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A
NEWSLETTER
OF
HAITI PRISON
MINISTRY

The Samaritan HaitiPrisonMinistry.org

Our Focus

Pastoral Care
Rehabilitation
Support Services
Spiritual Guidance

Our Mission

The mission of Haiti Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. **Our vision in mission** is to change hearts, transform lives, reconcile these broken families and break the cycle of crime and pain.

Our Devotion

Our devoted supporters and support staff come from many Christian denominations, but present only those principles that we all share in common.

Haiti Prison Ministry is a ministry of the church ... a ministry of the apostles whom Jesus, the Christ, has called into community and sent forth into the environment of the worst correctional institutions in the Western Hemisphere.



Seventh Day Adventist Pastors, Baptist Ministers, Evangelical Churches, And Catholic Bishops, Endorse Haiti Prison Ministry Programs In Haiti.

"Inmates in Haiti are real people and when you witness the consequences of poverty and injustice...when you encounter people on the margins of life, your eyes will be opened to mission possibilities."

Pastor Moab Honoré Presents Haiti Prison Ministry at Péniel SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Before a large group of deacons, deaconesses, clergy, and church officials, Moab Honoré, Senior Pastor at Péniel SDA Church in Brooklyn, NY presented the work of Haiti Prison Ministry at the August 9th New York kickoff. He requested their support for this noble cause. "Inmates are also human", said Pastor Honoré. He stressed the importance of Adventist members to join forces with the program so that they can fulfill their mission and obligation toward the inmate population in Haiti. Pastor Honoré evoked the image of misery, poverty and human needs he witnessed during his last trip to Haiti with some members of the Greater New York Seventh Day Adventist Conference.

He urged the delegates to give their best assistance to the urgent needs of Haiti Prison Ministry Program of basic necessities like; deodorant, underwear, toothpaste, clothing, shoes,

and mainly sanitary napkins for women in Jail. During his appeal, Pastor Honoré called to the transparency of Haiti Prison Ministry. "It is a program that invites church officials to go to Haiti on a quarterly basis to serve as volunteers, counselors, program developers, educators, and evangelists". Pastor Moab Honoré invited the audience to develop joint venture projects with Haiti Prison Ministry and encouraged fellow clergy to travel to Haiti to witness the program in action.

Pastor Honoré was touched by the devotion and commitment of Haiti Prison Ministry's staff and the support received by a group of engineers from Haitians In Transit, Inc. (see following article). He encouraged local churches under his jurisdiction to do the same and help with in-kind goods and financial contributions.



many other professionals (eventually all Haitians Abroad) currently working for the Public Transportation System, has been a strong supporter of Haiti Prison Ministry since its inception. HIT has provided technical support to the program and has developed sustainable social reintegration plans for inmates.

Haitians In Transit, Inc. Opens Projects with Haiti Prison Ministry

Haitians In Transit, Inc. (HIT) composed of hundreds of Haitian Engineers and

Starting in January 2010, the HIT Engineers will implement the three (3) newly created prevention/career orientation programs with Haiti Prison Ministry. The curriculum will include: 1) Brick/Block/concrete building. 2) Masonry. 3) Plumbing and Electricity classes. HIT estimates that as many as 100 women and 50 men will benefit from these programs. Haiti Prison Ministry is in great need of construction tools, block makers, concrete mixers and other equipment. Donors may contact us at (646)807-1672. (917)217-5207. (516)448-0404. (407)709-1427.



US Support

Prison Ministry Programs from the United States have provided to

Haiti Prison Ministry a large collection of clothing to be donated to the Haitian National Penitentiary. The donation was an urgent response to several appeals for food, medicine and clothing made by Haiti Prison Commissioner Herman Toussaint.

The donation was the first among several items pledged by US churches and affiliated overseas Prison Ministry Programs. Other items pledged include: bibles, toothpaste, soap, food, medicine and additional clothing.

Discussions are being held with other local organizations to determine the feasibility of coordinating joint vocational and educational programs for Haitian inmates.

How Do We Work!

We Foster Alliances

Haiti Prison Ministry partners with local churches across Haiti and 150 churches throughout the Diaspora to minister to a group that society often scorns and neglects: prisoners, parolee, ex-prisoners, and their families.

We Helped Change Lives!

Haiti Prison Ministry is dedicated to working with inmates and their families to change their lives through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Part of our work is to help improve the justice system so that offenders have a second chance.

Juvenile Inmate Assistance Services

Peer to Peer Support for Youthful Offenders

Our Peer to Peer for youthful offenders in Haiti, offers unconditional love and acceptance. It encourages young men and women to share their life journey through participation in a long term mentoring process.

The program begins with weekend classes inside the prison. Peer to Peer team members are committed to weekend mentoring, Bible studies, reading, writing, and playing soccer with youthful offenders.

Churches and volunteers then continue to support these youth through love and care by sponsoring a variety of year-round ministry opportunities.

Our Concern

Correctional policies can strengthen the role of families, heal wounds and reconcile differences to allow the family to get stronger and be better prepared to face the challenges of the individual's transition from prison to home.

God created the family to serve as the basic unit of strength in our society. While not every family is healthy and functional, the overwhelming majority of families have shown a lot of courage for a returning offender to draw on.

It is worth making a sustained effort to repair and reconcile family members during incarceration so that the offender can benefit from a spiritual, healthy, and functional family to help him / her survive the first difficult steps from prison to freedom.

Through our Prison Ministry program, family members have become the most reliable help for returning prisoners and the greatest contribution to their success.

Ways To Become A Team Ministry

- 1 Through your local church
- 2 By becoming Bible Teacher
- 3 By direct financial support
- 4 By forming a local chapter
- 5 By calling HIT(516-448-0404)

Our Calling

We Minister to the men, women & juveniles behind bars.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me . . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:35-36, 40).

Program Expenditures

- ✓...90% program
- ✓...3% administration
- ✓...3% maritime transport
- ✓...1% Legal Aid
- ✓...1% rehabilitation
- ✓...1% family assistance
- ✓...1% volunteer cost

Yes! I will support Haiti Prison Ministry. Here is my donation to assist prisoners, parolees, ex-inmates and their families. Please check one and include it with your donation. Thank You!

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 \$100 _____ Please, mail your contribution to:
 \$75 _____ Haiti Prison Ministry
 \$50 _____ P .O. Box 1052, New York, NY 10150
 \$25 _____ Phone: 646-807-1672 . 407-709-1427
 \$15 _____ email: haitiprisonministry@yahoo.com

We Provide Constant Support

We distribute **food** (rice, beans, corn flour, cooking oil, cereal, protein); **clothing** (male clothing, women clothing, teen clothing, underwear); **shoes** (leather shoes, sneakers, sandals); hygienic care kits (sanitary napkin, toothpaste, mouthwash, brush, deodorant, shampoo, soap, anti-itching cream). Visit our Web Site at www.haitiprisonministry.org.