

# Thousand Hills Ministry

Oct & Nov 2019

I will praise the name of God with a song; I  
will magnify him with thanksgiving. Psalm;  
69-3s

## Happy Thanksgiving

### Dearest friends,

This season of Thanksgiving is a special time to remember those who are dear to us. While we thank God each day for his love and provision through you please know our hearts are filled with love for you, ALWAYS! Through your prayers and encouragement, your sacrificial and generous support you spur us on in ministry and give us courage to carry-on! God bless you for your part in **God's Kingdom service**. May you sense God's deepest joy as you follow *Jesus*.

With Affection, THM TEAM



### October team

Our ministry partner, Palmcroft church in Arizona sent a high school team to lead a VBS. Due to the extreme gas shortage our VBS location plans were altered. Our "plan" was to travel to a remote village about 45-minutes away, but we could not find enough gas for the travel. Instead we went to a new church plant 15-minutes away (pictured above).

This church plant serves a small village of approximately 2k people. On that Sunday the word went through the village that the church will host a VBS the next day and all children were invited. The majority of the people invited had no idea what a VBS was/is.

When the team arrived on Monday about 20 children were waiting for us. Much less than we planned, but as the day rolled on more and more children arrived and

also their parents! By lunchtime we had well over 100 hundred participating.

However, all of a sudden one important person was mysteriously absent, Ellen the church worship leader.

Ellen is a commanding God fearing woman that is obviously gifted and... she was absent all the morning long. I finally spotted her and asked her why she was excluding herself from the VBS. She told me that she was embarrassed, embarrassed because her church did not have benches for the children and missionaries to sit on. I was struck upon hearing this! As we chatted God reveled this as enemy business. Quickly I ensured Ellen that their hospitality was not our focus and she engaged leading the last hour of worship! Oh what a worship it was!

With all this going on we noticed adults looking over the fence watching the VBS. Some of the people looking on I learned were leaders in VOODOO and a voodoo priest actually lived one house away from the church! The spiritual battle occurring while the VBS was unfolding I assumed was epic! JESUS, the name above all names being shouted over roof-tops and a worship leader getting back in the fight!

At the end of the two-day VBS the church leaders told our team they were thankful and humbled at our participation. Thankful that we **saw value in them** to spend the little gas we did have to **visit them**. Pause to think about that. They asked several times why we would do that; Jesus, He is the Way the Truth and the Life and together we are all stronger and built-up!

The enemy tried to use shame over not having benches and God used a gas shortage to Glorify his name. This was not JUST a VBS this was an **offensive spiritual assault** God planned from the beginning of time. Eph 2:10





### Cafeteria/training center

The building is taking shape. It's exciting to see the progress and humbling to see how hard it is to construct this building. Four men work with picks and shovels and pick rock out of the side of a hill, shovel those rocks into a dump truck, dump it onsite, then shovel the same rocks to fill the foundation. Once filled, then the concrete slab was poured. These men worked bare foot. Walking over that huge bed of jagged rocks to pour yet another shovel full of rocks! Can you imagine doing that for a solid two months?

The **gas crisis** in Haiti has caused MAJOR problems for the country. Gas, if you can find it costs between \$6-7 per gallon US. OUCH!



Needless to say, this has resulted in **soaring prices**, on all items in Haiti, especially concrete. It also results in construction delays and total cost overruns. Life is hard in Haiti as it is and now this added. We have a construction meeting scheduled for mid-January to evaluate where we stand on the budget.

Men of the church are paid to construct this building. Jobs are created and a sense of ownership instilled. However, the stress they feel in trying to build the building in the current environment on budget is taxing. They want to deliver what they said can be done. It's not possible in this fluctuating environment. Simply finding enough gas to take a motorcycle from Cap to the job site took days.

The gas crisis is getting better. They can find gas, now just affording the higher prices

### Praise God

Thank you for your prayers. Kathy is doing very well after her hospital stays and surgery. God is Good all the time.



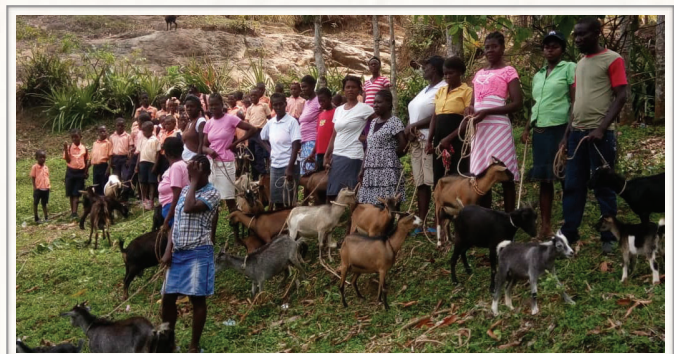
### Investing in leaders

Pastor Peter has been the associate Pastor of the church in Bois de Lance for over twenty-years and he is also a teacher in the seminary.

THM's partners are sending Pastor Peter to school in Cap Haitian to earn his masters degree in theology. This "big knowledge" will be passed on to all the seminary students. Thank you partners for this transformative investment.

### School in Grand Ravine

More and more families in Grand Ravine are getting goats to pay for their children's education. This is a resounding success and a huge blessing for the church. The church is leading the way to care and share. **Care** for what they have been given and to **share** with many others.



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