



"HAITIAN PROVERB"
"Ansanm. Men nan men. Tout bagay posibil."
Together. Hand in hand. All things are possible.

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HIMPACT 2001.... "exceedingly, abundantly above all that you could ask or think..."

Imagine....Thousands of people stream through the streets of the City of Cap-Haitien, Haiti on foot. At a word from Pastor Ecclesias Donatien, the crowd, which has been singing, adds marching. It seems as if the very earth will shake from the thunder of these thousands of feet marching in unison! Their destination? A meeting with God on a mountain overlooking the city. Upward of seven thousand people scrambled up steep inclines to assemble for a mountaintop praise and worship service in which they proclaim the power of God and claim their city for Jesus! As they cry out to God, there is a sense of unrestrained joy and thanksgiving even though these people are inhabitants of a fourth world country. In a scene surely resembling Biblical times, Evangelist Reis James from Plant City, Florida blesses the highly responsive masses with bountiful proclamations of who Jesus is and of the work He came to do on earth.



The main scene of activity was at The Tabernacle Of Praise, an amazing stadium that is home to the congregation shepherded by Donatien and his wife

Helene. Each evening, for eight days, crowds that grew to totals exceeding 7,000 gathered for inspired teaching from James and his team member, Pastor Michael Clark from City Gates Church International, a new church based in Fergus, Ontario. Canadian team members reflected in wonder upon the fact that the congregation at the Tabernacle exceeds the size of any church in Canada. Astounding when one considers the conditions of life in Haiti and the fact that the national population is only a quarter the size of Canada's.

Imagine... thousands of people erupting in bursts of earth-shaking praise and worship, dancing, hands raised, eyes on heaven, smiling widely, singing praises to God from their very core!

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COMING SOON

*The number eight in the Hebrew language means new beginnings. January 2002 will start the eighth year we have been serving God in partnership with the Haitian people. It will also, quite literally, be a day of new beginnings for P.W.P. We will be taking a huge step of faith as we begin the Women's Life Centre project. It will be an exciting time for all of us to see El Shaddai, in His glory, bring to fruition this seed He planted in our hearts over one year ago. The construction of a place that will truly bring **change** to the lives of the women and children involved. Please watch for our January newsletter with all the details. The ground work has been laid, we have already received a wondrous miracle confirming even more that this project is God's plan, and we are eager to get started.*

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There were constant examples of victory in the face of unrelenting anguish and instability. Ample evidence of decisions to believe in the grace and overflowing provision of God were provided at each meeting. Pastor Clark led the leadership team of the Tabernacle through practical steps to being alert, alive armor-bearers for their dynamic pastor and positive forces in their church and wider communities.

Evening sessions were devoted to strong evangelistic messages from James that brought people forward to give their lives to the Lord and to have hands laid on for healing from all manner of diseases and infirmities. One of the most moving events of the entire week took place as the HIMPACT 2001 message was taken "on the road" to a Baptist church in Redford. That warm, muggy evening a crowd of over 1,500 on fire souls crammed into the hillside church. James was led to pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the church hands were raised as more and more accepted this wonderful gift! Murmurs grew to a roar and praise exploded as an entire body of people danced with unrestrained joy.

How perfectly clear it was in all meetings of HIMPACT 2001 that the nation of Haiti truly can be changed by getting into the Word of God, believing it with faith and then acting on that growing faith. FAITH! If there was one word that lived at the core of all James and Clark preached it was that important one. Repeatedly the crowds were exhorted to grab hold of faith, develop it and use it in all instances of their daily life. Interrelated themes of the eternal nature of Jesus to heal, save and deliver, the need for big dreams and holding onto those dreams despite contrary circumstances were presented with energy and passion.

Clark and James urged the crowds to have faith for better futures for their families but that those dreams for tomorrow could only be realized by accessing the power of God NOW! TODAY! through faith. Constant exhortation to "let your

light so shine" and to be blessings to others as you are blessed peppered the pastors' messages. The understanding of praise as a plough and a weapon in spiritual warfare was brilliantly outlined by Clark in a sermon that brought thousands to their feet in exaltation on the final Sunday morning of the crusade.

Partners With Purpose directors were overjoyed by blessings that flowed throughout the nine days of the crusade. The goals for the crusade were simple and direct: 1. To inspire Haitian Christians to make an impact - indeed a "Himpact", for Christ in their region. 2. To bring the saving and healing message of the gospel in an easy to understand format. 3. To preach and teach faith so that transition in Haiti, through spiritual force, will make this country a beacon of change and renewal to the rest of the world.

As we conclude, let us return to the point where we began that unforgettable day when thousands marched through the streets to the mountaintop.

For twelve hours prior, thousands gathered in prayer and fasting to counter and defeat the forces of darkness as the same day is the voodoo high day of worship in Haiti. They sang, danced, prayed and were taught from His word. Then they clambered up the steep hillsides while praising Him with their whole beings! As darkness started to fall they literally ran down the mountain renewed in their vision and roles in the restoration of their land. Unity of purpose was strengthened and joy and thanksgiving abounded! There could not have been a better outcome. Praise Him for HIMPACT 2001 and all that will grow and flow from it!



THANK YOU PARTNERS!

Part of what makes Haiti so compelling for those who have visited is the "simple complexity" of the tapestry woven by its people. Nowhere is that complexity more apparent than in the language, and specifically in the use of proverbs. Proverbs are an integral part of the language and communicate a vast array of cultural, religious and social beliefs. By communicating with proverbs, Haitians can transmit a unique depth of meaning into a conversation. For instance, "Sak vid pa kanpe!" literally means, "an empty sack cannot stand." However, its meaning goes back to the Haitian struggles of the 1800's when the slave owners used hunger as a weapon to keep the people oppressed. But, to the thousands we meet through the HIMPACT crusades, facilitated by P.W.P., it speaks of being empty and weak from a lack of spiritual food. It is a resonating

cry from hearts longing to be filled with refreshments from heaven. It is an emphatic statement beseeching the listener to "share what you have with me so I may stand another day." To all our partners, who joined us with prayers and finances to spread the banquet table for thousands of hungry people in Haiti via HIMPACT 2001, we say "Thank you! May God richly and abundantly bless each and every one of you." "Our service won't save us, but we are saved to serve." pg. 2207, Life Application Bible.

