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▼ HARVESTCALL HAITI TRADE SCHOOL MISSION

ASSIST THE YOUTH OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY EDUCATION & SKILLS NEEDED TO BECOME LEADERS OF THEIR HOMES, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES.

Trade School Destroyed by Hurricane

LIFE-CHANGING INSTITUTION FACED UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Should we rebuild, or not? That was the question facing HarvestCall's Haiti Trade School committee in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. The town of Port-à-Piment, a community of 17,000 souls and location of a trade school which had recently celebrated 25 years of operation, had been devastated. Main roads and bridges were washed out, 80-90% of homes and schools were destroyed, and food supply and crops including rice, fruit, coffee, corn, and beans were wiped out. Fifty percent of the population soon left.

Yet, recognizing that the people in the Port-à-Piment region still needed the gospel, quality education,

and vocational skills, the committee took courage and began the rebuilding efforts.

These trade schools have a

positive impact on many individual lives. Many graduates now lead productive lives in this impoverished nation and are community leaders. Here are a couple examples:

Pierre Eli is a fine Christian man from Port-à-Piment. He faithfully attended the local trade school every day for three years and received his graduate certificate in woodworking. He later went back to the school for another three years and received his certificate in masonry. Without any seed money, he started his own business. Because he was an honest and trusted man, he received more and more jobs including larger construction jobs. Over the years he became a prosperous man, not rich, but able to build a comfortable home and purchase a car. He is married and his occupation enables him to provide for his wife and children. He is also an elder in the church and is the foreman for his new church construction currently being rebuilt after the hurricane. He found his passion and is a great leader in the community today.

Wilfried Blanc is from a village called Roche-à-Bateau which is about 40 minutes from the trade school. For three years he learned woodworking and faithfully came every day by bike. He was one of the most gifted men to attend the school and he graduated after

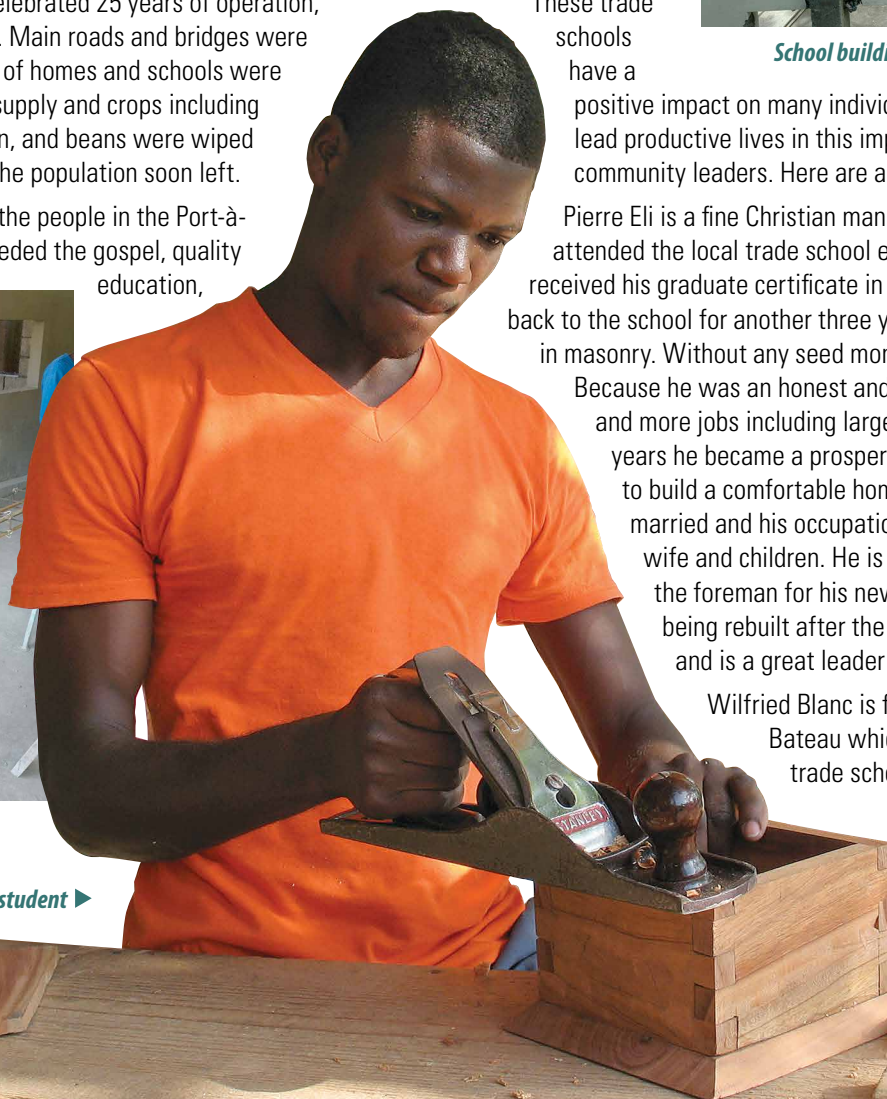


School building at Port-à-Piment after Hurricane



Mason student

Woodworking student ►



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The Challenges of Missionary Re-entry

THE COMMITMENT OF A SENDING CHURCH

Following God's leading, this newly married missionary couple walked into an intense season of caring for teenage children from troubled backgrounds. It caused their youthful immaturity to vaporize quickly. Bro. Brock and Sis. Auburn Wiegand recently shared their testimony in front of the Gridley church back home in the U.S. They testified of God's clear calling to go as singles, to continue serving as a young married couple, and lastly, to transition back to Indiana from our CVE children's home in Magdalena, MX. To their own surprise, the evening of testimony became more emotional than they expected. They pondered the reason and determined the audience – one of their sending churches – had made the difference. The faces that looked back at them were the ones who had nurtured and exemplified Christ's love during the formative years of growing up. These were the faces of ones who had prayed, visited, and encouraged them when they were in

the heat of the trenches. Brock and Auburn had been genuinely and effectively loved by this committed church. (To be encouraged by their testimony, please contact gridleyacchurch@gmail.com. Because the recording uses children's names, it is available upon private request only.)

THE COMPASSION OF A RECEIVING CHURCH

As God called this couple back to the US, their return was different than what they expected. On the good side, they were now "empty nesters." Suddenly, instead of sharing their afternoons and evenings with multiple teenagers, they were home alone – just the two of them. On the hard side, their testimony spoke insightfully to feelings more difficult to understand by us who have been born and raised in the comforts of a

healthy family
in a slowly
changing
community.
Through
that
season
of

ministry, the Lord had patiently and persistently grown them. He had used the vulnerability and intensity of caring for traumatized children to expose and transform sinful and selfish attitudes.

From exposure of their own shortcomings, they had come to know God's mercy and faithfulness to new depths. Additionally, going to church back home was a transition all of its own. The language was different. The church

family was different. Some of the songs were different. While their hearts were grieving and experiencing a range of emotions, they struggled to build community and relate to those who seemed to have it all together. The receiving church has shown compassion in giving them time and space to transition, while reaching out in both friendship and fellowship. God has been faithful to supply what has been needed for a healthy transition.

CHALLENGES FACING CVE

Brock and Auburn are not the only ones who have been called back home from CVE. In the past year or so, over one-third of the caretaker staff have transitioned out of caregiving. In addition, several non-caregiving staff and children have returned to the United States.



▲ Auburn with the girls at CVE children's home in Magdalena, MX



Brock with the boys at CVE children's home in Magdalena, MX

These transitions have required CVE to selectively accept work teams based on size and familiarity so they can adequately serve them. The staff at CVE feel deeply pruned yet confident that God is fully in control and remains the one and only Rock. He is the deliverer and strength as David stated in Psalm 18. Please join them in praying that during this season of transition God will equip the staff with joy and sustaining strength, that he would open their hearts to understand what he wants them to learn through this season and that according to his will, he would send laborers to the harvest field. Seasons of transition are challenging but filled with opportunity to learn of God's power and grace in new ways.

TRANSITIONS IN YOUR LIFE

Transitions in life are often the catalyst where God's hand shapes and molds us into his image. If you have personal stories to share how God has been faithful through painful transitions in your life, please share those with CVEMexico@gmail.com.

PRAYER SUPPORT

CVE has a new and improved website, full of information. Check it out at cvemx.org and please sign up for emailed monthly prayer requests by going to the *Get Involved* page.

By Justin Koch

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A medical team from 1993 ►

Helping Change Lives in Juarez

30 YEARS OF MEDICAL MISSIONS

It all began with a trip to South America in 1987. A few sisters participated in a mission trip and brought

home a love for God's global church and a passion for service.

Then add two men with a vision – a brother from Phoenix and a pastor from

Juarez – and a city in desperate need

of the gospel – Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, on the border with El Paso, Texas. And the result was 30 years of mutual encouragement, fellowship, and service!

The Mexico medical missions started with small teams of five to seven people, and grew to teams as large as 50 people taking care of up to 10,000 in one



◀ 1988 medical team





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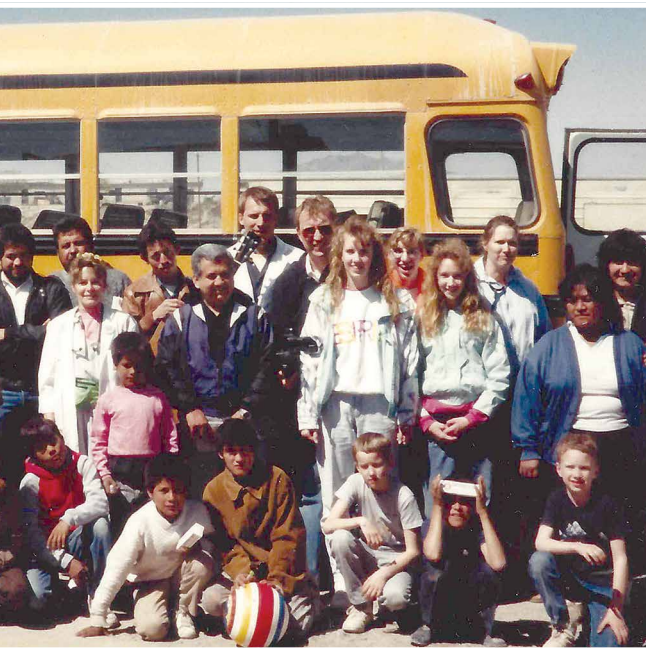
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◀ Teaching kids
how to take care
of their teeth

Learning
about good
health

▲ Listening
to a gospel
presentation

◀ Helping people
see more clearly



week. Most of the trips went to Juarez and the beautiful Copper Canyon area in southern Chihuahua. During the five years that it wasn't safe, teams went to other states of Mexico, Tamaulipas, Zacatecas, Michoacan (with our church in Ixtlan) and Guanajuato. The teams delivered primary medical care, dental and ophthalmologic care to adults and children; taught preventative health to the community; taught CPR and delivered ambulances to emergency response persons; and, most importantly, developed a long term relationship with a local church which daily fights against the dark tide of sin and despair in Juarez.

The vision of Pastor Chito and Bro. Dick Beery enabled construction teams to grow the church ministries and school and child sponsorship programs which are still providing education and meals today. Some of the children have been marginalized and ostracized

from the public schools, but through loving Christian teaching, have become better behaved and value education at the Granjas school. This positive environment strengthens the children against the temptations of sin and wealth offered by the drug cartels and instead points them to true joy and peace in Christ.

Please continue to pray for the safety and encouragement of those leading these efforts. We encourage medical AND non-

medical people to join a medical-dental team. Come and learn from, encourage, and fellowship with the believers in Juarez. And give Glory to God in the highest.

By Debbie Sauder



▲ Durable medical equipment is given out

◀ Colorful clothes are part of the culture in Copper Canyon



The Role of the Church

The role and authority of the church in decision-making, time prioritization, and in our interactions with others is often misunderstood – especially in America, where we are taught the value of independence. Understanding the intertwining of a believer's life with the Body of Christ is essential to Christian living – especially as we serve others beyond the capacity of the local church.

First, let's consider the question of priorities. We often attempt to simplify life by assigning a linear progression (prioritizing). Is it possible that this is a flawed model? **In the world**, priorities are often viewed as: 1) Self, 2) Family, 3) Friends, 4) Nationality, 5) Others. **In the church**, one often hears a different order: 1) God, 2) Family (and Self), 3) Church, 4) Friends, 5) Nationality, 6) Others. On the face of it, the second list appears to be more noble than the first list. But is it more biblical?

What if our understanding of the church were that it is not just one more item on a list? What if our understanding of life were to view it as inextricably integrated with the Body of Christ – the church?

The Bible teaches us that the church is the body of Christ. He is the head. If we are a part of the body of Christ, it is impossible to exist independently from the body. Just as the eye or toe could not survive out of the body, neither can a believer exist outside of the church. Just as it would be faulty logic to think of our toe as having greater priority than our eye, it would be faulty logic to consider our family as having higher priority than the church. It would also be faulty logic to think of the church as having higher priority than our family. It is possible to include the church in our family relationships – and to include our family relationships in our service to the church.

However, if we consider the interactions among the various components of our bodies, we see that some are more closely connected than others. Our fingers interface directly with the palm of our hands but not so directly with our legs. Within a finger, individual cells interface with other individual cells. For those cells, the priority is to communicate with their direct connections. Similarly, we may interface most often with those to whom we have ties – family, friends, the local congregation, etc. All of those interactions have a higher purpose – to edify the whole body of Christ.

At any given time, our higher calling may place demands on our time and resources to serve the body as a whole. How can we know what we should be doing? How can we know when to do it? What essential mindset must we have if we are to effectively fulfill our role in the Body of Christ?

If Christ is the Head of the body,

it is apparent that the church must be connected to Christ, controlled by Christ, and subject to the will of the Lord in all things. A body that is no longer subject to the will of the mind is no longer effective. (Think of someone who experiences a seizure.) All our activities must be subject to the will of God, controlled by Jesus, and serve to edify or be edified in some way. As we set priorities as the HarvestCall Board, as we serve in various roles on HarvestCall Committees, or as we serve in one or another HarvestCall ministry, may every action be motivated by the Lord Jesus and be carried out by His body – the church.

The church is not just central to but is inextricably interwoven with a believer's life. We cannot step out of the body of Christ to go to work or school in the morning. Nor can we step into the body of Christ on a Sunday morning as we go to church. The Body of Christ is our life, and our life is to be lived for the benefit of the body of Christ.

By Mike Leman

I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES: HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING. ▲ JOHN 15:5



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What God is doing through HarvestCall at home & abroad



Trade School Rebuild

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three years of training. He lived in a small hut and because of his skills and trustful work, he received jobs not only from the local people but as far away as Port-au-Prince. Things went well for him and he earned enough money to buy a generator, power tools and other equipment he needed without any outside support. Today he has built a nice house, has his own business and even teaches his own students. He is a fine Christian man active in the local church.

The HarvestCall Haiti Trade School (HTS) Committee supports and oversees five trade schools within the southern region of Haiti. HTS assist the youth of the local community to obtain the necessary education and skills needed to become leaders of their homes, churches and communities. The schools are open to individuals seeking a trade beyond secondary schooling and are an

alternative to attending a university. These trades consist of a wide variety of options including: masonry, woodworking, computers, cooking/ sewing, tile laying, electrical, and plumbing. Many students walk up to

two hours to attend the training and classes. The schools operate half days, allowing students time to travel to and from school, or to have a part-time job. All schools have three individuals to manage day-to-day activities, an administrator, director, and pastor. Similar to organizations in the US, they too have church members that make-up a committee to oversee these three individuals. Prior to school starting, scripture reading and a short worship service are led by the pastor or other school leaders. HarvestCall oversees and supports the schools' operation while providing a monthly financial stipend. HTS has a goal to establish a trade school in each of the eight regions of Haiti.

Supporting these trade schools for the past 25 years has been a blessing to Haitians and to us. For additional information or ways you can support Haiti Trade



Gaining skills that can provide employment

Schools, including involvement in the HTS Committee, contact Andy Getz at andy@getztdone.com

By Andy Getz

Cooking student ►



STAY CONNECTED

Prayer support is needed in every part of HarvestCall work. Here are two ways to learn about projects, how to be involved and how to pray specifically.

E updates | Get occasional emails with news and info by going to the HarvestCall website (www.harvestcall.org) and selecting "Join our email list" on the home page.

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Facebook.com/harvestcall
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Choosing "Where Needed Most" allows us flexibility to direct resources to ministries most in want. However, if you feel moved to support a specific project, just indicate that on the remittance envelope. If specified donations are greater than the need for any designated project, they will be rolled over to the General Fund.

An envelope is provided with appropriate boxes to check. Checks can either be given to your local HarvestCall Representative or mailed to:

Apostolic Christian HarvestCall
PO Box 3797, West Lafayette, IN 47996

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