

The Lerisse Family Haitians For His Kingdom On the Island of Hispaniola



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Dear Friends and faithful Partners,

In the spirit of "...take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it," (Col. 4:17) We have been about our Father's business and He has been making a difference in our world for His glory! Celebrating our sixteenth church anniversary in the DR, celebrating a couple deciding to marry instead of continuing living in fornication, sending a family out to plant a new church, celebrating love and marriage with a couple's activity, and celebrating the opening of a new area in which to preach the gospel, the ministry that we have received of the Lord has been full of hustle, prayer and celebration!

Celebrating 16 years of the grace of God in this area we had 356 in attendance for our church anniversary service. Many Haitians and Dominicans sat together (very significant) and rejoiced in the goodness of the Lord toward our church. We enjoyed a meal together, sang praise, and 13 souls trusted Christ as their savior and 5 were baptized. In the evening service Yimi Made was ordained and is now the assistant pastor. What a victory for the cause of Christ to see the good hand of the Lord upon this young man. Saved out of the home of a witch and witch doctor, God has proved through His testimony in the life of Yimi that, "in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." (Acts 10:35)

Shortly thereafter, a young couple who have been living together in fornication decided to respond to the torment in their hearts that they experienced whenever they heard preaching on doing things honorably and Biblically before the Lord and to be married. They rejoiced at being able to finally participate in the Lord's supper and in their first married couple's activity, and feel they have moved from shame to honor. This wedding caused us to remember the many years we strove among the people and all were hard hearted and hard headed toward the Bible way of marriage. Through much prayer, teaching and plodding we now have 16 married couples in the Living Baptist Church.

Next, a beautiful young family gave themselves fully to the work of the Lord and were sent out to plant a church in Moca. The struggle was real as the husband battled thoughts of how he would provide for his family. He preached in our church his last Sunday morning with us and it was like a conversation between Him and the Lord as Freddo placed his will and future in the hands of a trustworthy Father, stepped out by faith and challenged the church to do the same each day of our lives. We were able to help them move the four hours away and get settled in their new home and now Freddo has been soul-winning 8 hours a day five days a week in his new area. Over 300 souls have heard the gospel since February and 209 have called on the Lord for salvation.

Finally a new area has opened up to us for soul-winning. Many Haitians in this area had not been going to the local Haitian churches in their own community and were sitting home instead of assembling with the believers. We have been able to get into this area preaching the gospel and many have been saved, baptized and added to the church from this new community.

Please continue to pray for the Lerisse family and for the Living Baptist Church of Peravia that the Lord would provide a mini bus for transporting people to church in our rural areas. Also please pray for our upcoming mentorship month and needed funds to cover the cost for our church camp. Finally pray that we would be focused, wise, and diligent to take heed to the ministry that God has given us and would do it, that we all can celebrate together at His coming.

About the Father's business on the Island of Hispaniola,

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