2024 Donor Impact Report

Welcome to The Vine Ministry, Inc's Donor Impact Report. As you read the information, I hope that you can feel the impact and difference your participation in the mission and ministry of The Vine Ministry, Inc and the Vine Evangelical Baptist Church makes in the nation of Haiti. Your gifts and prayers bring hope and healing in a nation rocked by violence, insecurity, displacement, fear, and lack of governance. Please be in prayer for all involved in mission work in Haiti. LeRoy and Evelyn modeled integrity and transparency. This is our current attempt to continue that tradition for you our donors and supporters. This report will replace our February and March newsletters. God Bless.

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HAITI... a Place of Hope

Vine Evangelical Baptist Church, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

We praise God for having sustained us throughout this year as we approaching the end of it. 2024 has been so hard on our country in terms of insecurity, political and social unrest. The country has become way poorer than it was in 2023. And we can see hopelessness on the Haitian people's faces. The gangs have gained even more territory, terrorizing peaceful Haitian citizens they don't even know. Many, many people were forced to leave their homes, some of them have seen their loved ones pass away under bullets of the criminals. The Haitian justice system is powerless before the gangs, which seem undefeatable. The Presidential council has proved ineffective in addressing even the most basic needs of the population. Things have changed only for the worst. The gangs have been attacking and burning church buildings, especially some of the protestant ones. They have completely ransacked the First Baptist Church of Portau-Prince, burned down the Second Baptist Church and burned to the ground a huge church building belonging to a Church of God. Those churches are not far from the Vine Church, about 10 minutes away. I tell you all that because we want you know how fortunate and blessed we are, as we still have our church building to worship our Lord, even if we can only meet on Sunday morning. And we are glad to help other Pastors whose church buildings are burned down or have become inaccessible. Please, pray that the Lord would keep protecting our church building from gangs.

We praise the Lord for all Vine Ministry has done this year to help us with the various aspects of the ministry God has given us. We have tried to do our best in helping people who have become homeless. We have about a dozen family's whom the gangsters have forced to leave their homes, some of them have news that while they are away, the gangs have burned their humble homes. That is so sad. We try to help them with some food, as some members of the church help sheltering them. My family is blessed, helping three person's who find themselves in that situation.



In spite of the hardships we face in Haiti, the Lord has blessed our preaching and evangelization efforts, the Lord have saved 17 people. And most of them were baptized this year among the 27 who got baptized last July. Ten members from other churches have already joined through affiliation. On Dec 28, we had another baptismal service six new believers were baptized and 3 other Christians join. Praise God! This year we had the privilege of dedicating 11 kids to the Lord. We had 8 wedding ceremonies. We pray that the Lord would bless those new couples. This year, six people went to be with the Lord. We pray that the Lord would continue to comfort the bereaved families.

The satellite churches are doing quite well, as the Lord spares most of the provincial cities from being invaded by the gangs. The leaders are very grateful for the funds and oxen those churches have received to help their people plow and plant their gardens.

Though it is very hard for one to travel around the country, the Lord has made some way for us to preach and teach quite a few times outside of Port-au-Prince. In November I was privileged to be guest speaker for a whole week of Bible conference in Port-de-Paix, as the First Baptiste Church of that city was celebrating their 101st anniversary. I was able to teach a class at Ezra Bible Institute, a Bible school connected to that Church. I was also privileged to preach at the 25th wedding ceremony of Pastor Edrice Romelus and his wife Rachelle this past weekend. Praise God. Again, thank you very much, Pastor Greg, for all Vine Ministry has been doing to help us under your leadership. May the Lord bless every single one of the board members. May the Lord bless all the generous donors who have been generously given toward furthering God's kingdom in Haiti. May Emmanuel make His shine upon us and give us peace. For in angel's own words "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Lk. 2:10-11).

God bless you, your family and your ministry.

Daniel Telfort, for the four of us. (Daniel, Anne, Hadassa, and Junior)



Pastor Daniel Love Offering

Mid-year we began receiving gifts for Pastor Daniel and Anne Telfort as they had the opportunity to purchase some land and begin to build a modest home. We received over \$20,000 to support them. This will be a long, multi-year process, so the love offering will remain open for as long as it takes. Pastor and his family endure hardship with three "extra" persons living with them, young people with no place to go. They endure hardship with very dangerous travel. They endure hardship going to the store, getting water, and going to church. They endure hardship as the gangs have moved closer to their home, now only 10 minutes away. Their hope for new land and home will be in an area that is "relatively" safer. No place is completely safe. As the Pastor of the church and as our Haitian Field Director (without whom Vine Ministry would not be able to minister in Haiti) this is an opportunity to honor and bless the work God is doing through them. Thank you for your generous gifts.

Temporary Food Support Program

This program provided critical food support to approximately 45 families during the year. The testimonies are consistent that the funds make a difference for those receiving aid. Pastor Daniel distributes the funds to each family, each month. The funds also provide a meal on Sunday morning at Vine Church for Sunday School teachers, musicians, and other leaders. Your generous gifts keep this vital ministry fully funded each month. \$2,000 per month is distributed by Pastor Daniel.



Student Support

There are 110 Student Sponsors who sponsored 207 kids, youth, and young adults in school. But by the miracle of God's multiplication, you were able to support 268 in school. Praise the Lord! This is the fourth year in a row increase! That happens because though we give \$360 to support a student, one student may only need \$200 in assistance while another may need \$500 in assistance. As Pastor distributes the funds, God stretches the funds. \$78,000 was sent to Haiti for schooling this year. In the past children and families lined up at church, received a meal, registered for support, and received their funds. That is not possible during this very violent and insecure time. This year was a very dangerous year for Pastor Daniel to distribute funds. It took several months to get the funds to each family. A friend of Pastor Daniel's "loaned" the cash since it was going to take so long to get the cash out of the bank. The cash was then hidden in a sack of plaintains and dry beans, placed on top of the bus with everyone else's belongings in order to secretly move the funds from their source (up north) to the church. There the funds were prepared and quiet distribution began. We are thankful for everyone God used to make this year's distribution possible.

