

We are in the midst of one of the most glorious seasons of the year, the time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is certainly my favorite holiday. I love listening to Christmas carols and looking at the brightly-colored lights decorating homes in the area. I enjoy planning for what I am going to give the young (and old) children in my life and coming up with 'crazy' ideas for our family gag gift exchange. But what fills my heart with the most delight, is listening to the Christmas story. I always come away with something new as I hear about the narrative of Mary and Joseph, the decisions they had to make and the setting of where the King of the World was born. I then fast-forward to the cross and my heart overflows with love to think of the sacrifices made for me, a sinner, sanctified by the One born as a Babe in a manger. Especially during this season we, the CrossRoads Board, want to thank you for the sacrifices you have made this past year to allow us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. We celebrate you and your gracious giving spirit which has allowed us to continue to plant churches.



We are excited to announce that planning for church #6 is underway in Marre. The ground has been purchased and clearing will begin in time for the February work team to put up the structure. Praise God for



To highlight what God has enabled us to accomplish this past year:

January/February: Work teams build Saintard and Fort Delpeche churches

March: Annual <u>Medical Clinic</u> treated 2,363 patients, a 26% increase over 2016; with over 150,000 pills, creams and drops dispensed

July: Annual <u>Vacation Bible School</u> provided by Providence Church, extending beyond our chuch in Ponce to Saintard, Williamson North and Doco2

September: Fort Delpeche School begins, Grades 1 & 2

November: Prep team for 2018 Medical Clinic to inventory shipment and purchase meds

...and many, many trips in between to plan and coordinate.

Looking forward to 2018

January 3–8: Work team to prepare for February building project and March medical clinic

<u>Feburary 14–21</u>: Work teams to build church at Marre, electrical wiring projects at Doco II, Saintard, Williamson North and the Ponce addition, outside kitchen and security house

March 20-28: Annual Medical Clinic

July 11–18: Vaction Bible School by Wesley Church

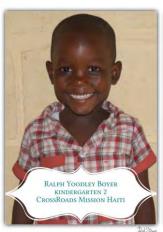
Lift up praises for what God has done in 2017.

Continually pray for work to be performed in 2018 and opportunities to share Christ's love.



Books and Supplies for our Fort Delpeche School







Child Sponsorship: \$120 Individual child or school sponsorships available

\$100 to pay teachers \$20 for hygiene kits

Medicine Shortfall for Ongoing Medical Clinics

We are now able to ship medicine into Haiti and we will begin to prepare for our 2019 clinic in April of next year



Rebuild of individual home in Marre next to our Church property

In closing, I wanted to share one of my recent devotionals with you, which I thought was appropriate for the season. It is titled 'The Gift Unwrapped' and comes from Ron Moore, Pastor of The Bible Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA.

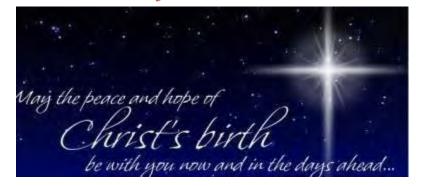
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:1-3

Pastor Ron asked us to think of it this way. The Old Testament believers held a package. It was wrapped with the law and sacrificial system. They knew the Gift was inside and they placed their faith in the promised Gift. On this side of the cross, the Gift is unwrapped and the Person of Jesus is revealed. We see Jesus—the "radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being."

Our prayer for you this Christmas is that you open the gift of Jesus and hold tightly to it this season and throughout the coming year. Keep Christ at the forefront and celebrate His birth with your family.

Merry Christmas from the CrossRoads Board!

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