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GOD IS OUR CONNECTOR

HE WILL GET HIS WORK DONE

Since the beginning of time God has been the one who has orchestrated the connection of time, people, places and events so that his will would be done here on earth. In an earlier publication we described how milestone markers in our lives intersect with the people at Mare Blanche, Haiti. In review, in 1995 the Mare Blanche school started; the same year Iva saw that school yard in her dream. In 1999 the school temporarily closed and Richard and Iva took their first trip to Haiti. In 2002 the school started again and Iva retired to devote her life to this ministry. As time goes on we continuously uncover more connections that help solidify the relationship and sharpen the eyes and ears of everyone involved to grasp and execute God's plan for his people.



PASTOR JEAN THONY PERIME

Pastor Jean Thony was born August 23, 1989 in Port-au-Prince, the second of six children. When he was two years old his parents moved the family back to Mare Blanche, their home in the southern mountains.

He has had a very difficult life. At the age of 10 Pastor Jean Thony and his 13 year old brother found themselves caregivers for four younger siblings, the youngest less than one year old due to the fact that his mother became mentally disabled and the father deserted the family and his position of Associate Pastor of their church. There were many times when the children were without food two and three days at a time. Pastor Jean Thony and his brother stood in long lines hoping to be hired in exchange for food or a little bit of money.

THE SUFFERING VILLAGE

The struggle with extreme poverty continues. Parents have stopped paying the children's tuition. Teachers are not getting paid and some teachers have quit. Chronic problems persist: lost crops due to storms, poor soil and little knowledge of better farming techniques.

This is a generational problem. When Pastor Jean Thony was growing up, there were times of famine when his family was forced to abandon their home and go into Port-au-Prince to scrounge for odd jobs that could help them survive. Today parents often leave their children to go off in search of survival goods. ***Please pray that this cycle is broken.***

STICKER SHOCK

It gets hard to wrap the mind around the costs of doing business in Haiti. Over harvesting of trees has created all kinds of problems and financial shock in construction. For example, the going cost of plywood is \$47 per sheet and pieces of lumber (2x4s) are \$25 each. Because of 7 to 9 hours of transportation and the potential damage to vehicles it costs more than \$400 to have the supplies delivered. The wood is needed to build scaffolding to construct upper walls of the building currently in progress.

Got Used Shoes? Deliver to: Storage Mart, 2420 St. Marys Blvd., Jefferson City, MO





THE DREAM: PASTOR FOR LIFE

Imagine becoming the pastor of a 600-member church at the age of 21 in one of the most impoverished villages in the most impoverished nation in the Western hemisphere and being assigned this task for your lifetime through a dream.

God still speaks through dreams. When Pastor Jean Thony was a teenager he had a dream that changed the course of his life. In it he saw a woman distributing food to people. She said to him, "I choose you to be the pastor of the church until the day of your death." He argued with the woman because he did not want the overwhelming responsibility. Finally he was convicted by her persistence, so he accepted. He wrote his dream in a book and later shared it at a church service.

The senior pastor referred him to the head of missions in Port-au-Prince where he received leadership training. His church made him the secretary of the church and used him in other leadership positions. On March 12, 2010 the senior pastor died shortly after attending a church conference. The following year, February 26, 2011, the assistant pastor died from typhoid fever. Because of his leadership training and good character, Pastor Calixte Fleuridor, General Superintendent of the Haiti Assembly of God, appointed Jean Thony as the pastor of the Mare Blanche church.

Pastor Jean Thony says life is hard in Mare Blanche and it is especially hard leading the church and directing the school.

He is God-Sent to us. We cannot imagine anyone more dedicated or with higher integrity than Pastor Jean Thony. He is leading all of the construction work, traveling in and out of Port-au-Prince—some 7 to 9 hours travel each way and he has no vehicle. He walks many hours to connect with transportation.



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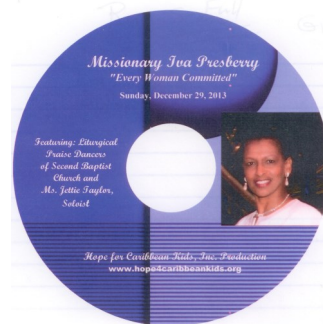
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