



May 2026

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Sunday Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.

Monday Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
(Not first Monday of the month)

Wednesday Prayer Meeting – 4 p.m.

Kids and Adult Sunday School – 9 a.m.

Adult Sunday School – 9 a.m.

- National Day of Prayer — May 7, 2026
- Mother's Day — May 9, 2021
- Ascension of the Lord — May 10, 2026
- Day of Pentecost — May 24, 2026
- Memorial Day — May 25, 2026
- Trinity Sunday — May 31, 2026
- Flag Day – June 14, 2026
- Father's Day – June 21, 2026
- Summer Begins – June 21, 2026



SAND LAKE CHAPEL BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman: Dan Hautamaki
Vice-Chairman: Norm Heinonen
Treasurer: Jenna Hautamaki
Recording Secretary: Angie Miller

Voting Members:

John Niemi
Julie Jankila

Board meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. If the first Monday is a holiday or extended holiday weekend, the meeting will be on the first Tuesday.

Church Secretary: Julie Jankila
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Sand Lake Chapel Purpose Statement

"To introduce people to Jesus, and membership in His family; develop them to Christ-like maturity and unity in the faith, equip all the saints for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to glorify God's name."

Sand Lake Chapel is a member of the 4 C's - Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.



Now that the snow has melted and we've had a few warm days, it's easier to believe that we are truly in the last weeks of our Sunday School year. Our current summary Scripture is Psalm 139:1, *"Oh Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me."* Since Resurrection Sunday, our studies were from the book of Daniel. We saw

how God saved Shadrach, Meshech and Abednego from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3) and how God saved Daniel after he was thrown into the lion's den (Daniel 6). These amazing events revealed God's mighty power to those who witnessed them and to us today! Our Bible points were *"God helps us stand strong,"* and *"God won't let us down."* God's greatness shown to us through these stories, along with many others we studied throughout the year, was the inspiration for our Parent Appreciation Day program, which will be presented at 10:00 am on May 10th (prior to the worship service). Our program theme is "How Great is our God!" Please join us as we thank our Lord for all our blessings, and you, our family and friends, for your love and support of Sunday School!

Our focus will soon turn to Vacation Bible School, which we hope to again offer this summer. If anyone is interested in organizing/working with VBS, please contact Carol Erickson at 218-780-9781 or Ashley Leseman. After some discussion, it appears we may be scheduling it mid-late July (instead of early August); more info will be provided as plans develop. Your prayers and support are appreciated regarding this important ministry!



Helping Hands Ministries, Inc.

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Right: Areas HHM
has reached from
years of ministry



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*"Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered, "Watch out that no one **deceives** you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah', and **will deceive** many. You will hear of **wars** and rumors of **wars**, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and **kingdom against kingdom**. There will be **famines** and **earthquakes** in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains."*

Haitians think we have been in tribulation days since I visited 25 years ago because they experience wars from gangs and battles from civil politics from those vying to become the next 'king' of Haiti. They experience enough supernatural voodoo in the culture, but when a new church arrives with signs, wonders, and healings, Christians flocked to the church. A seasoned Baptist pastor attended to find out what all the excitement was. The name of Jesus Christ was never mentioned throughout the entire day service. Suspicion of deception was deduced. Famine? Acute food insecurity is a daily threat. Think about their largest earthquake with the death toll of over ¼ million people, 346,000 victims.

Here is the update:

Right: Original HHM board members, Eino and Irving standing

Helping Hands Ministries continues working with Haiti under the vision of co-founders Eino Koski and Irving Flinck since 1985 initially supporting the ministry under Stenio Capre. HHM started as a small group, grew and stretched with their needs. HHM was the first to build the school next to Stenio's first mother church in Vielle



Terre, JnRabel, Haiti. HHM was first to build the Foramadou church building started by St Luc and his sister, Mia, and was turned over to Stenio. HHM provided vegetable seeds for gardens, shipments of Bibles, shoes, vehicles, and life sustaining beans and rice during the Clinton Embargo, school supplies, all to aide the Christian ministry in Haiti. Stenio has passed and HHM was given new ministers from his association and today HHM continues to assist with physical needs under girding the gospel. HHM graduated with providing opportunity to help build and support a legal Haitian medical clinic and a school for all grade levels with a young Haitian man we put through medical school, in the midst of the huge earthquake crisis. As HHM ages, so does our support base, and our board changes, just as the people we reach with a helping hand in Haiti ages and changes. HHM is still here doing our best with the help of our Lord to meet needs as HHM presses toward the finish line of this dispensation. Above: Past photo of our doctor success story



HHM started with the hopes, disappointments and successes of well water drilling in remote mountainous areas. HHM worked with clean spring water projects with other organizations delivering drinkable water to villagers in the mountains of Jean Rabel. In the near present, HHM has two successes of fresh water wells for the people in the northern end of the country.



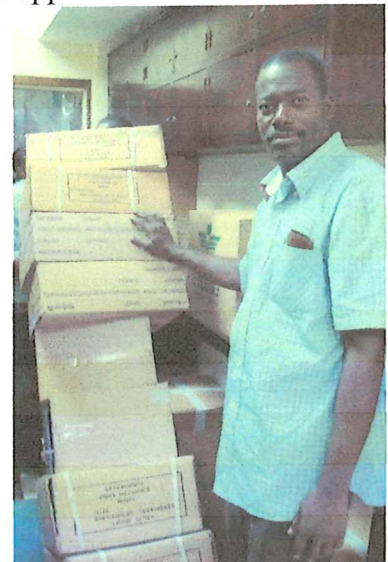
The evil gang threats against people in Central Plateau are still prevalent in 2026. The city of Mirebalais reeks with gang members. Most people from the central region continue to be displaced. The nation's number of displaced is 1.4 million by humanitarian counts. People we met working under Stenio Capre continually are effected by yet another conflict we could call 'the gang war'. We sent pastors emergency food money for refugees.

Left: New fresh water well in northern Haiti

Haitians learn to assimilate through changing conflicts, challenges, and dangers. I have realized this is why Haitian culture has learned to live for each day, or we would say 'one day at a time'. Tomorrow is never certain. It is another reason why they look towards opportunities to move to other countries, learn more than one language, and try to befriend every foreign missionary they meet.

Right: Pastor JnRobert receiving school supplies in past photo

Pastors JnRobert Nelson, Admil Capre and Manis Tanes continue in their home areas with their church congregations, intact. Anse Rouge, Nan Vincent and Vielle Terre are not necessarily inflicted with residential gang members like those villages in Central Plateau, but traveling ease is hindered on the roads by armed extortion check points demanding payments. Travel for them on the roads is not necessarily easy. However, for Pastors Clovis Capre and St Luc Noel, they had to abandon their homes. Clovis and members of many churches have been able to return to their villages. Even some of Pastor St Luc's congregants have returned, meaning those who

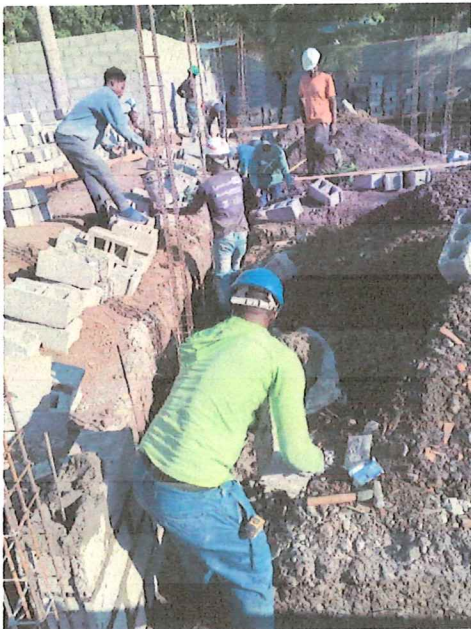


survived the random killings. Not everyone survived and we still wait for numbers. Pastor St Luc has some reports to go on. Like his deaconess's brothers were killed just down the path from his home. The deaconess ran, but no one was able to bury her brothers. The dogs disposed of their bodies; or about the neighbor's 12 year son who ran back to untie their pig but was murdered by gang guns instead. Pastor St Luc is not necessarily fortunate. He is not free to return though his family survived. He and his compound family of 32 people were forced to escape. They had to run with only the clothes on their backs. St Luc has found it necessary to permanently relocate in the safer area near Cap Haitien. He remains a high ransom money target for abduction since he built the largest church building in Labastille. Pastor St Luc is in charge of 14 churches across the country. He is struggling to find enough money to finish his new house in his new location while feeding those with him. If you wish to help St Luc directly, mark your donation accordingly.

Struggles, conflicts and living challenges I think will continue for this nation. Thank you always for those who continue with us. Thank you for your prayers for the country. We continue to press forward with as much aid as possible for those we know in this struggling country. Thank you for your support and prayers for us, as a board, to continue the vision of our co-founders. The US Navy ship, present to quell gang dominance and drug cartel, has departed from Port-au-Prince as we engage as a nation in Iran. And I ask for you to continue to pray for our great nation's leaders as we move towards the end of this age. God bless you all.

Chairperson of HHM,

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Left: Current construction started for a house for Pastor St Luc after gang displacement
Above: Past delivery of many school supplies , older photo

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM	DAN	REUBEN
CAN	ASHER	
ABEL	JUDAH	
SETH	LEVI	
NOAH	GAD	
HAM	NAPHTALI	
SHEM	SIMEON	
JAPHETH	ISSACHAR	
ELKANA	ZEBULUN	
SAMUEL	BEULAMIN	
AARON	JOSEPH	
MOAB	MANASSE	
HUR	EPHRAIM	
CALEB	SALU	
ABRAHAM	JOHNATHAN	
ISHMAEL	DAVID	
ESAU	SOLOMON	
JACOB		

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Bible Quiz

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

			
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Answer: power, spirit, witnesses, earth

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Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)

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