

Making Disciples... Who Make Disciples... Worldwide!

# HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

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The Ministry Newsletter of Doug & Jennifer Holliday

**PRAYER ALERT:**  
DOUG WILL BE TRAVELING  
TO ISRAEL FOR A SONLIFE  
LEADERSHIP RETREAT &  
STUDY TOUR WITH 40  
LEADERS FROM ACROSS  
THE US... OCT 12-26.

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Generation of  
Missional Leaders  
Worldwide!

## God Answers Prayer

### SONLIFE LEADERSHIP TEAM

When I joined Sonlife's Leadership Team as the Executive Director in 2013, we had two staff members. Today, we have a Staff and Leadership Team of fourteen. God is calling together a group of men and women passionate about equipping leaders in disciple-making according to the Son's life, and they're all willing to raise Missionary Support like our family to do it. God is on the move!

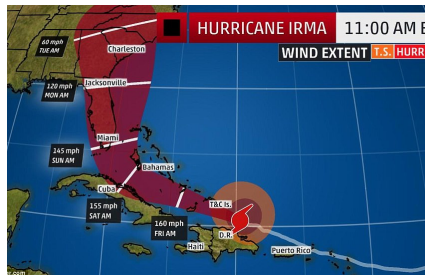
This month, our team will gather in Israel for a two day retreat prior to Sonlife's 10 Day Life of Christ Study Tour. Among the 40 who will be on the Study Tour, another four or five are prayerfully considering taking the step of faith to join the Sonlife Team.

### WITHSTANDING THE STORM

Jennifer and I were in Long Island dropping Jaclyn off for her freshman year of college when Hurricane Irma blasted the Caribbean. Thankfully, our friends in Haiti escaped with minimal damage. Marisa was away at school in West Palm Beach, and her college issued a mandatory evacuation, so she escaped with some friends to North Georgia. Jennifer went from NY to NC to watch our nieces children, which left me, four girls and Gizmo (our dog) home to brave the storm. Thanks for praying for our family. Our home sustained minimal damage. We survived Irma!



*One year ago, our Sonlife Team gathered in Costa Rica... the team has doubled this past year!*



*Thanks for Praying for us during Hurricane Irma...*



*The girls in our "tornado shelter"*

Thanks for your generous support, faithful prayers and timely encouragement of our ministry efforts with DHM. We could not do this without you.





# Training Leaders, Transforming a Nation

## THE SCHOOL OF YOUTH MINISTRY BEGINS ITS 10TH YEAR

It was shortly after my first trip to Haiti in 2003 that I began to dream of partnering together with Pastor Wiljean Compere to start a training center at Open Door Haiti to equip young leaders for ministry. At that time, I had no idea what a Training Center would look like. I'd never seen one. I only had a dream. Then, in 2007 I made my first trip to South Africa to visit J-Life Ministries' Disciple-Making Training Center. John Abrahamse, now a dear friend, had been running J-Life's Training Center on his family's farm since 2000.

Armed with a dream, and now a clear picture of what it might look like, Pastor Wiljean and I began to lay the groundwork for the School Of Youth Ministry. It would target young Haitian emerging leaders, and it would be a residential program that would combine classroom training with hands on ministry experiences and character-shaping community.

We had helped raise funds the year before so that Open Door Church could build a Mission House to host teams that came to serve. Now, we would raise more funds to build a second floor on the Mission House to house the new training program, the School Of Youth Ministry (or SOYM).

SOYM's core training would be built around Sonlife's disciple-making training for leaders, which J-Life had already translated into French for the francophone countries in Africa. I would bring other ministry friends, Sonlife Trainers from the US, to help me teach, and hopefully their churches would get behind SOYM and scholarship some of the students (\$500 per year).

That was ten years ago. We've now trained over 120 emerging Haitian leaders through SOYM. They are having a significant impact!

When we began SOYM, Open Door had only two churches. Today, there are eighteen! And the most exciting part about that growth is that 16 of the 18 churches are being pastored by SOYM graduates! Not only that.... The Medical Center and

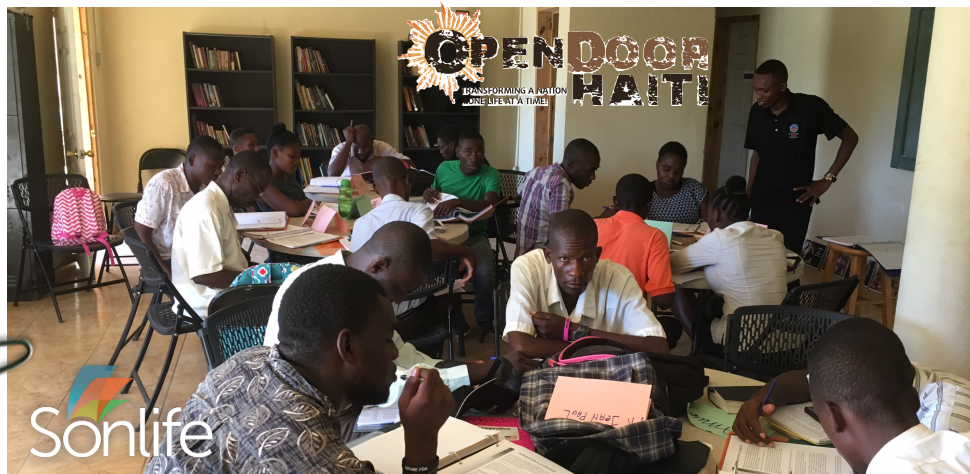


SOYM Students gather in our "Chapel in the Trees"

Orphanage are both being directed by SOYM graduates!

Together, we are changing a nation, one life at a time!

**Serving Christ together,  
Doug & Jennifer**



Since 2008, we have trained over 120 young leaders in the School Of Youth Ministry!



SOYM Teachers, Pastors Peter & Moses



Expanding the Training Center

Would you like to Scholarship one of the Young Leaders in SOYM this year?