

### MINISTRY NEWS



### FROM THE FOUNDER

Like many of you I cannot wait until this whole situation is over and we can get back to life as normal. I look forward to being able to travel to Haiti and see my dear brothers and sisters in ministry. I so desire to be able to lead teams back to doing ministry in Haiti and seeing hearts changed. I am so thankful for Pastor Poyis and our incredible staff who continue to do ministry, even in our physical



absence. As much as I desire to return to do ministry again, my greatest passion is to see the end of pain, suffering, and death. I look forward to Jesus' return to end all of this craziness. I also am passionate to see many lost souls come to a saving faith. As we wait for Jesus' return, we have much work to do. All of us at Connect 2 want to be found faithful to the call of making disciples until He comes.

We have some amazing updates to share about the ministry, and all of them are a testament to God's grace and provision in this situation. Read more below.



Thank you for partnering with us in this mission for our amazing God. We are so thankful for you.

In His Grip, Greg

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#### **HELLO FROM HAITI**

Hello from Haiti. It is so great to be here in person! I flew in a week ago, and because of the quarantine, I will be here a few more days. It is so evident that the Lord is working in His church as I watch Pastor Poyis and his team at the church, the Children's Homes, and the Medical Clinic. Like us in the U.S., they have been impacted by COVID-19. There are very few reported cases, but they have been under a stay-at-home order since March. The economic impact on this country is hard, especially in a country where the basics of survival are always difficult. This hasn't stopped the church community from communicating with each other through WhatsApp, though. I was able to witness the church re-open this past Sunday for the first time in months. They practiced social distancing, but they sang, prayed, and heard great preaching together. You could tell they were very excited to be the "body of Christ" together again.

To give you a sense of the ministry here, I would like to tell you two quick stories I witnessed on Sunday that were a great blessing. First, I watched Pastor Poyis as the school bus pulled up to the church with our 102 children inside it. He stood right outside the bus door and greeted each child as they got off the bus. His warmth and smile were very contagious to the kids. No wonder they call him Papi.

Second, Pastor Poyis asked me if I wanted to take a ride with him after church to a town about forty-five minutes away from where we were to pick up some men from another church. These men volunteered their time to paint at the Mercy Children's





Home. Poyis shared with me that he had spoken at a conference a while back and met a couple of these men. When they heard him talk about the Children's Home, they wanted to serve Poyis and the Lord in this way. These men painted for almost six hours that day. I love when the church acts like the church. These people may not have much in terms of possessions, but they have a heart for the Lord and for serving one another.

Please pray for the rest of my time here. We are planning for four much-needed team trips this fall. The children need new uniforms for school, so a Sewing Team is coming in August, followed by a construction team in September and in November. We believe that the country will be open, and we are so excited to be a part of what the Lord is doing here in His church and in the lives of His people. The gospel continues to be proclaimed. Praise the Lord!



## CATCH UP WITH OUR NEWSLETTER

Read our latest newsletter for more updates, prayer requests, and stories from Haiti. All newsletters are archived and available on our website.

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### **JOIN US IN HAITI**

Current events have prevented our regular church teams from traveling to Haiti, but Lord willing, we have are looking forward to some fall team trips. If you'd like to join, contact us!

**Late August:** Sewing Team **Sept 11–19:** Construction Team

Oct 8-16: TBD

Nov 6-14: Construction Team

# JULY PRAYER REQUESTS



That God would provide for the needs of our churches and their communities during this time.

For God's hand over the ministry efforts of our pastors and churches in Haiti.





Smooth transitions for the twentyone new children who have joined our Homes.

Economic and political relief the for the country of Haiti. Pray for God's intervention.



"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!"

-1 Chronicles 16:11

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