



Haiti

Land of Mystery and Spiritual Warfare

When People Move the Gospel Moves

Land of mystery, spiritual warfare, and poverty, Haiti lies just 700 miles from the United States. Steeped in voodoo and spirit worship, Haiti has known incredible suffering since it gained its independence. Yet, this is a land that has seen God's hand at work.

During the early 1930s, Haitian sugar cane cutters were deported from Cuba. Many of them returned to their homeland with the "good news" of their new-found faith in Christ, a faith they found when living in Cuba.

In those early years, as believers shared their faith, many responded as they saw God working in the lives of individual believers. A massive evangelistic effort took place that led to the multiplication of churches.

In 1936, World Team entered Haiti after seeing this tremendous lay movement without pastoral leadership. They were like sheep without a shepherd. There was a great need for the teaching and training of church leaders.

With training and discipleship, the work grew and matured.

Haitian Leadership

In 1987, World Team turned leadership over to the Haitian church association, La Mission Evangelique Baptiste du Sud d'Haiti (MEBSH literally translated is Mission Evangelical Baptist of South Haiti).

Today, there are over 487 churches where groups meet for worship and Bible studies that are associated with the MEBSH. Each church represents approximately 300 people, with a total of over 97,500 Haitians being ministered to through their local church.

Though Haiti is a beautiful nation, poverty and spiritual darkness continues to hold this island nation captive. For those with patience and an open mind, Haiti reveals a rich, unique culture.

Haiti is nestled on the western half of the island of Hispanola. The terrain is rough and mountainous, with a tropical climate. The North Atlantic Ocean lies to the north, while the Caribbean Sea lies to the south.

Haiti lies in the middle of the hurricane belt and is subject to severe storms. They experience occasional flooding, earthquakes and droughts.

Haiti is a country with a troubled, but a revolutionary and exciting past, and its future still remains uncertain.



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Training and Releasing Leaders

Abundant Fruit

In Haiti, poverty and spiritual darkness have held native islanders captive for centuries. The intense poverty of the majority of the people is aggravated by the lack of safe drinking water, adequate medical care, and reliable electricity. Voodoo and spirit worship is part of the cultural fabric.

In the midst of this sometimes desperate situation, the Lord has been actively working in the hearts and lives of many Haitians. People are continuing to Christ, causing churches to be full and overflowing.

Is God calling you to be part of His work in Haiti —to roll up your sleeves and join in what He is doing?



A Life of Service

Do you enjoy working meeting practical needs? Does serving others bring you joy?

Join a team that values authentic, humble servant-leaders who are can share personal successes as well as failures. People that can rapidly adopt new ideas, take risks, and use their critical thinking skills to evaluate innovative strategies for the Haitian church to continue to grow and multiply within Haiti and cross-culturally.

- *Centre Lumière*, a home economic center, provides self help work and trains over 120 women.
- *Radio Lumière* is an invaluable tool for sharing the gospel and training Christians.
- *Nurse Practitioner Training Center* trains nurses that serve communities without medical care.
- *Institut Biblique Lumière* training Haitian pastors and leaders to reach their own country.

Ministry Overview

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| People | Haitians |
| Language | Creole |
| Location | South Peninsula of Haiti |
| Opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership development• Pastoral, theological and missiology training• Children and Youth ministry• Children's education• Doctors and nurse practitioners• Radio Engineer• People skilled in the trades• Creative arts and communication |

The abundance of fruit in the Haitian church is exciting. The importance of training national leaders is critical to the continued growth of the church in Haiti. You can have an impact. Is God leading you to go or to offer the prayers and financial support team? Your investment will yield huge dividends in the lives of Haitian leaders and those touched by their ministries.



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