Liberté Ministries

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A Ministry overseen by Petersville Church of Christ

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. **(Galatians 5:1)**

Mission

Our mission is to help all of our "neighbors" live in the dignity given to mankind when we were created in the image of God. Our desired outcome is that when children "graduate" from Harry's Home at age 18 they will be physically spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally healthy; educationally and vocationally equipped to live a full life as a valued productive member of the Bonnette community.



Christmas Arrives in a DC-3

Most of us, even really old banged up guys like me can remember the excitement and anticipation of being a small child at Christmas. I remember that just about every year, even as my mom managed our expectations downward. But I had a couple of uncles who probably conspired to ensure that each year there was something on Christmas morning that would be just for fun.

I really don't know if the kids at Harry's Home have similar expectations. I do know that we always try to give them some semblance of a Holiday.

This year it got a little dicey in that 400+ "blessing bags" were packed a shipping container and that container is still on the ground a Jackson Heights Church of Christ in Florence Alabama. I have tremendous regard for the people who move these containers around the globe in such great numbers on a daily basis.

Please forgive me, I digress. Fortunately our friends and brothers at Missionary Flights International "flew to the rescue."

We were able to load a Christmas stocking, filled with age appropriate goodies, for each child onto one of MFI's antique DC-3 aircrafts and deliver them to Port au Prince in time for Christmas morning.

As you can see, the kids knew what to do from there.

It seems that no one knew exactly what to make of a Christmas stocking.



Newness of Life for a New Year – Our heavenly Father loves to develop newness in and around His people. He is at work to transform us from old to new, by the power of His Spirit. As you look to this new year, consider this passage.

[16] "No one sews a patch of un-shrunken cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. [17] Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved." **(Matthew 9:16-17)**

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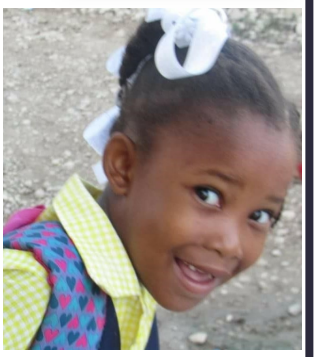


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Pray

Give

Go



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"

I'm sure that most of those who are reading this recognize that phrase as being extracted from the last command given to the Apostles on the occasion of His assentation back to heaven, 40 days after His resurrection. Of course the full text is, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

We that final phrase, *"I am with you always, to the very end of the age,"* applies that command to us as well as the first century disciples. We know that most of us are not free to go to "all nations." So I think it is appropriate for us take a moment here, at the beginning of a new year, to acknowledge the tireless dedication and effort that the men on the ground in Haiti bring to the Lord every day, day-after-day, week after week, month in and month out. In 2020 these men served unswervingly, many times at some personal risk. Pray for them, their families, and the many who serve with them. May God continue to bless them.



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Truth & Secret in Haiti's Creole Proverbs



Pwason pa byen al nas.

The fish is not friendly with the net.

Stay away from those who want to take advantage of you.

Could also mean, Christ followers should not flirt with sin.

Galatians 5:16 – But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.