

Festival Banner



~ Summer Camp ~ Haitian Style

*Partnering with Churches & Ministries
To reach the Unreached by taking the
GOSPEL beyond the church walls*

Our partnerships in Haiti continue to thrive! Four weeks of camps have just concluded that were sponsored through the generosity of many of you who responded to a special request. Pastor Marc Cloveus, Christ Pour Tous Church of Jacmel, with several pastors from their church plants, led these retreat/camps at a location in the mountains of the region. The first camp saw 100+ children come and enjoy fellowship, craft projects, music, recreation, and Bible lessons.



having a lot of fun in the camp, and it is like there is a chain that has broken."

Pastor Marc shared this post at the beginning of the third camp week. *"We start today with the 3rd summer camp. 100 women leave their house, the pressures and the routine of life to get some fun, to play together, to strengthen fellowship and to share*



their experience with each other." There was much joy in that camp. At 2am on the last night, the women were recorded singing ... *"We don't want to go home"*.

The second week of camp saw 137 teenagers and young adults come for discipleship, fellowship, communion, and recreation. Here is just one testimony of how God was working in their

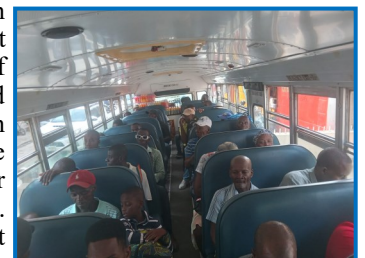


lives. ...*"we had them sharing some testimonies of what kind of impact the camp has on their life. I heard them sharing with tears. One of them said he would like God to change him totally because nothing is good in him. This is a teenager of 14 years old in the neighborhood we*



allowed to go with us. His mom lives in the states. His dad died. He lives with a cousin whom he said is having a bad life morally. In the beginning of the camp, I even wanted to send him back to his house because of his bad behavior. At the end, we started to see some small changes.

I charged someone to continue to disciple him. One of them explained that he never plays nor laughs for several months, because he is having a stressful life in his house. He was



The men rode to the camp on the 4th week. Sixty men went for their first retreat, a time of fellowship, discipling, and learning how to be Christian husbands. Many men came asking for more help to be better husbands - *"in God's way"*. They stopped for a final treat at the beautiful 'Basin Blue' pools.

Altogether over 400 people from nine churches experienced these first ever camps in Haiti. The fruits of these camps will be seen for years to come!



Pastor Marc says they finished with great success, that there was nothing to complain about. He says ***"Thank you to all those that give to make this month a real blessing for the campers, the families, the 9 churches and for Haiti. To the King Jesus be all the glory!"***



From the heart . . .

At the beginning of 2024, the Lord burdened the heart of a man in Pike Road, Alabama about Repentance, Confession, and Revival. After praying about this for a few weeks, he then invited 17 other men and women to join him in prayer about these matters. They began praying individually and then meeting together as a group. In April, they contacted me and asked if I would come and speak to them and some pastors about holding an area wide evangelistic event in the fall.

We met on April 26 with 26 people attending. I shared the dream, and the planning began for a Fire in the Field Crusade to be held October 6-10, 2024. Other Prayer Ministries across that area have joined in praying with the original group. We know that there are more than 100 people praying daily for these things; Repentance, Confession, and Revival. You can pray with us too!

It is an exciting time! We want to invite you to join with us in this endeavor. We will need more than 100 "Friends" (counselors) to sit with every person who responds to Christ's invitation. We want them to clearly understand what they are doing. We want "Friends" to pray with them and encourage them. If you are interested in serving as a "Friend" please contact me for the times we will have training and orientation.

Perhaps you would like to join us on mission across the Pike Road, Montgomery, AL, and the surrounding area? You can give your physical presence. Or prayer support. Or perhaps financial support. The budget for this event will be approximately \$15,000. We don't know where it is coming from, but we know God will provide. Please pray for me as I travel to the Montgomery area the third week of every month in preparation of the Fire in the Field Crusade.

I also continue to meet every Saturday morning, along with Rich Thomas (of Greenville, SC) on a Zoom conference call with a few Kenyan students discipling them using the MasterLife plan. It has been an amazing time! Out of this initial group there are now others doing MasterLife here in the states and another group in Kenya. We have a world to reach and disciple, and the Lord is showing how we can do it here and abroad!

Please continue to pray for Across Festivals as we seek to join the Father where He is inviting us, and where He is at work! We cannot do anything we do without you! We need Jesus, and we need each other! Please know that I would love to hear from you. Please share any specific prayer requests that you might have! Just text me! (334) 201-9493.

In Christ Alone, . . .

John

SMALLEST SEED MINISTRY

Dr. Sammy Mutiyasa, Director of the Smallest Seed Ministry in Narok, Kenya, recently shared with Across Festivals about a ministry where they have been building simple sanctuaries for Maasai people in remote, difficult and unevangelized areas. The people (shown in this photo) are from a community that was evangelized by Rev. Kipas recently. This village can only be reached on foot. No car! No motorbike! The village has no nearby school, and the people are illiterate. Children don't attend school because the distance to the nearest school is very far and are prone to elephant, lion, and water buffalo



attacks. A small building made of iron sheets would serve as a church, kindergarten and a social hall for adult learning. It costs about \$4,000 to build this building! Across Festival Friends, would you pray with us and share this need with your

church, clubs, or other groups that could easily meet this need! It would make a great mission offering project. The Smallest Seed Ministry does ministry in many ways in Kenya. One is a Girl's Home that rescues girls from being sold. They do medical mission trips, evangelize in remote places, and much more. They are valued partners with Across Festivals! We give thanks for this great ministry and ask you to join us in praying for them!

NEW SCHOOL NEEDED

~ DENA is a mountain village in the Jacmel region where a new church has been planted ~

Dena is in a very remote area.

Pastor Marc, along with his church, and John Bush have prayed for several years about planting a school there. Since the riots started, the only schools functioning in most of Haiti are those staffed by Children's Hope in the Jacmel region, and those in the Anse du Clerc region led by Francky Jeune which have functioned because of the help of donors through Across Festivals.



Most kids in Dena do not know how to read or write because there is no school there. If the children of Dena were to go to school currently, they would have to walk through the mountains for a couple of hours and back each day. Thus, they don't go to school!



Now is the time to make a step of faith.
In September Grade One will start for those that did never go
Plus Grades 2 and 3 for those that made the sacrifice
to walk two hours through the mountains.



HERE IS THE FINANCIAL NEED

1 Director of School at \$150 a month
3 Teachers at \$125 each a month
1 Custodian at \$50 a month
1 meal for each child (60 children)
at \$1,200 a month
Yearly Totals:
Staff: \$6,900 Meals: \$12,000

HERE'S HOW WE CAN DO IT!

If THREE churches/Sunday School classes
would give \$125 a month -
If ONE church/Sunday School Class
gives \$150 a month -
and ONE church/Sunday School Class gives \$50 a month -
the staff needs would be met!
AND, if 120 people/churches/clubs/ministries would give
a ONETIME gift of \$100 -
MEALS for 60 children would be provided!

Friends, would you prayerfully consider giving to this great need?

Across Festivals believes this needs to happen! and that it is all achievable!

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100% of your gift will go to this need.

Write "Dena" on your donation

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



In 2011, John and Jeanette were invited to travel to Haiti for the first time with their friends, Andy and Tanya Birchfield. Since then, it has been wonderfully amazing to see how the Lord has used the ministry of Children's Hope in caring for children, strengthening families through medical care, strengthening families through education, and serving their community throughout Jacmel! They work with area churches and Pastors to help teach new pastors, plant churches, and encourage them in Kingdom Work! We have witnessed first hand the dedication and steadfastness of Children's Hope! We encourage you to join John and Jeanette in prayer and financially supporting this ministry. They are making a difference in Haiti! Visit them at:

www.childrenshope.com

**"Helping Children and Families
in Haiti thrive!"**

ACROSS FESTIVALS NOW APPROVED AS PAYPAL GIVING CHARITY

Across Festivals is please to announce that it has now been designated as a Charitable Fund with the *PayPal Giving Fund*. This means is if you choose to give through this means there are no fees charged to either the donor or to Across Festivals.

If you wish to give in this manner you must have a current PayPal account.

Follow these steps:

Access the website: www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub

Log in to your PayPal account.

Click> 'Donate' button (on the top right side of the page under SEND)

Next Select > 'Donate'

Search > for Across Festivals, Montgomery, AL.

Click > Donate and follow the prompts

Select an amount or enter another amount on 'Other'

Please share your name and email when requested so we can know who is giving.

Please contact John Bush if you have questions.

PRAYER: The Strategy

***"Prayer is not a substitute for action.
It is an action for which there is no substitute."***

URGENT PRAYER NEED:

- Pastor Francky Jeune is in need of a heart catheterization which is not available in Haiti. We are working on plans as you read this to get him to Montgomery where this can happen as soon as possible. Because the US Embassy in Port-au-Prince is closed, it is very difficult to renew his Visa. Pray for God to open all the doors needed.

ONGOING PRAY NEEDS:

- Fire in the Field Crusade - October 6-10, 2024
Pike Road, AL
- Evangelist, Ken Freeman
- Musician, Chris McDaniel
- Jackson Ntini & Paul Kaparangu—students in Kenya as they continue in becoming disciple makers
- John Bush as he travels back and forth to Montgomery, AL
- Ministry Partners:
 - Children's Hope
 - Smallest Seed Ministry
 - Eglise Christ Pour Tous de Jacmel, Haiti (church)

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