



Mission Team Updates

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Outreach - Matthew 28:16-20

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Jesus' final words leave us with an instruction to make disciples of all the nations. He let His followers know that all authority on heaven and on earth is His and that He is always with us. What great news this is! It fills my heart with peace and excitement for what God is doing through His people on earth to spread this message! It is in this "great commission" that we, as Christians, find purpose within our lives. It is our duty to point towards the One who saves us from our suffering and sin. The task might seem daunting at first, when you think about all of the people who don't know Jesus, or don't understand what His sacrifice means to their life! But when you take into consideration the fact that Jesus is with us, giving us the right words to speak, and pointing us toward the correct path that enables us to have the most impact, it gets easier to find ways to share the Gospel.

It was through Trinity/Hope that I had one of the best outreach experiences in my life, but it didn't come without challenges. I couldn't even fathom the thought of sharing this wonderful message with people who speak different languages than me and who are going through such economic turmoil. It was really heartbreaking to see Haiti for the first time. There was the thick smell of all of the trash that was piled up on the streets, the noise of thousands of people busily making it through the endless day of work, and the sight of famished children on the sidewalks playing as if it was just any ordinary day. One of the many questions that kept surfacing in my mind was, "How am I going to make any difference in this country?" It took me awhile to find the answer to that question, which to my relief was, "*I* wasn't, at least not alone."

Only God has the authority to change hearts, minds, and countries, and we are only a small part of that perfect plan. This means we rely on His help to get us through those tough situations where it seems there is no hope. We can also rely on other Christians as well. My mission team had to work together in ways that pushed our comfort level, challenged our faith, and made a difference in so many lives. Through song, dance, bible stories, scripture and unconditional love we were able to connect with children in Haiti and tell them how much their Heavenly Father cares for them. This could never have been accomplished if it weren't for Trinity/Hope. The amount of impact this ministry has in Haiti by feeding children and bringing them the Good News is so important! God continues to pour into Trinity/Hope with generous people giving their time and treasures to even further their ability to change lives. I am so blessed to be a part of this amazing organization, and I encourage you to consider serving in its outreach ministry. Together we can continue to feed the children of Haiti faith, hope, and nutritious meals.



Mission Trip Perspectives



Each spring Trinity/HOPE leads multiple mission trips to Haiti. If you've ever considered joining us, the words of these recent participants may inspire you. Trinity/HOPE is so blessed to have such loyal and dedicated donors. These trips are a great way for you to see your support in action. If you are interested in a future trip, please send us an email and let us know. We keep a list of potential participants and let you know when future trips are being planned.



During each trip we have the opportunity to worship God in at least one Haitian church service. Although you can't understand many of the words (since they are in Creole), you can absolutely feel the Spirit of God in an amazing way. **Pat Paavola**, a Trinity/HOPE mission team member, had this to say: ***"The Haitian spirit is so beautiful. They sing from their hearts,***

even the smallest children. You see the love of Jesus in their faces and in their eyes. They glow as they sing their praises. Only God can bring strangers together and develop the bond of brothers and sisters in Christ."

A significant purpose of each trip is to visit the schools and see the children we serve.



During these visits, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the children, work with the teachers and cooks, inspect the programs to ensure they are following the required guidelines, and just have some good 'ole fun with the kids. Some schools are close enough to "civilization" that we can just get out of the vehicle and walk right in, while others require a long, difficult hike up the side of a mountain to get to the school (which the children have to do every day). Once you're at the school, your eyes and hearts are opened as to how God is truly reaching these children. **Dan McEachern**, after his first trip to Haiti this March, summed up his experience with the following words: ***"The children know that***

the meals they receive each school day are a gift from God, provided through the hands of Trinity/HOPE. The one thing that amazed me most was their knowledge that the positive things are a gift from God. These are people who have practically nothing, with very little hope of it getting better, yet they still have faith that God will sustain them... There are many mission organizations working in Haiti led by people with very giving hearts, but I don't know of any that have a more reasonable and needed mission than Trinity/HOPE. Feeding a hungry child so they can learn to be productive citizens is a wonderful opportunity. After spending the week in Haiti, I believe this mission is the most expertly operated that I know of and that donors can give with the peace of mind that their money is spent to the very most advantage."



What a blessing each of you are to the children in Haiti. Your on-going support of Trinity/HOPE is truly making a difference. We take accountability and stewardship of every dollar we

receive very seriously, and we have seen God perform miracles with those gifts many times over. Paul's words in Ephesians 3:20-21 sums it up best when he says, "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations." Ben



Schmunk summed it up well with these words after his March trip: **"Praise God for setting up such a good system of accountability that allows the**



Haitian children to be fed, for schools to be able to teach children because they have a good meal and can focus on their school work, and for Haitians to be employed and empowered to drive positive change throughout their country."

Running a ministry and helping God's people in the name of Jesus Christ takes enormous financial resources. Many people don't like to ask for money, but the simple truth is that it's necessary. **Brenda McAfee's** closing words captures that

sentiment perfectly when she says: **"I beseech you to please consider supporting Trinity/HOPE's ministry. On my trip to Haiti with Trinity/HOPE, I witnessed dollars stretched as far as they could go. They are amazing stewards of contributions. I witnessed precious children learning and eating what may be the only meal they will eat that day. I witnessed parents loving their children. I witnessed the love of Christ."**



Praise be to God, and thank you for your continued support!!

Are you interested in going on a mission trip with Trinity/HOPE?

E-mail us at admin@TrinityHope.org



Practicing roaring like a lion for "Daniel and the Lions Den".



Teaching the kids to wash their hands keeps cholera out of the school.



These girls are learning to grow their own food at school.

Precious Little One

By Kim Beihl

Trinity/HOPE mission team member, 2016

There I was kneeling down and those little brown eyes of devastation were staring right into mine. See, we were on our way to visit a school on the small island of Île-à-Vache off the coast of Les Cayes, and as we were walking up the muddy path, I looked to my right and saw three young girls coming from their home to see why these Americans were walking by. I first noticed the two older girls, but right behind them was this precious little one who was nearly two years old. There she stood...her nose running, her eyes red, her little feet muddy, her clothes filthy, and her hair showing tints of orange. She was sick and hungry. I knelt down and reached for her hand and she slowly reached for mine. It took everything in me not to burst into tears in front of her, but



instead she started to cry. I realized I probably scared her or made her nervous. All I wanted to do was just pick her up, hold her, calm her and wipe away her tears, but I knew that would only scare her more. So I handed her a little cross that read "Jesus Loves You" and I stood up and waved good-bye. As I turned to walk up the hill I could no longer hold back the tears. The flood gates had opened. So many questions were running through my mind, but then I thought, "Would those little girls ever get to go to school? Would they be able to receive a meal of rice and beans every day? Would they hear of the love of Christ?"



While seeing that little girl was completely devastating to me, I recognized how blessed we are, as the ministry of Trinity/HOPE, to be the vessels in which the Lord provides not only life in food, but eternal life through the death and resurrection of His son. I not only will continue to pray for all the children in the schools supported by Trinity/HOPE, but I now pray with urgency for those children, like the previous one I knelt beside, that they will be able to go to school someday, receive a meal, and hear of the great love of our Heavenly Father!

Tax deductible donations to provide a noon meal for the children and assure they hear the Good News of Jesus daily can be made to Trinity/HOPE by:

Mailing a check to Trinity/HOPE, 2024 Hunters Place, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

or

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Un-sponsored School Spotlight: St. Raphael

St. Raphael is located in the Cap Haitian District

They provide 126 meals each day in grades 1st—6th

Their feeding program started November 2007

Annual cost \$5,817 (\$485 a month)



Our website—www.trinityhope.org is under construction and will be going live soon. Check out the updated look, new photos, online giving and impact stories!

Interested in helping feed more children by doing a **fundraiser** with your civic organization, Bible study or church?

We can help!

Email us at admin@trinityhope.org for our fundraising how-to's and contacts.



Vacation Bible School Mission Program

Kids Feeding Kids



Are you looking for a mission project for your VBS or Sunday School program?

Trinity/HOPE offers "Kids Feeding Kids" as a companion for any VBS Program. The students learn about the children

in Haiti and how they can share food and the love of Jesus with them.

The free program includes two overview videos and five videos for each day of VBS along with activities and teacher instructions. We also provide free posters personalized for your church!

Contact us to order your free packet today!
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Matching Funds

A generous donor has AGAIN made matching funds of up to **\$1,000**

available for "first time school sponsors" or for "first time events" which are planned to be future annual events (the VBS Mission Program qualifies) to help feed more children in Haiti.

We have a book of fundraising events and best practices to share. Contact us for an application and more information at admin@trinityhope.org.



Cost of a hot nutritious meal of rice & beans—**\$0.25**
Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ—**Priceless**

Workplace Giving

Some companies will match their employee's charitable donations. Trinity/HOPE is a registered 501c3 which is required for those matches. Check it out with your employer, you might be able to double the meals provided by your donation!



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