



## HAITIAN PROVERB

*"Tout nou genyen se sèl youn ti kras nan lanmè, men si nou pa met ti kras sa a nan lanmè, li mwen."* All we have is only a little drop in the ocean, but if we do not put in our little drop, the ocean will be less.

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## WE ASKED "THEM"

We listened intently, to this precious woman, glean- ing from her experience as she related story after story resulting from her 30 years of working closely with Haitian moms and their children. Each story poignant and piercing in it's own way. I learned many things in the course of that conversation. Some things haunt me still, some bless me still, and two in particular remain front and centre in my heart. The first was my personal observation of how she offered *their* stories without her own conjecture or assessment. The second was a piece of advice she gave me when I admitted to her of my own struggle in relating *their* stories to our partners in Canada. With her fierce love for the Haitian people punctuat- ing each word, she said "Julie, ask *them* and repeat what *they* say. Don't evaluate their situation with your own intellect and offer your opinion."

Hence, this article is an attempt to do just that. To simply be a voice for the Haitian women we have had the privilege to meet over the years. To relate to you, devoid of personal opinion and without sugar coating, *their* words, *their* opinions and *their* desires. Our hope is that in the few comments we have se- lected, *they* will be able to convey to you why P.W.P came to the decision to direct our humanitarian ef- forts to the empowerment of Haitian women via the construction and operation of "Libètè Lekòl Pou Fam." (Liberty School For Women)

### We asked, and *they* said:



"My greatest failure is that I must tell my child he is an or- phan so he can be in a feeding program to get food."

"Orphanages are good for mak- ing big orphans who eventually grow up and have orphans of their own."

"My dreams for my children become memories before I can finish dreaming them."

"My hunger pains don't come because I haven't eaten today. They come because my chil- dren haven't eaten today."



"Things in Haiti don't change because no one asks us. And no one ever asks a woman. People come and do what they want. It makes a difference for them, but we stay the same."

I have many children because I can say "yes" or say nothing. I can never say "no."

"My children are my wealth. I don't love my chil- dren less than you because I have less than you. Children are the wealth of the poor."



"I am not stupid because I have never been to school. I am only poor."

"If you give me anything, give me a job. That will give me everything."

"I am their mother. If you want to bless my children, you take my hand and let me hold theirs."

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The greatest injustice done to our poor is that we fail to trust them, to respect them, to love them.

HOW OFTEN WE JUST PUSH AND PULL.

Author: Mother Teresa, Total Surrender Pg. 27.



*Mountain ladies selling charcoal in the city.*

Can you hear through these comments what P.W.P. has heard for the past eight years from the hearts of mothers in Haiti? Education and employment. Passionate, devoted mothers who desperately want the opportunity to care for their own children have issued this resounding, unchanging cry over and over every time we ask *them*. This understanding coupled with the information we gathered detailing the deplorable absence of even basic legal or social rights for women in Haiti led us to the decision to build a quality, professional women's educational centre. The light in their faces from merely being asked for *their* opinion was really all the motivation we needed to get this project underway.



*A teacher in a rural village. Her children are healthy in contrast to the malnourished, tuberculosis infected students in her school. She is a pointed example of what employment can do.*

Rather than rehearsing all the details we have given you in previous newsletters regarding this project, let me just recap for you. Liberty School For Women, a Christian school, will offer literacy, vocational and life skills training and be constructed in Cap-Haitien, Haiti. Now for some nuts and bolts. We have spent considerable time compiling information for the actual construction and operational costs. Due to the sizable financial requirement, P.W.P. chose to address this project in three phases. 1. Construction 2. Equipping 3. Operation. Phase one will be the most costly, at approximately \$250,000. to construct a 3000 sq. foot, 2 story building. Phase two will outfit the center with class furniture, sewing machines, and all other supplies for approximately \$50,000. The phase three cost is yet to be determined as it will depend on the qualifications of the staff we hire. Each phase will begin only when the finances are in place to finish it. If you have any questions or interest in obtaining more details at this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

We believe with all our heart that Liberty School For Women is God's plan. We know for sure it is the answer to prayer as well as a dream come true for many Haitian women. big project and mand commitment-partnership on P. has not refore. That is are looking for-most. To see of the impossithrough His ing us as one to done. After all, isn't that really the Good News? That God still loves the world through each one of you. You are God's Good News. You are God's love in action. Through you, God is still loving the world.



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## ***A GIANT STEP FOR LIBERTY SCHOOL FOR WOMEN***

Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness about some recent great news. Pastor Ecclesias Donatien and the church family of The Tabernacle Of Praise have really blessed our ministry! They have offered us use of a portion of the church's property for Lib-

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erty School For Women. The implications of this generous gesture are enormous. It is exceedingly difficult for non-residents to own land in Haiti. It can take up to four years to navigate one's way through the bureaucracy involved just in hope of receiving approval for purchase. This miracle news propels planning for the school ahead dramatically. This is a mega "yes" from God! We pray blessings on Pastor Ecclesias and his church family for their vision, generosity and willingness to follow God's promptings.



*Land adjacent to Tabernacle of Praise*

### **WELCOME**

Please join us in welcoming our newest members, Tony and Sylvia Jones. This dynamic duo have supported P.W.P. in a number of ways over the past years and we are thrilled they have agreed to head up regular praise and prayer meetings for us. They have embraced the P.W.P. vision with insight and discernment and are committed partners. They express a genuine tenderness towards the struggles faced by our precious Haitian family and we know God has joined us together in one accord. We are looking forward with great anticipation to covering this ministry in prayer under the anointing for Praise and Worship and intercessory prayer the Jones have been graced with. They are on fire for God and on fire for Haiti!

### **MY FIRST TRIP WON'T BE MY LAST**

by Pastor Michael Clark

As the small plane approached the City of Cap-Haitien, I realized I was in the right place, at the right time and that God would provide the anointing to do the work of His Kingdom for that moment of time. It is a great revelation to most people to find that God's anointing for our lives lies in the moment of time that we work the work of His Kingdom. I was there!

Pastor Ecclesias Donatien is a man of God with a vision and power from God to change his nation. I have come to realize that as God leads us into the work of His Kingdom, He not only asks us to work, but we are also to receive from His servants the encouragement, growth and strength to carry on the work when we return to our home nation, our home city and our home church. Working with this driven, anointed Apostle to Haiti was a magnificent experience for me.

God has given me the grace to change the flow of thought and ministry as it unfolds in various atmospheres. This trip was no exception. Sunday morning I ministered from the life of Joseph and encouraged the large congregation to live out their dreams. Though obstacles come and seem to overwhelm, the

dream is still to unfold before you. Wait for it! Expect it! Anticipate the final outcome!

Monday morning I came prepared to minister to a large congregation but found that Pastor Ecclesias desired that I minister to his leadership team. This was a sudden change of plans but God's grace was again alive in my life. The outcome of four meetings with this great team were visible. Be prepared for the work! Have proper equipment to carry out the work! Anticipate serving your Pastor and meet his needs before they arise! These and many other areas of ministry were visible to us during the evening evangelistic meetings after I had taught these eager servants. What an encouragement to see God move in the lives of His servants so quickly.

While marching up the mountain that overlooks this city, I slipped on some loose dirt. Instantly, a young man whom I had met previously and who had obviously taken on the task of being an "armor-bearer" to me, was at my side. Not only to help me up, but had with him a cloth to wipe my now dirty hands. Again God showed me that He works quickly with those who are swift to hear!

On the final Sunday morning of our crusade, I felt the urgency in my spirit to preach a word on Praise

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and Worship so I knew God wanted to get to them from a different approach. We can have the best musicians, the best sound equipment and the best singers, but without a revelation of what you are doing and why you are doing it, you will be ineffective to accomplish the FULL PURPOSES OF GOD for that moment of time. What an exhilarating feeling came over me near the end of the message when I turned around to see Pastor Ecclesias at the edge of the stage shouting the praises of God for the revelation being received by the entire congregation. In the words of the song a friend of mine wrote, "GOD IS

AWESOME, HE'S TOTALLY AWESOME!"

I plan to return again to this nation, this city and this church. God desires that we go to give and to receive. I would encourage those who support the work of Partners With Purpose to take the time, invest the money into the Kingdom of God and go see what you are supporting. Get hold of the vision for Liberty School For Women. See a church in Haiti that is larger than any church in Canada.

"Go into all the world" is the Word of God for us. JUST DO IT!



### **BECOME A P.W.P. PARTNER**

We urge you to join in support of P.W.P. beginning today to share in the vision and blessings of what God is doing through this ministry in the 4<sup>th</sup> world nation of Haiti. This whole ministry is based on unity and partnership between our Canadian and Haitian friends. We offer our thanks for each and every one of you daily in prayer, never forgetting that without you there simply would be no "Partners With Purpose."

As you can see on the offering card accompanying this newsletter, there are a number of ways to financially support P.W.P. We do encourage monthly support and can hold post-dated cheques for one year on file. You may select which area you would like to have your donation directed to. eg. HIMPACT evangelism crusades, Liberty School for Women or where most needed.

We also encourage groups or churches to invite P.W.P. to join you for a presentation of our work in Haiti. These are informal, enlightening gatherings where we express the P.W.P. vision accompanied with slides depicting our work there. 100% of any free will offerings received at these meetings are used for our current projects.

Inviting our Haitian Pastor, Ecclesias Donatien, to speak to your group when he visits us in Canada is a very special way to support P.W.P. The blessing is truly of a double portion then! He is a dynamic speaker with a testimony of God's faithfulness and miracle working power that will astound you. He is well aware that we are an interdenominational ministry and does not come to challenge theology, doctrine or church order. He comes only to share with you his explosive message of what God has done through his life in Haiti.

### **NOTE**

Our new e-mail address is [pwpwth@sympatico.ca](mailto:pwpwth@sympatico.ca) . Please e-mail anytime to share your thoughts or questions regarding P.W.P. work. We would love to hear from you! Also, if you are interested in keeping up to date on what is happening in the country of Haiti, you can visit the Miami Herald web site at [www.miamiherald.com](http://www.miamiherald.com) . They offer up to date news reports as well as archives of their articles about Haiti in their *Americas* section. We suggest [www.haiti-info.com](http://www.haiti-info.com), [www.windowsonhaiti.com](http://www.windowsonhaiti.com) and Bob Corbett's Haiti Homepage as other good links for general information on Haiti.