

Haitian Living Bridge

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Bridging the Gap

I travel a minimum of two to three bridges a day to get to work and one to two bridges to get to my fellowship every Sunday. In most places in America, access to churches, work places, schools and supermarkets will be practically impossible without bridges.

In a physical world, the bridge makes it easier for individuals to connect with one another, but in the spiritual world the Blood of Christ is the bridge that connects mankind to God. Christ died to bridge the gap that the fall created. Mankind was separated and alienated from God, but the sacrifice of Jesus Christ made it possible for you to have access to the Kingdom. The Church, the body of Christ, is the entity that represents the bridge that gives access to God's blessings.



The true mission of evangelists, pastors, workers in God's vineyards, missionaries and Christian missions, should be building bridges for God's people to access God's blessings.

Giving a handout to an individual is refusing to build the bridge so that particular individual could strive, grow and access God's blessing.

A physical bridge will give access to education, to a trade, a small business so God's children can strive with dignity and pride. Empowering an individual with a small business or giving a hand up to a family, to live with dignity, is bridging the gap. I am now 41 and I have known people who were receiving handouts when I was a kid and are still to this day receiving handouts.

The bridge of Education is the only way to move people out of poverty. Haitian Living Bridge has established a preaching school in Haiti to assist individuals in the process of digging themselves out of poverty.

In March 2013, Haitian Bible College graduated 10 students and 90 percent of them are involved in some kind of ministry. Joinville Anvousse, 25, graduated last year with an associate degree from Haitian Bible College. While I was in Haiti, Joinville told me that he preaches every Sunday. He stated, "I am proud of being a graduate of HBC." Joinville owns a small business in Port au Prince that is funded by Haitian Living Bridge.

Haitian Bible College is growing slowly but steadily. Twenty students are currently taking classes at Haitian Bible College in Port au Prince and they will be graduating next March with an associate degree and with one or two trades.



Vernon Vest, HLB treasurer, was the first person to join HLB board. Vernon Vest just returned from his first trip to Haiti to see Haitian Bible College and other projects that Haitian Living Bridge is undertaking.

Vernon spent four days sharing the word of God with the HBC students, met with the staff and visited the elderly and orphans. HBC students were eager to learn from Vernon Vest. They asked several questions.

The Holy Spirit is well and moving in Haiti. God has moved in mighty ways among those young graduates and the current students.

Ribinson Cherisma, who was among the first registered HBC students,

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graduated from WISE, is now joining HBC staff in Haiti to teach English and a trade. Haitian Living Bridge has funded training for Ribinson on Water Purification. Ribinson will be training the HBC students on Water Purification. Those students would be able to take that training back to their community to prevent diseases that are water-related.

While Vernon and I were in Haiti we met Mary, an American missionary who was in Haiti with another group making dresses and bed sheets for handicapped kids.

Upon our request, Mary taught two of the HBC students some basic sewing skills and they were able to put together a small dress the same



day. These students were happy and very thankful.

Haitian Living Bridge is working on opening a factory line to make uniforms for school kids in Haiti. All school kids wear uniforms in Haiti. There is a great market for this project in Haiti. This project will provide a job for at least 6 to 7 HBC students, give a break to school kids' parents, improve the Haitian economy and also contribute to the kingdom of God. I have been in contact with a woman in Minnesota who can help with the sewing machines.

It has been my dream to care for seniors and widows in Haiti. This project has finally kicked off. I do not have a home for them yet, but

have been feeding them for almost 5 months. Vernon and I had a chance to eat, pray and spend time with them during our trip in Haiti. I hope by the end of this year that I will be able to house ten seniors and four children. My Destiny home care pledges to give 20 % for every referral which Haitian Living Bridge friends make to the elderly project. A piece of property is made available for this project.



There is still a great gap to be bridged in Haiti, but with your prayers and your financial support, part of this work will be done.

Friends, Haitian Living Bridge would not have made it thus far without your support. I am very thankful for your support of the ministry. We conducted a small medical clinic during our trip. Medications were donated by Joplin Community clinic staff and some glasses by the brothers in Joplin.



Haitian Living Bridge is going through a very difficult time financially. It has been very difficult for our Treasurer to send the \$400 monthly contribution to Haiti. We are living in a difficult time, but Haitian Living Bridge may not be able to graduate the twenty current students without your help. I am asking you or your church to pledge a little bit more if possible.

Gerard Mondestin
In the Lamb,

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