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Report on the Lutheran Church of Haiti  
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Dear Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings to all of you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

First, I want to apologize to those of you who sent me e-mails and did not hear back from me. I have been on a mission trip in the Dominican Republic ("DR") for the past four weeks. I was teaching and preaching daily to the Haitian community in the DR and had no access to the internet.

I have formed a team of 8 people who are working closely with me. The plan is to go all over Haiti and the DR to preach, teach and intercede for the Haitian people and the nation of Haiti. Among the 8 people we have 2 worship leaders, 4 intercessors and 2 preachers including myself. I believe the Lord is calling me to a full-time spiritual ministry with the aim of spiritual revival of the nation of Haiti.

What I have been seeing so far is that the Lord is using us mightily to touch many souls for His kingdom. We have seen many people repent of their sins. Healings have been taking place, and the spiritual revival ministry is growing more and more.

Once again I request your regular prayers as the Lord is leading us toward bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the Haitian people through a great spiritual revival.

I just got back from the DR yesterday, and I was pleased to look at various LCH reports concerning churches, schools, our credit union and the quarry. It is obvious that the LCH is becoming a mature Church body to the extent that "Pastor Benoit" doesn't have to be present for everything to go well. We have responsible leaders who can oversee the various ministries as well as the Church businesses.

What a blessing that about 6000 Lutheran families were able to sell about 6000 pigs in early September to pay their children's school tuition, providing over \$26,000 H that will pay over 50% of the teachers' salaries for the next three months. Another 2500 Lutheran families have borrowed funds from our credit union program to pay their children's school tuition; these borrowed funds will be repaid over a six-month period with a low interest rate of 4%.

The LCH quarry has been up and running for about a month now. Three members of the Azor family (the family that falsely claimed ownership of the quarry) are currently in jail for fraud. They have been ordered to pay the LCH over \$8000 U.S. in damages. If they are not able to do so, they will be kept in jail or the LCH may be able to require them to sell property they own to pay those damages. We are all very happy that the Lord granted us victory over the devil who wanted to stop the quarry income and interfere with our self-sufficiency plan.

Getting good heavy equipment mechanics in Haiti is very difficult. For the past 2 ½ years since the quarry has been in operation, we have used the services of over 17 mechanics. None of them were very good except for Fred Goetze from the United States who came to help us two times. Praise the Lord, the quarry manager has been able to find a Cuban mechanic, Carlos Fernandez, who is willing to work for us full-time at the quarry. He is an excellent

technician who will take good care of the equipment. His salary will be \$2,000 U.S. per month. The only problem is that he is an atheist. Usually all of us in the LCH prefer to deal with Christians, but what do you do if you don't find a Christian who can do the job? Therefore we all need to pray for Carlos so that the Lord will touch his heart.

I was also very pleased to hear that the quarry equipment recently generated \$7,000 U.S. in rental fees. Our bulldozer D8k and our 950 Loader were rented to an Agricultural company for six days. The \$7,000 will be a big help in making payments to the bank on the quarry loan; we were behind on our payments because of the trouble with the Azor family.

ABOUT VERNIO. I plan to go to the U.S. on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> to visit Vernio as he will be going in for a second surgery. The first surgery removed a huge tumour from his face. That relieved the severe pain he was experiencing. Everything went well and Vernio is doing great. He is VERY happy. The second surgery will remove another smaller facial tumour from a different location. He called to ask me to be with him, and as his pastor I want to be there for him. He is concerned about the hospital bills. When I get to the U.S. I will make a special report and let you know about Vernio and the hospital bills.

Prayers request: Please pray that the Lord will provide the funds to pay Vernio's bills at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Also pray for the LCH self-sufficiency plan and for my spiritual revival ministry for the nation of Haiti. Thank you!

God bless you all.

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