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From the Founder

Love and compassion

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All believers are called to love at a deep and selfless level. It's not a feeling, but a lifestyle. John stated that: *“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”* (I John 3:16-18). This is a mandate from the Almighty to show love to one another. According to Matthew's Gospel, the very essence of the Law and the Prophets is to love God and to love others. I know that you are going to enjoy issue number 2.

Haiti for Christ and Christ for Haiti!

Pastor Thony Paul

“Rise Up and Walk” Movement

The “Rise Up and Walk” movement is based on Peter's conversation with the poor lame man as related in Acts 3: 1-7. The man was looking for a handout. Instead, Peter gave him a hand up. People were amazed by the fact that he was no longer a beggar. This is the type of miracle God wants to do through Christians. God has been using this

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Haiti Under Attack

The impact of the hurricanes on Haiti

Ebed Paul

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This summer has been a tragic time for Haiti. The country, the poorest in the Western hemisphere, was already suffering from the global food crisis that sparked nationwide protests and forced out the prime minister in April. In August and September 2008, four consecutive hurricanes – Faye, Gustav, Hanna and Ike – devastated the island nation.

The storms have killed hundreds, displaced thousands, and destroyed vital crops. Up to 80 percent of densely populated areas like the northern city of Gonaïves were flooded. In some places water levels reached over 9 feet (3 meters), leaving hospitals unusable and schools closed.



With your help MENH was able to come to the rescue of many. They were able to be in contact with the Dominican Republic (DR) Army via the social service of the churches in the DR and flew to Cap Haitian on a special helicopter to pick up Pastor Thony, Ben Daly (MENH Accountant) and me to go to Gonaïves to explore the seriousness of the situation. It was difficult after a while to take any more photos. I felt almost as if I was robbing the people of their dignity. This is just what they had to do to survive. I saw people making their homes on the roof, waiting for the water below to recede; a pregnant woman taking a bath on

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movement in a very special way to touch the lives of many people in Haiti. One of the most awe-inspiring stories was when Ebed Paul met one of the ladies from the church during an outreach meeting at her residence. She approached him to expose her economic turmoil, basically requesting \$20 Haitian to help with feeding her family.

Ebed, not having the money in hand to give, offered her a life changing opportunity. Being in the middle of recruiting members for the pilot project of "Rise up and Walk", he was able to present her with two options. The first was being a part of the movement and paying the required fee of \$20.00 with the benefit of separating with poverty. The second option was to receive the \$20.00 with the detriment of associating with poverty. She was delighted with the first option and a few days later she was able to fulfill her obligation. Nobody should ever underestimate the power of determination. As mentioned in the previous issue, the movement has four phases (Home Vegetable Gardening, Animal Husbandry, Microenterprise, and Cooperative). Her garden was ranked second and she was among the first people who received a female goat. She came up to Ebed a few months later to thank him for extending Christ's hand of compassion. This is what this movement is all about!!!



Since it is in the field testing stages, only 24 members were selected to participate. These 24 members were divided into two teams of twelve. They are now at the end of the second phase. Upon successfully completing the first phase, five of them were eligible to receive a female goat.

This movement was created for the purpose of financially liberating disinherited Haitian Christians from the bondage of poverty, and can be used worldwide. MENH is in the process of publishing a booklet covering the details of the "Rise Up and Walk" movement so it can be distributed to those willing to bring this Bible based movement to their corner of the world.

If anyone is interested in helping with this movement and is skilled in one of the four phases, please feel free to contact MENH at the address listed at the end of the newsletter.

The Superintendent Department

The annual minister's conference that MENH used to organize had significant and profound impact on the lives of the leaders, the churches, and the communities. The objectives of the conference was to provide the necessary [tools](#) to help Christian pastors and ministers become more effective leaders in their personal as well as pastoral lives. However, due to the lack of funds, they were unable to continue. It has been five years since the last organized conference. It is vital for MENH to acquire funds to train leaders. When leaders are

trained, they will have the ability to share what they have received with the flock. In the future, the flock will then be able to fully sponsor the conference. As of right now, the churches in MENH are not able to sponsor the conference. The average cost of a conference is approximately \$3,000 U.S.

MENH is very thankful to East West InterKnit, a faith based nonprofit in Minnesota, who has been instrumentally used by God to help with sending leaders to Bible College. Nevertheless, many of the MENH churches are in critical need of pastors or leaders. There is a great call for anyone who is interested in coming down to offer a short or long term seminar to train leaders. Though there are many needs, God has been working in very marvelous ways to bring many people to a saving knowledge of Christ. All of the 18 churches have an evangelism program to reach out to their surrounding communities. They are rapidly growing in numbers and spiritual ways. Pastor Frantz Payoute is the head of this department and dedicated to see changes take place. He has reported that "the hungry and the thirsty people have the desire to serve the Lord."

The Schools

Last year during this time, the main school (Emmanuel Evangelical School in Plaine du Nord) of MENH was in deep debt. The school owed up to 6 months back pay to the teachers. Praise God that this year, with your help they are financially current. Nonetheless, the other schools have balances due. Though many teachers travel very far they are still dedicated in spite of all the debts. MENH is not able to keep up with the immense amount of crises facing the member schools. The teachers must be trained and MENH is not equipped to provide the appropriate training.

Every Friday for half an hour, the students are required to participate in a distinctive service where they learn about God and His principles. They are also required to attend church every Sunday. In essence, investing in the Christian schools is crucial. With the help of USAID and World Food Organization, three out of the fourteen schools are able to provide a hot meal every day for the students. Praise God! Eleven of the schools are not yet able to meet these requirements: well secured storage, kitchen and cafeteria. Can you imagine how many children we could impact for the kingdom? The only way MENH can realize these goals is through the prayer and support of people like you. Over the years, they have seen many children give their lives to Christ. Many of you have been faithfully supporting a child or a school. MENH wants to thank you for your continued generosity.

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Medical Clinic

Centre de Santé Jehovah Jiré (Jehovah Jireh Health Center) provides a full range of general practice medical services for family members of all ages in Plaine du Nord and the surrounding areas. Every morning, the employees meet for prayer and organizational planning sessions. On weekends they organize an outreach clinic to bring the Gospel and meet the health needs of the vulnerable people in the rural areas.

Last year the clinic faced some serious challenges; they were unable to pay the employees and had to give pink slips to three of them. They have been slowly recovering since this past issue. There are five departments: a pharmacy with nearly no medicine {with 1 worker}, laboratory {2 workers}, examination room 1 {2 workers (nurses)}, examination room 2 {1 doctor}, administration {4 workers: (1 administrator, 1 cashier, 1 janitor and a night watchman)}.

Here is how you can participate:

- Praying for the ministry
- Assisting on Medical Team mission trips
- Providing training, equipment and medicine
- Building exposure of the need

The Sewing School

The school is dedicated to teach local people employment skills. It has been proved very beneficial for the women of this locality who are now reaping the fruits of this project. The sewing school is striving to empower women in Haiti to make them contributing members of society. They provide them quality education & training so that they can fully and efficiently take part in the development process of Haiti. In this school, students learn different aspects of cutting, sewing, stitching, designing and embroidery work. Students are learning both ladies' and men's sewing work in this vocational training school under the supervision of competent instructors. They are taking special interest in learning all aspects of the course. Having sewing school in this locality is a great source of pleasure because they are learning a creative work which will be very advantageous for them in the future.

Upon graduation, many of them are unemployed. MENH is now praying about starting a Sewing Factory. This is very feasible to develop and employ many from the church community in the manufacturing of various garments. They will need professional sewing machines and individuals who will be able to partner with them in linking the products to various markets. Subsequently, trade will be highlighted in place of aid. Let's promote fair trade!

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the main road, a gentleman sorting through clothes in the mud, and an old man dressed in a child's shirt, khaki pants, and white girl's shoes a size smaller than his feet. I saw people using their toes to grip their sandals on their feet as they walked through the slippery mud.

It was very difficult to travel and transport food due to gas scarcity and bridge/road condition. Our motorcycle was greatly appreciated during this time, since we were unable to use the MENH truck. We were able to directly give money to leaders of the churches instead of bringing them food. Basically, they were able to take taptap (public transportation) to buy their own food.

During this season, however, because the needs vary greatly in scope and because there is an ongoing need for assistance in several communities, it would be beneficial for your gift to be used where there is the most need. If you would prefer to designate your gift for a specific event, we will honor that designation.

MENH is focused on bringing hope and help through a holistic ministry. We share the hope of faith in Jesus Christ by working with local Haitians to provide education, disaster relief, micro-projects and church planting. Over 90% of the funds provided by our supporters go directly to aid in these projects. The dramatic and lasting impact this work makes in the lives of the people of Haiti is a testimony to the love of God for his children. We are excited to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of the people of Haiti through you.

Please read and prayerfully consider:

- Giving generously in response to the appeal above;
- Sending a volunteer work team;
- Medical volunteers are greatly needed.

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PRAYERS & REQUESTS:

- God will raise up more leadership for each of the churches and harvest souls for the kingdom;
- Communications director. This is a very critical area for MENH. This person will be responsible to help MENH run the correspondence department, doing fundraising, field visitation, taking pictures, representing MENH in the USA and Canada (Must have internet savoir-faire);
- Volunteers to come for short or long term mission trips to train pastors for the churches and teachers for the schools;
- Funds to help alleviate the debt of the schools and to construct storage, cafeterias and kitchens;
- Volunteers to help with the training of the members in the "Rise Up and Walk" movement;
- Sewing Factory Project and Micro Finance Project;
- The main Church in Plaine du Nord (Eglise Centre Chretien d'Haiti) is planning on renovating the building;
- Pray for strength and wisdom of MENH staff as they seek God's help for plans to expand the ministry.

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