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Dear Friend in Christ,

God is doing something wonderful in Haiti, rolling back the darkness, restoring lives—all by His power, through prayer and your gracious partnership. Thank you!

As you know, I usually communicate through newsletters and emails, but they have limited space. Today I am writing via letter so you might be more fully informed, to learn how He has been working through you and share a great opportunity. Again, thank you.

You, of course, are familiar with the dominance of Voodoo in Haiti. If you have accompanied me to this very poor nation, you know that families are truly fearful of the darkness. When night falls, they lock their doors and windows to keep the evil spirits away. There are many instances of illness, demonic manifestations, and deaths from Voodoo. It is all very real.

Now, you may remember me mentioning a young man, Sammy Joseph. He was raised in a rural village in Haiti, growing up in poverty. To cope with having so little and for power, Sammy sacrificed his soul, becoming a witchdoctor.



These precious children are sent by their parents to one of several MTH schools that offer meals. Their families are too poor to properly feed them. Staff report that many children will respond to the Gospel and could go on to influence their own families with the love of Christ they experience. Their witness can help lead people who are in chains to Satan to the foot of the cross, to spiritual liberation. For all you have done to transform their lives, thank you.

He promised his life to Satan in exchange for wealth. But there was a catch. Death could come at any time. Demons told him that a “date of expiration” had been declared for him, the day Satan would claim him, February 15th of 2010.

As the day approached, Sammy panicked. Serving Satan and Voodoo was a tragic mistake. The demon spirits told him the deal was sealed, the date firm. Any attempts to extend his life were worthless. There was nothing he could do. He would soon die. I know that may sound sensational but ask any missionary who has worked here. Voodoo is formidable.

Not far from where Sammy the witchdoctor lives, a pastor—my friend, Pastor Junior—was holding revival meetings near the community of Lestere, where his church is based. I’ll tell you more of Pastor Junior in a moment. He’s an incredible man, delivering many from darkness through the power of the Gospel.

Sammy attended one of the meetings. Hearing Pastor Junior proclaim the good news, he immediately entered into a deep, inner conflict. The darkness would not release him. Pastor Junior began praying fervently for Sammy. The evil spirits became enraged because Sammy wanted to follow Jesus. He planned to burn all fetishes used in Voodoo, sources of his power. *(Demons can associate themselves with objects, homes, and families. They will not let go.)*

So in their desperation, the evil spirits forced him to swallow every item, to keep him from burning them. Enter the power of prayer! As soon as Sammy swallowed them all, they came right back up, like the Holy Spirit was purging him of evil. On the spot, Pastor Junior and Sammy burned them all. He was set free.

Economically, turning to Christ, was costly. Sammy gave up all his income from Voodoo, his livelihood. But God provided. Sammy has since become a glowing brother in the Lord, and today he preaches the Gospel in a neighboring village, working in the power of God to set other captives free. **And if it were not for you, your prayers and your gifts, Sammy would not have been delivered.**

You see, Pastor Junior, his life and ministry are the fruit of your kind support for Mission To Haiti. As a child, he attended an MTH feeding and school program. Receiving a Christian education, he became a remarkable leader and now works in close partnership with MTH, pastoring, leading an MTH school, feeding the poor.

Through his influence, Pastor Junior reports that the practice of Voodoo in his area of service has declined from 60 percent to 40 percent. And the rate continues to fall.

Pastor Junior speaks of two other men who were also entrenched in Voodoo. They happened to be walking near an outdoor meeting where Pastor Junior was preaching. They heard the words, ***“For God so loved the world that He ...”*** Just hearing those words, John 3:16 and the Gospel, they were both convicted of sin and at once became acutely aware of God’s overwhelming love. They renounced Voodoo and gave their lives to Christ.

Where there were once long hair (a cultural sign of troublemakers), there are now clean-cut men, delivered from darkness, dedicated to Christ (see the photo). **They both now attend Pastor Junior’s church, sing in the choir, and are shepherding others toward the light of Christ. What deliverance!**

Here’s where the story is getting even better. Pastor Junior also leads the local MTH school and feeding program in the community of Lestere. People here are hungry, both physically and spiritually. **With your help, and gracious gifts that supply food, the school’s enrollment has increased from 34 students to 450 during the last eight years of Pastor Junior’s time as Principal, a 12-fold increase!**



From darkness to light. The man in the middle is Pastor Junior, standing with those two men who responded to hearing John 3:16. They have confronted Voodoo and won. They live to see many others delivered from darkness, working through the ministries of Pastor Junior and their church. Your partnership helped make their deliverance possible. Thank you.

Children not only receive nutritious meals, but they see the love of God lived out before them and come to understand the Gospel. Pastor Junior says that 17 kids in 2021 gave their lives to Christ. Many of their families who see their children fed and thriving will also become followers of our Lord. **It is influence like this that is causing the rate of families practicing Voodoo to drop from 60 to 40 percent. Lord, may it drop to zero and Haiti become a Christian nation!**

This brings me to a great opportunity. So many families are sending their children to the school (that 12-fold increase), with many more wanting to enroll their little ones, that additional funds are needed to purchase food and to expand the school—to be a lighthouse of Truth shining in the darkness. Pastor Junior also has a vision for the school to not stop at 9th grade but to expand and offer a complete high school (to grade 13 in Haiti), preparing children even for advanced education and Bible school.

This expansion is critical, because Pastor Junior believes that many of these students will become leaders, pastors, and evangelists. He knows it can happen because THAT IS HIS STORY.

For as a child he was once poor, fed in an MTH school, received an education, and was then called to serve God. I know this man personally. He is a leader of integrity and drive, sold out to His Lord.



Brother Hyppolite, a leader in the mission, with a Mission Aviation Fellowship pilot, ready to travel to Port-au-Prince. This is how the Church is working together, overcoming the barriers to travel, to deliver food, supply training and resources so Haitians can be equipped to transform their own nation. It's our privilege to represent you to these brothers and sisters in Christ, to make their work of eternal significance possible. For all you do, thank you.

This is how this troubled nation can be transformed, through leaders like him, starting with food, medical care (via MTH clinics), education, nurturing and discipleship. Raising up Haitian Christians to reach Haiti is the answer—the call of Mission To Haiti—to equip Haitians to change their own nation.

Expanding the feeding program and school means substantial resources are needed. On average, a child can be fed for just 50 cents per day. More than \$20,000 is needed for the food and cost of distribution over the next several months. The school expansion will happen in three stages, \$15,000 for each stage, totaling about \$45,000. This expansion will provide new classroom

space and feeding facilities. In addition, six Christian teachers will be hired, needing about \$310 each for each 6-month period.

Seeing all that God has done, the fruit of *your* partnership, and as He may have blessed you financially, would you feel moved to make this promising vision a reality? Would you help roll back the darkness?

Children are hungry now. Parents are ready to enroll them in school, as space and funding allow. Perhaps you can send a gift of \$50, \$100 or \$250. If you do have the financial resources, you might wish to take on a larger share through a gift of \$1,000 or \$2,500. You may be in a position and feel the moving of the Lord to fund all of Stage One of the school expansion, through a gift of \$15,000. Or you might want to sponsor one Christian teacher for \$620 a year or six teachers through a gift of \$3,720.

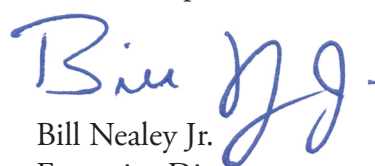
Give as you feel led and according to your ability. *(If you would like to learn more details and receive a proposal for the school expansion, please give me a call at the number below.)*

I pray my letter has affirmed your partnership and given you a deeper look into the power of loving people, feeding, and educating their children, of equipping leaders to transform Haiti. Pastor Junior tells me that through the school's influence so far, whole families have come to Christ, that open doors abound—opportunities to transform lives for the taking.

Please give these needs your careful intercession. As He leads, I invite you to help feed the poor, heal the brokenhearted, bring light to banish the darkness. You can help the people of Haiti claim this Scripture for themselves: *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”* (I Peter 2:9 KJV).

Thank so much for all you have done, for your messages of encouragement, gifts and intercession. May God bless you richly as together we shine the light of His love to all of Haiti.

For the People of Haiti,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Nealey Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill Nealey Jr.
Executive Director
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P.S. I hope my letter has encouraged you. God is truly rolling back the darkness. Voodoo is being overcome, children are being fed, lives are being saved, whole families are coming to Christ. But millions more are yet to be reached. They need to experience His love and hear the liberating Gospel. As soon as the needed funds are received, this ministry expansion can begin. You can designate your gift to feed children, to expand the school, for teachers, or where most needed. Time is of the essence. So, if you can send your gift by April 30, 2022, I will be most grateful. You can also post your gift at www.missiontohaiti.org/shinelight. **You can also give via credit card by calling (305) 823-7516.** Thank you and God's best to you.