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Report on the Lutheran Church of Haiti
By Pastor Revenel Benoit

Dear Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings to all of you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord; we have a caring Savior who is taking good care of His church. He is equipping it with the spiritual gifts needed to do ministry that uplifts souls and prepares them for the fight against Satan and his demons. Satan desires to render the Christian church powerless; he would have it become a social club lacking the zeal to proclaim the truth of the Gospel and God's willingness to involve himself in our everyday lives.

Many church bodies believe in the historical Jesus but reject the essence of the gospel. This explains why so many Protestant denominations are declining around the world. People in the Church have lost their faith because many church leaders no longer believe in miracles and forget, or do not believe, that Satan is alive and well. This leads to a dangerous passivity on the part of the flock.

Church leaders too often think that as long as the church is collecting enough to pay the bills, everything is okay. It is sad to see them being deceived by Satan and becoming lifeless and devoid of the power of the Holy Spirit. They become too comfortable and neglect evangelism. Many denominations are under the bondage of legalism. Many do not preach the Word in its purity, but argue passionately about their own particular man-made dogma that has little or no relevance to the winning of souls for Jesus Christ. Sin issues, such as addictions to drugs and alcohol, are not seriously addressed. The devil is destroying their church, but they remain passive and are not walking intimately with the Lord as He desires.

The Lutheran Church of Haiti (LCH) is a church body that firmly believes in Sola Gratia (by grace alone), Sola Fide (by faith alone), and Sola Scriptura (by scripture alone). We feel we are called by the Lord to be an active and bold church that is equipping the saints to do ministry through preaching and teaching, and through praying that the Lord brings about a spiritual revival in the country of Haiti. Spiritual revival is essential; we need the Lord's visitation to affect major spiritual, social and economic changes. It is about millions of souls who will be delivered from the darkness of the devil to the light of the Gospel. It is about dedicating the country of Haiti to the Lordship of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is about the Church claiming her authority on earth to cast out demons, to spiritually deliver people from evil spirits, and to break the cycle of persecution of Christians around the world.

As the LCH becomes more and more active in pursuing revival, we are developing and equipping believers whom the Lord can use to bring in a great harvest of souls. While praying, interceding, teaching and preaching concerning a spiritual revival in Haiti, we are developing a media ministry plan to use our LCH TV station and FM radio station to reach an estimated 2 ½ million people. In Haiti TV and FM radio stations are powerful tools to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel while promoting the spiritual revival of the nation. I see so many people suffering. Millions of Haitians are in spiritual bondage and darkness. Orphan street kids all over the country are without hope. Domestic violence is common. Rape is prevalent. Government officials are corrupt. Voodoo temples are multiplying and are officially supported by the government. The unemployment rate has now increased to about 90%. Only 10% of Haitian families eat three meals a day.

As we become more and more aware of the need for a spiritual deliverance of the country, we are using our FM radio and T.V. stations to reach more and more people. God has used the T.V. and radio stations to bring about 60 voodoo priests to Christ in the past year! These former priests have regular shows on the air telling people how wrong voodoo is.

There is an urgent need to increase our broadcast hours from 8 to 20 hours each day. To do so will cost an additional \$1000 U.S. per month. Please, tell your Pastor or a friend about this powerful tool and the need for these additional funds. **What a great investment in God's kingdom!** Donations should be sent to Haiti Lutheran Ministry, P. O. Box 14153, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

Beginning in January 2008, we will be traveling all over Haiti uniting with other believers in calling upon the Lord for spiritual renewal. I request your prayers that God will bless our travels and use us mightily. We would appreciate financial assistance to defray the cost of transportation, food and lodging. Our ministry team is also praying that the Lord gets us a good sound system as we will be having BIG rallies in many cities and villages in Haiti. Both the FM and TV stations will be great tools for reaching millions of people while we are preaching and ministering to people in a particular place.

I count on your prayers and support as we move forward with the Lord in bringing positive changes to Haiti and breaking the devil's hold on this country. We look forward to a nation where the churches are filled with people who come to receive Jesus with tears, convicted of their sins, and receive His free gift of salvation and eternal life. A new Haiti where voodoo temples are empty. Where voodoo priests have turned their lives over to Christ. A Haiti where crops grow abundantly and in which there will be jobs for all of the people. A Haiti where government officials are no longer corrupt because the Light of the Gospel has touched their lives. Finally a Haiti that will be so blessed spiritually that it will send missionaries to other countries where legalism and materialism have rendered the Gospel powerless.

We invite you to join us and the Holy Spirit in the glorious work of transforming the country of Haiti.

Yours in Christ,

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