

Haitians For His Kingdom

The Lerisse Family

on the Island of Hispaniola



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15 years ago when the Lord moved us to Cruse de Arroyo Honda to begin a ministry, I lamented greatly. Leaving a thriving ministry in Saint Marc, Haiti I could not understand why the Lord had placed us in a hole in the DR. Illiterate and uneducated people, sex slave trafficking, child trafficking, drugs, murders, and every debatchery way. I did not understand the move until our soul winning soon after arriving. Knocking on doors, I came upon Brother Jean's house. I told him in Kreyol that I was new to the area and that God had sent me here to begin a Creole speaking church and I wanted him to come. He grabbed me by both shoulders, turned me around and began praising God for answering his prayer to send a Kreyol speaking church. And thus was revealed the cause of this mystery: God, in His love, had set His heart upon this community and wanted to turn it around for His glory. Where sin did abound, grace was waiting to much more abound!

The Lord has used the establishing of the Living Baptist Church to change a community. The chain of witchcraft has been broken since the gospel came, families united and growing, children protected, and those who were illiterate are now teaching Sunday class. I desire for the Lord to use me to do in other communities what He has so mercifully done in this one. By establishing a local church, the truth that is able to make men free indeed goes forth weekly even daily and when the truth goes forth empowered by the Spirit that place is changed!

In Haiti there are 6 churches sounding out the truth of the Lord Jesus and are remaining faithful in their areas so that the Lord can affect change. In the DR we are concentrating on four areas at present to establish local gospel preaching, truth proclaiming congregations of believers. Presently we are building a building in Palma de Ocoa to accommodate a group of believers that the Lord has added to his church. In the middle of a building project we need much prayer and financial help to complete the project. So that the building could accommodate a growing congregation it takes up the entire property. There is presently an adjacent lot available to purchase for \$25,000USD so that a parking lot can be added and an area for children to play.

In Fondasyon a group of believers are very near to inaugurating their church. Presently in a building rental, we are praying, saving, and soul winning awaiting the day for the Lord to provide that they too may be out of rent.

While planting churches so that The gospel goes forth and affects change in communities, we are also working and praying to get an agricultural project off the ground. Wanting to show the love of Jesus and meet the basic needs of life for these poor people we are striving to get this project established and thriving. The initial cost to get things running in an efficient and productive way is where we need much prayer, wisdom, and financial assistance.

In 2024 the Lord used us to preach the gospel to many people and in our rural area 564 called on Christ for salvation, 39 were baptized, and 10 were added to the church.

In December a double wedding and our annual celebration of Jesus kept us very busy. We praise God for what He has done and for what He is doing in individual lives and in our community as a whole. Please pray for us as we strive to make an impact now for forever on the Island of Hispaniola.

All For His Glory,

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