was discontinued a number of years ago.

There is a very real need there for a school meal program. The area is agriculturally dependent so certain times of the year some families are not able to afford food for the children. Prior to harvest we have students arriving so weak from the walk that they are unable to study. Some are too weak to stand and the teachers are forced to use their resources to purchase snack items for the students.

**Will you consider helping with the schools so we will be able to offer a hot meal at the Every Child School for \$25/month? If you're interested, fill the form on the last page and send it to us.**



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## Mission needs

### Material Needs:

- ◆ Student sponsors for the Every Child School—\$25/month
- ◆ Funds for general operating expense.
- ◆ Funds to replace the ambulance—\$30,000
- ◆ Funds for the new clinic bathrooms—\$5,000

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

### Sponsorship Application

Information we need...

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female preference: M \_\_\_\_\_ or F \_\_\_\_\_  
(we will honor this selection if possible)

Number of students to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

A photo of your student or students will be sent  
when we process this application.

Thank you,

May God bless!

Mail to:

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