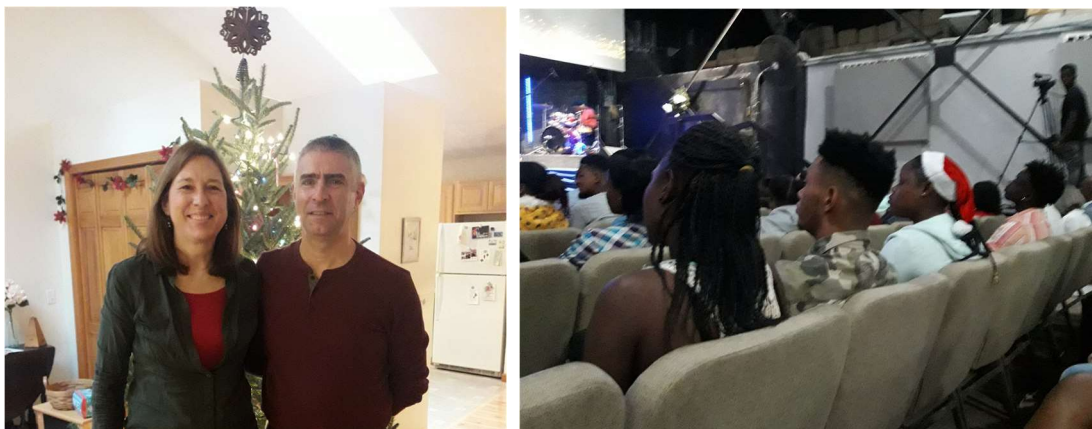




Jwaye Nwel & Bòn Ane! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Greetings from Haiti once again, glory to God! After a wonderful stay in the US for the birth of our grandson and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, we safely returned to Haiti in time to ring in the new year. It was wonderful to see Myrèse, Olivier, Jesula and Stevenson at our church on New Year's Eve. The service was three hours of praise and prayer, ending with reciting Psalm 136 together while counting down to the new year. What a great way to say thank you to God for faithfully seeing us through 2020 and asking for his continued grace in the year to come. Welcome 2021!

Looking Ahead

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20



As we step out of the old year and into the new, we have been seeking God's heart for the coming year. For the past few years, the Lord has given us a verse to help guide us. Last year He used Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." We could not see ahead to COVID coming but God did. This became such an important verse for us as He taught us to offer every day to Him, not knowing where we would be or what we would be doing. We became very comfortable with a Haitian saying, "si Bondye vle," or, "if God wants." In other words, we will go here or do that, if God wants. God ordered our steps and provided all we needed. He did not let us down. We are carrying this way of approaching life with us as we walk into this new year.

Looking Ahead cont.

Now, looking ahead to 2021, the Lord is giving us Matthew 28:18-20. This scripture has been central to our ministry since we began Espere Kay but God seems to be reemphasizing it. Last year was tough on everyone. For us personally, although we managed to do some things, we were kept from doing others. We don't know exactly what this year will bring but these verses are encouraging us to continue the important work the Lord has given us, regardless of situations and circumstances.

“ALL authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Jesus is God and is all powerful and in control of everything in heaven and on earth. **Pray:** We would remember this and it would empower us to do His will.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.”

Jesus wants all Christians to share the Gospel. In our case, He has called us to do this in Haiti. Our greatest job here is to raise up disciples who will follow Him and, in turn, lead others to do the same. **Pray:** For God to help us lead our young adults into a greater understanding of Who He is and to equip them to share their own faith. Please pray God would also guide us as we go out beyond Espere Kay to share the Good News with others such as at Haiti Teen Challenge, the ravine behind our house, the orphanage or anywhere else He calls us.

“Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

In the past, we have had young adults make the decision to be baptized. Currently, we have three young adults who have not yet taken this step. **Pray:** Mirlande, Moniteca and Olivier would be spiritually ready to make this public proclamation of their faith. Pray for wisdom for us as we share God's Word with them regarding why believers are called to baptism. Pray the young adults who have been baptized would help mentor the others in this decision as well.

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We believe the Bible is the inherent Word of God (Meaning God breathed and without error. It is the source of all truth.) We also believe in Lordship salvation meaning accepting Jesus not only as Savior but also as Lord of our lives. **Pray:** As we lead Bible studies and devotions, we would be faithful to the Word of God and what it says. Pray we would never stray from the truth. **Pray** we would walk righteously and be obedient to God in whatever He asks us to do.

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This is like the warm hug at the end of the verse. It is God's promise to all of us as we live and serve Him. No matter what this next year or subsequent years bring, of one thing we can be sure, God is in control and He will be with us. In fact, our faithful, loving God will be with us forever!

Praying this scripture brings you as much hope as it does us for the new year.

May God bless you all in 2021!

Deb and Dave

Thanks to many who have chosen to sponsor, we are well on our way to meeting our goal of full sponsorship for 2021. If you are interested in helping, please go to our web page at www.helpinghaitisorphans.org and click on the meet the young adults button. Thank you in advance!