

Dear Friend in Christ,

My heart is filled with gratitude for you ... and with great praise for our Lord.

God is using your partnership to transform many lives. Thank you so much.

As you know, I typically communicate the ministry of Mission To Haiti through newsletters and emails. But lately I've found that letters are a great way to take you deeper into the lives that God is transforming—through your prayers and gifts.

So, thank you for your kind words about these letters. It's why I know you will be encouraged by what I am about to share.

I will refer to her as Sonia. She is the mother of Stanley, a student at an MTH school (he is in yellow in the photo).

Sonia, his mother, was a “mambo,” a Voodoo priestess. So was her own mother since mambos beget mambos—passed “through the bloodline.” Sadly, Stanley was born into this darkness.

Her job was to serve the local, head witch doctor. She would cook and bring meals for Voodoo ceremonies, where people would dance into a frenzy, open themselves to the spirits, and fall into trances. She also would hang food in the trees for the spirits—the demons.

As a mambo her income was meager. She could hardly care for her children, including Stanley. A few years ago Sonia became desperate. She actually came to a Haitian church! It happened to be the first church that MTH partnered with in the mid-80s, where the first MTH school was started, and where the first child was sponsored!

She found a women's group that was meeting. They invited her and her children to return that night, for a revival meeting, where she would hear an evangelist. That evangelist happened to have attended the MTH school and become a dynamic Christian leader. His topic? *“Dealing with life's difficult situations.”* His message connected. Sonia heard the Gospel and was convicted. She came forward with her children, renounced Voodoo and was made new in Christ!



The young man on the left is Stanley, 16-years-old, with MTH staff, Hancher. In this photo Stanley had just prayed to receive Christ! Both his grandmother and mother were mambos, Voodoo priestesses. Because of you, his mother and his siblings are now in the family of God. They are lights in the midst of great darkness, helping to lead others out of Satan's domain into the glorious freedom of the Kingdom of God. For all you do that has shone light into their lives, and now to others, thank you for your intercession and your gifts!

It's important to understand that, when people turn away from Voodoo, there is a "disturbance in the force." It's almost like a tantrum of evil ensues as demons lose their grip. They will attack, create havoc, depression and fear. Christians who renounce Voodoo are often the targets. We can't be sure if there was a direct connection, but three months after coming to Christ, Sonia suddenly died of heart disease. Before that, three years earlier, her husband had also died. Stanley was now an orphan. He went to live with his cousin and older sister who still cares for him today, who makes sure he is attending the MTH school and staying up on his work.

A few weeks ago, I was in Haiti. I had a chance to meet with Stanley. A key MTH staff leader, Hancher, joined with me. As we talked, we realized that even though Stanley had gone forward with his mother at that revival service, he didn't fully understand the Gospel. So, we sat down together and went through the plan of salvation. It made sense. He prayed to receive Christ, becoming sure of his salvation. It was a wonderful moment.

During that meeting, he told us that he didn't have enough clothes and must borrow his brother's. So, using funds you have graciously sent, we gave him clothes. And Stanley is enterprising. He earns a living by delivering water to families as his time allows.

There is very little running water in rural Haiti. Instead, you will find large drums of water at most every home. Stanley hand-pumps water from wells into four five-gallon containers at a time. Each container weighs about 41 pounds. Stanley carries them to homes and replenishes their drums, earning about two dollars per drum. In a day he can earn eight dollars. Not much, even by Haitian standards.



Here Stanley is delivering his hand-pumped five-gallon containers of water. You can see this family's water barrel in the background. More important, with every visit he is delivering news of "*The water of Life*." He openly declares how Christ transformed his life, and offers freedom from darkness to all who will believe. This is the vision of MTH—that thousands of Stanleys will saturate their nation with the good news.

But this young man has been so transformed that as he delivers the water to homes he shares the Gospel! He is an example of the vision of Mission To Haiti, for Haitians to be the agents of change, by the power of God. They can be far more effective than us westerners, since Haitians understand their own culture, the spiritual darkness and the language.

All this has happened because of you. For many years, the friends of MTH have supported the church where Sonia heard the Gospel, the school where Stanley attends. You provided the clothes and gave for sponsorship that is positively affecting so many young lives. Thank you so much!

During that same trip to Haiti, I spent time with another young man, Ashly (in Haiti that's a boy's name). Ashly is 14 years old and is in the 6th grade. We invited him to the MTH campus to receive a gift sent from his sponsor (John from Michigan).

Ashly was so grateful for the gift, his own backpack with school supplies. To him it was amazing. You see, Ashly lives in an impoverished house, right next to a neighborhood dominated by a notorious gang. This is the same gang that, last year, kidnapped 17 Christian missionaries (thankfully they were all released). Drugs, murders, prostitution and theft are common here. It's an area to avoid.



This is 14-year-old Ashly standing with Hancher, right after Ashly prayed to receive Christ. It is sheer joy to watch the "lights come on" as these young Haitians are touched by love and understand the Gospel. By the power of the Holy Spirit they are born anew from Heaven. Nurtured through Christian education, they become lights among their people. This is how Haiti can be transformed, for His glory. For your part in improving their lives, I am most grateful.

As we sat down to talk, we came to recognize the deep hurt inside him. Born out of wedlock, neither parent wanted Ashly, nor were they able to care for him. His father died of heart disease in 2019, and he now lives with his cousins, literally on the edge of that gang world. We also realized that he too didn't fully understand the Gospel.

When young people come from impoverished backgrounds, surrounded by crime and Voodoo, it can take repeated exposure for them to grasp what the Lord has done for them, even when they hear about Jesus, taught in a MTH school.

That's when Hancher and I took out a tract and personally explained the Gospel to Ashly. Meeting with the team, receiving the love that backpack represented, and with prayer, the Word of God resonated. It was our privilege to watch as Ashly prayed to receive Christ. You could really see a change in his countenance. He was made new! I sometimes get tears as I recall those moments. It was all so very real.

Motivated by their terrible living situation, I took MTH funds designated for housing and provided enough for Ashly and his cousins to move out of that dangerous neighborhood. They are now in a better house, renting in a safe area, right next to the MTH school where Ashly attends. It was a joy to see the appreciation in his eyes. **His thanks are really for you. You make all this possible.**

It's why I also give thanks for your prayer and generosity. Over the past few months, you helped provide 36 school desks for an MTH school. Perhaps you saw the photo of all the new desks in the September newsletter. You have upgraded and equipped several MTH school kitchens. You have sent gifts for housing, for rent, for medical care, for teacher salaries. My heart overflows with gratitude for all you have done for the people of Haiti.

As we approach the end of this year, when many of us are planning our year-end offerings, as God leads and enables, perhaps you can include the people of Haiti in your plans.

Those school desks are so effective that several other MTH school principals are asking for desks as well. More desks are needed at a cost of \$165 each. Expansion of the school at Lestere is in process, needing \$7,000 to finish the first phase. That will enable MTH to receive 100 more students. There is a growing waiting list at the school, limited by space available (now a first floor with limited bathrooms).

I think of the Beudet vocational school that just graduated 16 skilled seamstresses (male and female!). It was an honor to give each graduate their own treadle sewing machine (electrical power is unreliable in most communities). These young people are already receiving many orders for clothes (most clothing in Haiti is still handmade). This will enable them to lift themselves out of deep poverty. We hope to provide and bless more graduates with treadle sewing machines as well, at a cost of \$300 each.

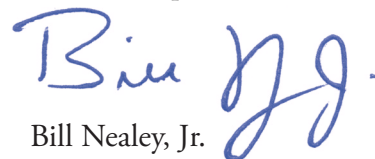
With my next letter, I will share more about changed lives, the financial needs and opportunities before us. Before year-end, Mission To Haiti will need to receive at least \$110,000, to balance the Sponsorship Fund, the Founder's Challenge and Operating Budget. This figure is above and beyond everyone's normal generous monthly giving.

Kindly pray with me that this amount will be met, by His provision and blessing.

In closing, if you could visit Haiti and with spirit-eyes look into the air that surrounds this troubled nation, you would see hordes of demonic forces. They have enslaved millions in the chains of fear and oppression. Only the Gospel, the blood of Jesus and the Word of God will break the chains. As you partner with MTH, you will enable Haitians to be the agents of change, to be the lights in their darkness, to help thousands be rescued from Satan's domain, to be transferred into the "Kingdom of His dear Son" (Colossians 1:13).

Feel free to call me if you have any thoughts or questions. Thank you so much for your love and partnership.

For the People of Haiti,



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P.S. Remember the many Haitian children who still need a sponsor. At present, there are 290 on the waiting list. If you already sponsor a child, you know the joy and satisfaction of seeing a young life influenced for good. Perhaps you can add a second or third child to your sponsorship family. The cost is \$35 per month per child. Just visit www.missiontohaiti.org. And for these many opportunities please send your gift by December 31, 2022. I will be grateful. You can give via credit card at missiontohaiti.org or by calling (305) 823-7516. If you have not done so, kindly consider including Mission To Haiti in your estate plans, enabling you to impact many more lives in the years to come. Please call me for information. Thank you.