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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOORESTOWN

# MISSIONS CONNECTIONS

*Spring 2023*

## PRAY FOR HAITI

APRIL 2

According to the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF), the security situation in Haiti has reached crisis level. People are hungry, roads are unsafe, supplies are scarce, and many international organizations have shut their doors and left the country.

On April 2, please pray for the people of Haiti. For the good citizens of Haiti and your partners there, please pray for:

Personal safety from violent gang members, Especially for drivers who work to bring in supplies from the capital but are often stopped or kidnapped by gang members.

Provision through God's providence as food, fuel, clean water and other necessities become increasingly hard to find and costly. Peace in knowing that God is with them and perseverance in their faith.

*Read the MBF ministry update on page 2.*

## Celebrate Haiti in April

### *Haiti Outreach Ministries visits FPCM*

April 21-23, 2023 First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown will host Pastor Leon Dorleans, Pastor Profaité Medeus, Nadege Gay Hayney, and the Haiti Outreach Ministries' Board of Directors. This weekend will give everyone the opportunity to get to know this ministry.

### Spaghetti Dinner

On Friday, April 21, at 6:30 pm, the mission committee will host a Spaghetti Dinner in Miller Commons. Pastor Leon Dorleans will discuss the current crisis in Haiti and the ministries' work in their communities despite hardships. Attendees will have the opportunity to contribute to the ministry through a free will offering. The dinner is complimentary.

### Open Board Meeting

On Saturday, April 22, 8:30 am -2:00 pm, hear comprehensive updates about the schools, clinics, vocational education as well as the new Bible College. It has been three years since our last mission trip to Haiti clinics new constructions projects, vocational education and the Bible College. This event is open to all. Lunch will be provided.

### Pastor Leon to Lead Worship

On Sunday, April 23, at 8:30 and 11:00 am Pastor Leon Dorleans will lead worship at both Sunday services. Come hear his inspiring message. Pastor Leon will be available between services to meet and greet and answer questions about the ministry.

# PRAY WITH HAITI

## APRIL 2

### Medical Benevolence Foundation

#### MBF Partner Update

Nineteen miles from Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, MBF mission partners, Hospital St. Croix and the Women's and Children's Primary Care Center at Darbonne, have remained open despite the civil war occurring in Haiti. Fifty thousand hospital patients were treated last year and twelve hundred babies were born at the Care Center.

Oxygen shortfalls are a current challenge to both. Food, water and basic supplies are scarce as gang violence occurs daily. Fuel shortages and violence cause the staff difficulties in getting to work and sending their children to school. The Hospital and Care Center are committed to continue to provide care to their communities.

#### FSIL Nursing School Graduation

The FSIL Nursing School in Haiti was the first baccalaureate nursing school in Haiti. This spring marks the first class of Masters Degree students as nurse practitioners and midwives.



#### Hope Alive Clinic Haiti

Parents of malnourished babies born in Haiti continue to drop them at Hope Alive Clinic for care. Gangs are blocking the roads making it difficult for parents to return to visit their children. Hope Alive keeps these children long after they are able to return to families because they are unable to contact the parents. The space for these programs is at capacity. Eight children are currently in the Kay Lamou house after being abandoned by their parents.

Work continues at Hope Alive Clinic. They replaced the main water pump, installed outdoor solar lights, taught cholera education and rebuilt the roof over the waiting area.





## India

In February, Linda Jagiela and Debbie Heller traveled to southern India with FPCM's mission partner GTi Hope. They saw new church plants and literacy programs to unreached people groups.

On April 14 at 6:00 pm, Byron Hack, Executive Director GTi Hope, will give a presentation on Christianity in India and review the trip at an ice cream social. Come and enjoy an ice cream sundae and learn more about the important work being done by our mission partners in India.



## YAMBA UGANDA Celebrates Harvest

The children at YAMBA started a backyard garden planting carrots, onions, beets and other vegetables. They are celebrating a successful harvest!



## CALM Uganda has a Cow

Meet Sugar, the milk cow, and newest member of Children Alive Ministry (CALM). The milk they collect each day will support their school, daycare center and staff.

What a blessing!



## Love Driven Ministries, Malawi

Ishmael Adam, founder of Love Driven Ministries writes, "Our community library is now open to the community and both elementary and high school students have been coming to study from Monday to Saturday. We do not have books yet, but our library has been a safe space for the kids in the community to hang out, do homework and just be kids. Our books should start to arrive in May. Our farm is growing great and we expect to harvest both maize (corn) and groundnuts (peanuts) in the next few weeks.."



# Partner and Mission Events

## SAVE THE DATES

### March 31

Taste of Promise, Moorestown Community House 6:00-10:15 pm

### April 2

MBF prayer for Haiti (all day)

### April 14

Ice Cream Social to benefit GTI Hope India 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

### April 20

Partner Day Urban Promise 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Urban Promise Campus

### April 21

Spaghetti Dinner for Haiti Outreach Ministries 6:30-8:00 pm Miller Commons

MEND "BEE" the Change Fundraiser 6:00-10:00 pm at the Venue at Lenola

### April 22

Haiti Outreach Ministries Board Meeting (open to all) 8:30 am-2:00 pm

Seeds of Hope "Run for a Life" 8:00 am at the Camden Athletic complex, 401 Delaware Ave. Camden, NJ. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Camden?RunforaLife5K>

### April 27

Christian Caring Center 40th Anniversary Banquet at FPC Moorestown, 6:00-9:00 pm Fellowship Hall

### April 30

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Estate at Monroe, 1351 N. Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, NJ 08094 register at [southjerseyfca.org](http://southjerseyfca.org)

### May 6

Foster the Family 5K and fun run at Challenge Grove Park. Register at [Fosterthefamily.org/ftfnj5k](http://Fosterthefamily.org/ftfnj5k)



### Carol's House Welcomes the Millers

Jeff and Geri Miller will stay at Carol's House in July and stay through February 2024 as they prepare for retirement.



## MAY IS FOR MOMS

During the month of May, we will hand out bottle banks to collect for our Mission partner, Options for

Women. This collection will help Options offer free ultra sounds and maternity care to for those in need. In June, we will collect the banks and hold a baby shower for Options clients. Watch for more details on the shower and grab a bottle May 1.

*The mission committee would love to hear from you. If you have questions, ideas, want to volunteer to staff the store or join the committee, please reach out to us at [Missions@spcmoorestown.org](mailto:Missions@spcmoorestown.org). [missions/](http://missions/) for more information*