

Missions Trip to Pignon, Haiti

Missions Report: by Lora Rozkowski

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Thank you so much for your financial gifts and prayer cover for the missions' trip to Pignon, Haiti. *It was life changing!*

The mission team consisted of: 4 youth & 3 adults from 2 churches. We reached out to surrounding communities sharing the love of Christ with:

NT Bibles in Haitian-Creole, bags of rice & beans, goats, solar lights, evangelism and prayer, church marriage conferences, pouring a concrete floor, sponsoring school kids for a year and financial gifts handed to ministry leaders.

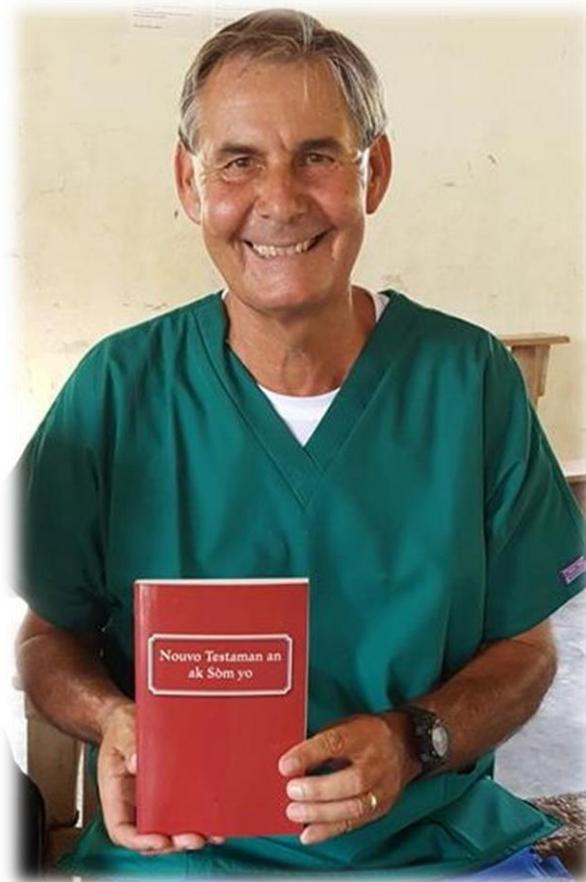
Team members also participated in various events on the UCI ministry grounds.



Goats going out to families



A sack of Rice & Beans will feed a family of 6, for 2 weeks



Gary: New Testament Bibles in Haitian-Creole

U.C.I. - United Christians International

Founders of UCI: JeanJean (*pronounced John John*) & Kristie Mompremier started UCI in 2005 – they now have 65 churches under their covering.

JeanJean hosts a Pastor's mtg. each week (*Gary had the privilege to speak to them*). Some of the Pastor's travel very long distances to get to this meeting.



Gary & Jonah: Pastors Meeting at UCI

UCI has grown and continues to expand in building projects, elementary school scholarships and university students. UCI expects an influx of 300 University students in 2019. The ministry even caught the attention of the president of Haiti and he made an official visit a couple of years ago. God is awesome!! There are 3 areas of learning at the UCI University Campus:

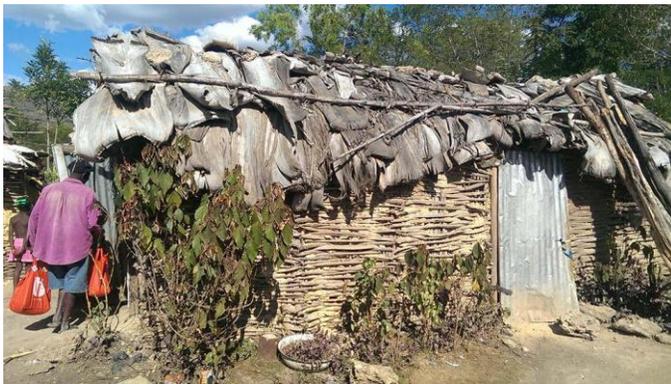
- Theology
- Medical - Doctors & Nurses
- Agriculture

- There are so many community needs and **right now JeanJean is in the negotiating stage of building a hospital.** PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS! They know God will provide the funds and the means to begin building the hospital on UCI grounds.

During our time at UCI, a local missionary woman in desperate need of medical treatment came to JeanJean and Kristie’s door at 3am asking for help. The nearest hospital is over an hour away. They immediately got dressed and drove her to the hospital. The missionary is doing fine, thanks to JeanJean & Kristie and their serving hearts.

UCI's three-fold mission for short-term TRIPS:

- Evangelism Ministry – verbally communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ using a variety of methods
- Construction Ministry – contributing to the hands-on building, construction, and cleaning projects as needed



A typical home in Pignon, Haiti (walls/roof leaks)



UCI has helped many families with a home (leak proof)

- Mercy (Service, Creative) Ministry
 - demonstrating God’s love to those in need
 - providing helpful service to full-time missionaries, medical personnel, local pastors, educators, and officials
 - Utilizing God given gifting and vision of team members to share the Gospel in unique and creative ways (puppets, music, the Arts, sports, etc.)
 - 125 boys were there for soccer camp, for free!
 - A young man from California, who was saved at UCI, teaches and has helped lead the soccer camp for the past 2 years.

Just think of what WE can do as a missionary team in 1 week! We can affect a wide range of people with the love of Jesus Christ and share His GOOD NEWS.

Wilnot's Story:

One young man, born in adversity with a dream to change his nation.



Wilnot with community children he has helped. The JOY of the LORD is our strength!

Wilnot (*pronounced Will Know*) is an artist, single Dad, worship leader at his local church, a Theology student at UCI and founder of Haitian Hope Ministry. He has a vision to help families in the Monac community of Central Haiti, who are very, very poor.

Wilnot was in High School when he adopted a little baby boy who would have had the terrible fate of growing up in an orphanage. A young father approached Wilnot and was desperate for someone to help him with his son because he could no longer take care of him.

- Wilnot was living at home and begged his Mom to let him keep the baby boy. Wilnot's home already had 9 children and Mendel would make 10. (*Mendel is now 10 yrs old*)
- Wilnot said he would work or do whatever he could to pay for the expenses of raising this child as his own, his Mom finally agreed. Wilnot used his artistic talent to help provide for his son and continues to sell his paintings for funding for his ministry.



Wilnot is helping a family of 7 with a tin roof. (Each tin is approx. \$40)

A scripture that keeps Wilnot encouraged is:

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

- I am currently in contact with Wilnot and pray that we develop a relationship that will continue to grow so we can help him with his vision for Haitian Hope.
- Wilnot painted all the images in the cookbook from UCI titled; cooking with Love. The recipes look fantastic and I hope to try them out soon. (You guys know it's a running joke between Gary & I that my cooking is terrible, LOL! Gary can tell you many stories. ☺)

Nelson the Witchdoctor (a Christian for almost 6 years)



Nelson (former witchdoctor) is on the left and JeanJean is in the red shirt

Nelson a former witchdoctor came to the mission house to speak with our mission team. He had a powerful testimony. He spoke in Creole and JeanJean interpreted for him.

Something interesting happened just as Nelson was about to begin to speak; the lights went out for about 20 seconds... In Haiti there is absolutely no electricity or lighting at night, it is pitch black. The ministry house has lights that are run with a gas generator. When the lights came back on there was a hush in our midst and we all hung onto every word of Nelson's testimony on how he came to Christ. It was incredible!

The reason I like to mention the witchdoctors is because; once the witchdoctor gets saved the whole community comes to Christ and the spiritual climate changes from darkness to God's marvelous light.

JeanJean has UCI evangelism ministry teams that have a specific strategy; to target voodoo influenced communities. To date, 29 witchdoctors have given their hearts to Jesus Christ through the UCI evangelism ministry so far, they are fearless!

I took notes when Nelson was speaking and here are some of the things that he told us.

Witchdoctors are intrigued when they meet someone that is not afraid of them. Fear is their weapon of destruction. They know when someone is a Christian because the power of God is much greater than theirs.

Witchdoctors are greatly feared by the Haitian people. Voodoo has been operating in Haiti for about 200 years now. Communities know which ritual is taking place because of the particular rhythm of the drums they hear in the distance. They call their meeting places - a house of worship.

WITCHDOCTORS:

- They are part of a huge network and all witchdoctors in Haiti are connected
- They can be male or female
- They are possessed by a demon
- Their job is to kill people [Nelson has no item how many people he had killed, it's in the hundreds], all the killing is done in the spirit realm.
- There is a hierarchy and each witchdoctor has a master if they want more money & power. What they do is give total allegiance to that master and the master speaks over the witchdoctor an oral contract. The contract is how long the witchdoctor will live.
- Their mission... to steal, kill & destroy

Story of Jean Jean's evangelism team coming to Nelson's house

Nelson wanted the UCI Christians dead that kept coming to his house. As the Christians came into Nelson's spiritual realm of influence, he saw the demonic principalities bow to the power of God. The demons would flee. Nelson was perplexed...

Then one day God gave him a dream, that he must read this scripture from the Bible:

Galatians 6: 1 & 7

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Nelson accepted Jesus Christ as his LORD and Savior. His conversion experience brought such peace to his soul that he had never experienced before. Nelson was saved just 3 months shy of his 9 year death contract ending.

Nelson now evangelizes in other communities riddled with voodoo. The very 1st time he went out, 18 witchdoctors gave their lives to Christ.

Nelson has asked us to ask you to keep him and his family in prayer, he has 3 children. That God will continue to use him to bring the light of the Gospel into areas of spiritual darkness and protection from harassment of his family.



Gary & Lora: prayer for protection & strength

This last picture is of a young father named Jonah. He was at the marriage conference we taught at his church. His wife could not attend because of their newborn child. He is newly saved, only 1 year and asked Gary & I to pray for him for protection and to stay strong for Jesus. He does not want to go back to voodoo. Church, please keep Jonah in your prayers!

Conclusion:

Gary & I will be collecting supplies and monetary donations throughout the year for our missions' trip to Haiti next year. They are in dire need of basics survival supplies.

- Bible in Haitian Creole (\$17 each)
- Finances to purchase: rice, beans, goats
- Solar Light Bulbs (*I have a link*)
- Toothpaste (sample size) & toothbrushes
- 1st aid kits for churches
- Reading glasses
- Carry bags

As time goes on we can let you know what else is needed. We have a weight limit on what we can bring on the cargo plane. (Weight limit per person) So we will be specific on what is actually needed.



Getting ready to embark on our journey (Cargo Plane)

Interested in next year's trip? A good place to start is to begin praying and also get your passport.

Thank you for all you do for the advancement of the Kingdom of God!

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