News From Around The World

Pignon, Haiti

The truck has arrived and Ronel has been using it daily. We really wanted the truck to arrive while we were there, but it came in a week later. We are so thankful for this donation and for all the donated items we were able to ship inside the truck. The process was far from easy, but we are thankful the truck was delivered with only a few complications.

STEVEN ENOCH IN LIBERIA

Glory to God alone for the new church that began in Gbah, Bomi County, Western Liberia. The church is in Camp # 1. We got there about 11:15 A. M. on Friday morning as a result of an invitation sent to us by one of our members who left Monrovia to find greener pasture. She found out the there was no church in the area. If you want to go to church, you have to walk a long-distance.

When we got there, the young man who was left in charge to preach the Word of God was sent for immediately from the field where he works as a daily hire. We all went to the town where we had a very short service after which 8 people were baptized into Christ. The young man was baptized too since he was baptized in the Catholic Church as a child.

We went to Mt. Barclay on Wednesday for three days of preaching and film showing to help the new church to get more baptized members. This area is full of Muslims who don't want to hear about Jesus. The theme that I am carrying around this year is the Power of Jesus. They will see a video of Jesus film in their own dialect after the preaching.

We will go to Zienzu, Bong County where we will plant another Church of Christ. The flyers are out and ready to be be sent on Monday. The Crusade starts on the 21st of February. We need prayers for these trips. God bless you form all your prayers and support to the Ministries of Jesus Christ here in Liberia.

Kindest regards,
Bro. Steven S. Enoch

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Immersions in 2018

We praise God that during this year 2018 there have been 423 souls who have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord and obeyed Him in Christian baptism. It is a great thrill to report to you that these native evangelists have written to us that during January and February. They along with our American Evangelists have baptized 423 souls. Thank the Lord!!!

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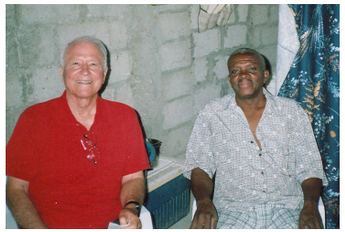
St Martin Church Has A New Roof

As you know St Martin had 98% damage from the devastating Hurricane Irma. The Christian Church was among the damaged. There were several church members who had damage to their homes as well. We put out an appeal and received money.

The church members all voted and unanimously decided they want the church building fixed first.

Now they will start working on the needs of the church members.

Francilius Aime Receives His Heavenly Reward



When I think of Francilius Aime, I smile! He always had an ear to ear grin on his face, you couldn't help but smile because he was smiling. He had a great sense of humor, he had a zest for life and most importantly he had an outstanding love for God and His people. The past few years, Francilius has suffered from Alzheimer's. We still saw that smile on his face and felt the love he had for everyone. Francilius went to be with the Lord on January 9, 2018.

Reggie had this to say about Francilius:

I first met Francilius Aime in 1975 during a revival I was preaching in Port Au Prince. It was an open air meeting in the city park next door to the Presidential Palace. This was 43 years ago and a whole flood of memories comes to mind. Francilius was a young man at that time and the father of 12 little children!! He was very enthusiastic and was definitely a Christian with a soul-winning passion.

He invited me to come to his little house in St. Marc and preach a revival in his front yard. I accepted his invitation and soon met his fine wife and all his energetic young children. I preached each night in his front yard to a crowd of about 25 people who sat on the ground to listen. Francilus invited me back again to conduct day-long Bible Teaching to all who were interested. I came to love Francilius and his family. This is how the First Christian Church of St. Marc began

Francilius became a very close friend and he would often come and help us build other church buildings in the Gonaives area and he also was a great help building the orphanages.

The Church is St Marc is going strong today.

Zane's Reflections

Ten members of the U.S. Senate have asked the State Department to pressure the Haitian government into closing an orphanage where several children being adopted by American families have been victims of alleged sexual abuse.

I am so happy to see this get the attention it deserves; these places need to be shut down and the people held accountable for their actions. But sadly, this shines a bad light on the good orphanages too. Remember this just isn't a Haiti problem with sexual abuse, this happens in other orphanages around the world and even in the US foster care system.

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EK IN INDIA

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are happy to inform you that seven precious souls obeyed in the baptism . We need your sincere prayers for the new souls to grow in the knowledge of God, wisdom and faith .

Days are very evil and times are tough to share and preach, Last week a denomination preacher killed by the Hindu gang and hung him. We all, all the churches with out any discrimination joined together and made a complaint to the police to take necessary action against the Hindu gang. On 22nd all the church people protested and many public people also supported us. Police are waiting for the postmodern report to take action. Please pray. But any how we are safe and preaching the Word of God with out any problem. Your prayer helps us lot.

Happy to inform you that we 7 (Paul, Praburaj, John, Peter, Joseph , Ezekiel , James and myself) went and explained the plan of salvation to the same people whom we visited on last Saturday.

Many were gathered and heard the Gospel but only 11 people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and took baptism. Please pray for these 11 precious souls to hold steadfast in faith and grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God.

RICH MCQUINN

We have heard from Rich McQuinn. He is strong, healthy and happy. He has held meetings and so far has baptized 542 souls in Christ. He will be traveling another week or so. Continue to pray for him, his safety, and for His work to progress. Look for a full report next month.

Hope For Bulgaria ~ Elena Yardonova

January-
We have had very busy days as we had 8 Christmas parties in all kindergartens here. So many children, teachers and parents hear the news of Jesus' birth. It's interesting to see how from year to year people's behaviors change - now they are more open, they don't tell us that we are cult or dangerous. They are still too far from God but we are working on that. It's discouraging as the mafia is working strong and people are in deep depression - you will be in shocked to see in the evening how much alcohol is gone from the stores.

My working with Gypsy and Turkish children is going good. Its hard as most of them don't have parents and no one teaches them simple things - but step by step we are moving.

Now is winter time, cold, dirty around, people in bad mood, so negative and this makes me tired. Just from January 1st until now we have 8 people killed by mafia. Now many protest on street in Sofia against that.

February-
We have busy month. As we finished many parties for Christmas, I needed to do some papers and documents for next year so we get chance to do again, go in kindergartens and schools. We have one whole family start coming to church after these parties. The woman ask to be baptized soon.

We have one week of epidemic, half Bulgaria is sick with flu. I never saw so many sick people, so sad some children die. Praise God no one get sick in our house what a big miracle.

Such big aggression is here. Some parents put camera in children's clothes, to see what happened in school and kindergarten. Teachers beat the children, say bad words. People are full of anger and hate. No God in their hearts so no love. Its sad because everybody just repeat how they hate this country, hate people and this is everywhere.

I have a girl in school who doesn't have parents, some Grandma is taking care of her. This year she is finishing school and will have prom. She doesn't have money and was so sad. I pray and look for miracle. One girl on facebook put an announcement - I don't know her - that she want to give her dress away. I write to her as many people did. The girl say that she is not sure how to choose who to give the dress as many people cheat. I still pray. The girl write to me that she wants to come in my town and see what I write is true - about this girl. She came, see that we are real, saying the truth and she gives the dress. We are so happy. One lady from our church is hair stylist and will do her hair. This girl cries so much, she was so happy. She asked me so many times why I'm doing this for her. No body did anything for her, just bad things. This was a way to share the Gospel with her. Because of God love.

My sister has Birthday and we spend 3 days in Budapest, Hungary with her. When I become a Christian, she hurt me so much for the faith. Saying that I'm stupid, crazy, that this is cult. In Hungary I met a friend, missionary and they invited us to church there. My sister for first time come in church. She saw that we are not crazy and what we are doing inside. I'm so happy for that. After 28 years.

Please pray for us to not give up. This area hurt us so much and we look for same encouragement, nice word.

Zane's Reflections

But let's focus on Haiti. There are many people out there that are anti orphanage. I hear and read many of them say things like, there are children that are not true orphans, they don't need to be in an orphanage but with their families whether mom or dad or aunt or uncle or cousins, instead of orphanages they need to be placed into communities operated like the foster care system in the US, they are being treated bad at orphanages, all orphanages should be closed down, and I'm sure there are others, but let's look at these that I mentioned.

1. They are not true orphans. What is an orphan? According to the dictionary an orphan is a child who has lost both parents; also, someone or something that lacks support or care or supervision. At our homes in Haiti we have children without parents and ones with a parent who is unable to care, support, or supervise them (more on those children in point 2)
2. They need to be with their families. I wholeheartedly agree with this. Children need to be with their parents if possible. But there are problems with this at times. We have a little girl that was found in a garbage dump as a baby. We have another child that was found on the streets by the police as a baby and no one claimed her. We have two brothers found near death on the side of the road by the UN. UN soldiers went from house to house to village to village and no one knew them or would claim them. Do these children have parents? Probably. Do we have a way of locating the parents? No. Even when the parents are gone, but there are other family members this doesn't always work either. Although most Haitians don't want to admit it, but child slavery is very abundant in Haiti. Many children that go to other relatives end up being slaves to them. We have a 15-year-old girl who was a slave to her aunt and uncle and was also sexually molested by her uncle. Now she is in a safe environment and getting counseling and the help she needs. We have a ten-year-old girl who comes and stays with us when her mother is in the hospital for treatments. Why? Because her mother will not leave her with family members because she knows they will abuse her.
3. Start a foster care system and keep them in their communities. There are a lot of people that want to start a foster care system that is like the one here in America. First off, the foster care system in America has its problems too. It is not perfect. My question is where will the Haitian system find money to pay foster parents? Will the parents use this money for their foster children? Will the Haitian parents only be in it for the money? This happens in America, what makes us think this won't happen in Haiti.

Unfortunately, the people who feel this way are mostly not in touch with the REAL Haiti. They have only been in Haiti for a few years and they work and live in the hills above Port-au-Prince and Petionville behind their block walls and iron gates. They do not get out to see the REAL Haiti. They are not in the slums or the villages to see the things we see.

As I said in the beginning, I'm all for protecting the children of Haiti. Shutting down all orphanages is not the answer, but let's all work together to find the answer.

James 1:27 says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

Psalm 127:3-5 :Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

John 14:18 : I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

A Note From Lori

Our last full day in Haiti is etched into my mind and heart.

On Sunday we left Gonaives. None of us were ready to leave so we had little holes in our hearts. We stopped at our favorite beach and cheered up a little. Before going to Haiti we had read that a memorial for the earthquake victims had been erected at the site of the mass grave. We knew it was on our route back into Port-au-Prince. We saw the memorial and decided to stop.

What a bittersweet moment. The memorial was locked so we could only look in. It is beautiful. It is open air with plants, plaques, and names. As we sat there, my mind went back to that area after the earthquake and the images that were plastered all over tv, newspapers, and the internet. Then I looked to the left. There are still makeshift houses, families still living there. My heart hurt.

We continued on to Port and our hotel. As we sat down for supper, it started raining. It rained heavily all night.

Back in the day, we always stayed downtown by the Palace (the little White House). We walked to the iron market to souvenir shop. At some point things became too dangerous to stay there and definitely could no longer go to the iron market. Zane and I went downtown in 1990. I think that was the last time we were there. Lacey is 23 and never been there. We decided to go there on our last day.

It is usually bumper to bumper traffic, but that day was not bad. Gasoline had not left the petroleum facility for well over a week and most cars were empty. What little gas there was, was selling for $8 a gallon.

Caroline's thoughts: I thought it was very interesting. So many different forms of transportation. Never would I ever imagine to see a school bus play a role as a taxi! So neat. Intriguing as well because of how people just go about their daily life.

I didn't think much at first. Sure, it was going to be different than 28 years ago. What hit me straight in the face took my breath away. Our car was silent with everyone in their own thoughts. I think we were all speechless.

I'm not sure if even now i can find words to describe the scene and my feelings. I knew the iron market and the palace were both destroyed during the earthquake. The iron market has been reconstructed. I didn't expect to see destroyed buildings looking like they did 8 years ago. Bricks were still falling, rebar sticking out, walls completely down, second stories barely hanging on, and people were still trying to live in these buildings or at least take some sort of shelter. Because of the hard rain, there was gross black muck coming from the trash mounds and the open sewers covered the streets and was running all over the place. By this time we had hit traffic and market.

A Note From Lori

Zane's thoughts: I had to concentrate on driving, which was a mess all on it's own. But when I did get to look around, what a sad, hopeless, disgusting area.

To the left were market stalls (also made into living quarters at night) built up on mounds of trash or trash mounds made around the stalls. Falling buildings were all around. The produce was on the street with the muck running over everything. Most everyone was selling the same things.

Lacey's thoughts: Well I was silent because I was taking everything in and never seen anything like that before. They were literally sitting in waste. I didn't understand how they could make any money when everyone was selling the same thing.

At one point Lacey looked out the window to see a lady taking mucky carrots to wash in a dirty bucket with only a little cleaner water, with her FEET!!!

Usually when you go through a market, every one is talking with each other, bickering, playfully teasing each other, there's usually smiles, laughs, joy, not this market. These people were hardened. There was nothing in their eyes. They weren't talking, They glared at us and others. I waved at one man and he stared at me. At that moment I realized they all looked lost, without any hope, if they had faith, it was now gone. I felt like we had entered some other world and had invaded their personal pain.

We turned left at the end of that road and entered back into normal Haiti! We were face to face with the park where Reggie held his first meetings in 1972.

Oh, how the people of Haiti still need Jesus! They need hope in Him! They need to be told of and shown God's everlasting love.

1 Peter 1:3-6
Praise to God for a Living Hope Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.