



# International Faith Missions

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## Youth Seminars 2018

*Fond Parisien and Peyi Pou Kris*

This is the 6th youth seminar that IFM has hosted in Fond Parisien. There were 200 youth from 25 different churches present. It is energizing but tiring for the team who work to plan, organize, and implement several days of intense study on pertinent topics for the youth.

By God's grace, we are making a difference in the lives of many young people. We are blessed to hear the testimonies of some of the young folks.

There was even a cornhole competition between churches to relive the stress of class.

This year's topics were:



- A Christian's Responsibility towards God's Creation—Mike Martin
- Moral Purity—Jule Carlot and Rebecca Joseph
- Leadership and Entrepreneurship—Jazque Maurice
- The Responsibility of Youth in the Church—Pete Garber
- The Difference Between the Early Church and Today's Church—Merazantan Desire
- Eschatology—Bigot Luxenor

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## Ambulance Update

We have purchased a Toyota Land Cruiser to replace the old ambulance. Thank you to those who donated toward this project. Unfortunately we didn't receive enough funds for this project and were forced to utilize some from our general operating budget. Any donations toward replacing that money would be greatly appreciated. We will also have some extra expense in having it lettered and purchasing equipment.



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*Farewell!*

# Team News!



Jaelyn, Madison, Maria, Darrel, Anya, and Liliana Herschberger

**T**hank you to Darrel and Maria Herschberger. They have completed their two year term and returned to central Illinois. Their hard work, warm hospitality, and care at IFM was a big blessing. Their love for people was easily seen in the way they cared for the single staff as well as visitors to the mission house. The girls kept the compound lively and interesting. We wish them God's blessing as they continue serving Him.

**A**ndrew and Andrea Byler worked tirelessly in the Children's Home for the past three years. They returned home to western PA last month. Their steady influence, care, and love has been a light in the lives of the children who have encountered abuse, rejection, and instability. Drew's work in the yard is very evident and the "fruits" of that work is a very tangible blessing in the children's home. Thank you for investing so much into the lives of our children. We wish God's blessing as they serve Him however He calls them.



Isaiah, Andrea, Andrew, and Sebastian Byler

*Welcome*

**B**rad and Angela Wagler come to IFM from Westlock, Alberta. They along with their son Tarquin are taking the Byler's place in the Children's Home and will be working alongside Barb. Brad is a welder and bit of a-jack-of-all-trades while Angela is a homemaker and medical transcriptionist. Tarquin is an inquisitive nine year old with a love of reading. We are excited and blessed that they are willing to invest in the children's home and look forward to working with them in the future.



Brad, Tarquin, and Angela Wagler

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# Pastor Ordination



We were blessed to walk with the Water of Life church through the process of ordaining two new pastors to form a leadership team.

along with Voltaire, are giving leadership to the believers in the Water of Life church.

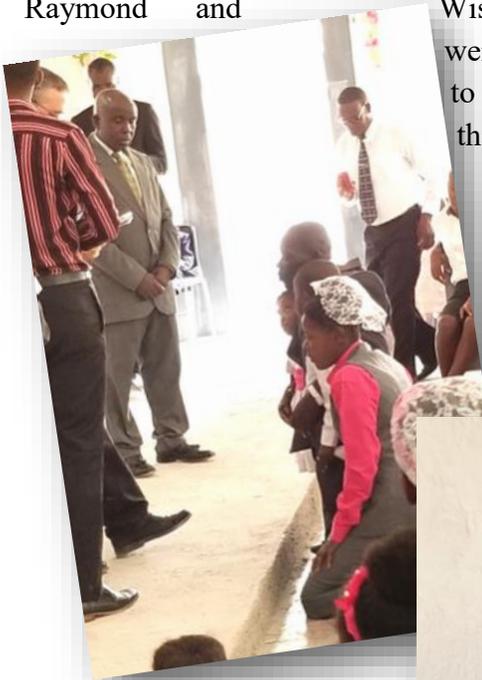
The ordination was a beautiful service with various groups blessing us with special singing. A highlight was a choir from the church that sang beautifully.

Please pray for the leadership team as they learn to work together utilizing each other's strengths to serve Christ and the church.

The path started two years prior when the church asked the mission to assist them with doctrinal teaching and ordination. Dan Schmucker and Pete Garber took leadership in offering Biblical teaching and helping the congregation with the ordination.

The Holy Spirit moved clearly through the brotherhood to choose two brothers to serve alongside Pastor Voltaire. Brothers Raymond and

Wismith were chosen to serve as pastors in the church. They,



# Thoughts from the Herschbergers

Hello to each and every one of you all! As I sit here and think about what to write, I have many memories of the past couple years. Our family had the privilege of serving in Haiti the past two years. I'm really amazed at how God led and directed us as we served there! We really enjoyed our time in Haiti (although not without its challenges).

While there we made many new friends (Haitian and American) and completely experienced life in a way we never realized possible! I guess I'll try to share some of our experiences, although I'm not sure how I can sum up our time in this short article.



One memorable experience, my wife (Maria) and I got to hike the tallest mountain in Haiti. Talk about an exhausting day...but getting to the peak was amazing. We could see the beautiful views and we really began to realize Haiti has lots of natural beauty! A few others were trips to the Dominican Republic, seeing the Citadel, visiting the beach a

few times, and Pine Forest. We learned quickly travelling in Haiti was a little more challenging than in the US.

One of our biggest challenges was learning a new language (Haitian Creole), but as we began to learn the language, we really began to appreciate the culture. They are a very warm and friendly people. Most of them really enjoy just sitting down and talking about what's going in their lives.

My wife still misses going to the market. Buying produce in Haiti is a social event. Sometimes she would buy from 8 to 12 ladies and get to talk and interact with each one. Here in the states we go to the grocery store, get everything we need, and pay one person without hardly talking to anyone.

Another thing I had to think about was how all the children I talked to loved going to school, and I talked to a lot of them. One child in the mountains really made an impression on me. She would walk 2 hours to school in the morning, and 2 hours home in the afternoon, and was so happy she could go to school. If that had been me, I would have been

complaining about my hardships, but I will never forget her thankfulness in being able to get an education. She was also very thankful for all those involved in sending money to make this possible.

I also enjoyed the young boys who came around to visit. I had the opportunity to spend lots of time talking to



them, and trying to explain why you do not do certain things, and how Jesus is the one we are responsible to. We also spent time in the shop building small projects together. They loved to come in and help, using all the tools we had.

We did enjoy the church services. It took a while to feel like we understood much of the preaching, but we always enjoyed worship and singing. Another thing we enjoyed was Friday evening church services held in the community. It usually got dark shortly after they started so we'd try to read the words in our songbooks by a phone or a moto light.

The clinic is also doing a great service in the community. Many lives are touched everyday, treating things like high blood pressure, doing wound care, diabetes, and many other things. Sometimes as many as over 200 patients will be treated in a day. Many people travel a long distance to come there. Some walk several hours while others spend lots of time on public transportation. We had the privilege of hosting some patients a few times, when the clinic went too late, or they needed to see the doctor the next morning. They were always very thankful for the simple accommodations.

We as a family, feel blessed to have served with many great people from many different backgrounds. We've enjoyed working with each of our fellow-laborers at IFM, and have learned from each one. We treasure our memories of times spent together and friendships made. I can say to anyone feeling God's call on your life to serve there, you will be blessed, stretched, encouraged, challenged, and probably never be the same. God is good, and always faithful! Thanks to each one for your prayers and support to the team at IFM!

~Darrel

# IFM Youth Seminars



The seminar in Peyi Pou Kris was a refreshing 3 days of enjoying fresh mountain air, beautiful views, and blessings of interaction with young people. Topics were similar to those in Fond Parisien but we had a number of different teachers.

These young people also learned the great game of cornhole as well as enjoyed meals cooked over an open fire.

We were very happy with the participation and the questions that the young people were asking. We challenged them in many areas. Only eternity can tell us all the results but I believe that many lives are changed completely as a result of God working through the seminar. It's a blessing to hear testimonies from the young people.



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### Material Needs:

- ◆ Student sponsors for the Every Child School—\$25/month
- ◆ Funds for general operating expense.
- ◆ Funds for the ambulance project
- ◆ Funds for the new clinic bathrooms—\$4,000

*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...

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Male or Female preference: M \_\_\_\_\_ or F \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of students to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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May God bless!

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