



October 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)

Men's Book Club - Tuesday Nights at 8:30 p.m
See Pastor Zach for location

Kids Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

- World Communion Sunday — October 4, 2026
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday — October 11, 2026
- Columbus Day observed — October 12, 2026
- Reformation Sunday — October 25, 2026
- Reformation Day — October 31, 2026
- All Saints' Day — November 1, 2026
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends — November 1, 2026
- Veterans Day — November 11, 2026
- Christ the King Sunday — November 22, 2026



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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."

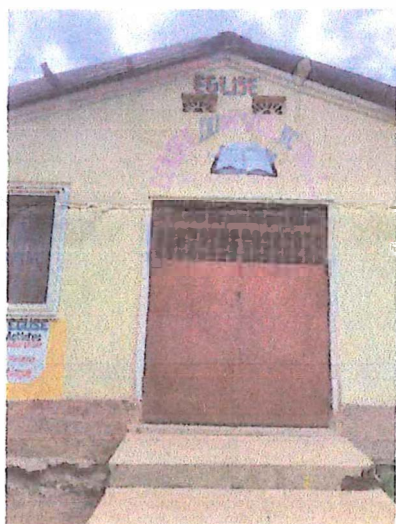
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TPS was former President Biden's solution for suspected political benefits, given to and held out lastly for the Haitians who came into the USA. They came mostly for a better life and work to be able to send money back home to their families. TPS has now ended. It may be a long drawn out process for ICE as so many Venezuelans and Cubans came in on the same conditions. I do not speak about the illegals. Situations created here in the United States may seem complicated and not popular with many protestors, but try living in Haiti. Life there is beyond complicated. The TPS Haitians will now begin to arrive home to a situation of anarchy.

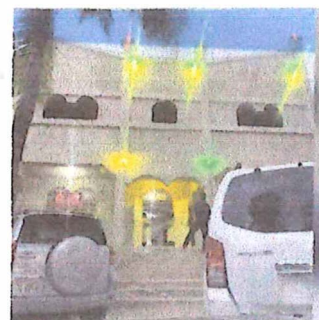
Church called the Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men, where 'Jesus is the only Lord'

Haitian politicians running for office have visited safer areas from gang controls to announce that there was to be an election.

In order to vote, displaced persons would have to find their way back home. 1.3 million people at last count have been displaced from gang invasions and shootings. Many schools have been forced to close, which made existing churches illegal with their government. Churches in Port au Prince and Central plateau have been forced to close due to the violence and murders of the various gang invasions. At the beginning of this summer, the gangs in Central Plateau encouraged through either radio or social media, "Come Back!" "You can come back to your homes. It will be all good", while gangs sequester in Mirebalais and celebrate in the streets. They ransack homes and steal livestock at gun point to feed themselves in Central Plateau and Port au Prince. Gangs control all roads with roadblocks and extortion fees to pass through. Busses with passengers were able to pass for large fees. The large church Pastor St Luc built reopened. Many members were missing, but worship and prayer continued under duress. About 2 weeks ago, the deaconess was gang murdered when Sunday church session was interrupted. Three died. Pastor St Luc was able to officiate at her funeral in the north. Family was able to put her body on ice and travel to a safer city to say their farewell with a Christian funeral. Is there safety of travel? A bus driver with a bus full of people was just be-headed at one of the Goat Mountain road blocks.

Labastille Church in Central Plateau opened again for worship and gang murders interrupted services.

Haiti is far beyond chaos. Some areas where life can continue, prices are absolutely crazy expensive, for basic items. What was worse economically? President Clinton's embargo or now? What items are shipped into the safer north port of Cap Haiten, are held for months and with no regulations, high prices are charged, prices that match their value



plus shipping charges of the items sent. This is double indemnity. Then they will release the humanitarian supplies to be then transported on dangerous roads.

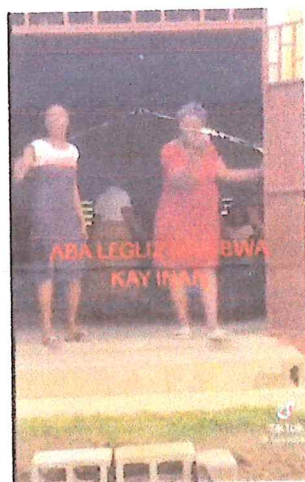
I remember a man who survived WW2 in Britain. He said, "No matter what is happening in a country, life still goes on." Life goes on in Haiti. I get so tired of repeating this same line, life is difficult and continues to become more difficult. Samaritans Purse no longer sends Christmas shoe boxes, nor manage earthquake communities. They have only one orphanage and will not disclose its location. Haiti is too unstable. Smaller, less known missions, like Helping Hands Ministries, and I imagine most likely others, have had their effectiveness and impact lessened as well. Yet the need is so much greater.

Admil Capre building a church in Nan Vincent

Helping Hands (HHM) supports Jean Robert Nelson in Anse Rouge. He is head or bishop of several churches with the Interdenominational Churches in the north of Haiti. The churches were formerly under the direction of Stenio Capre. Due to the road blocks, JnRobert is unable to manage his duties. When the gangs attacked these churches in Central Plateau, we were able to supply dispersed refugees through out the plateau and cities in the mountains with emergency money for food. Clovis Capre, a nephew of Stenio, took over JnRobert's responsibility and was able to travel to the peoples in need until they got 'established' in new areas. HHM dispersed more food money through Pastor St Luc and his leaders for other pastors who housed and fed displaced refugees. Now, JnRobert Nelson is sending me photos of his house needing repairs and is asking for assistance. If you feel he needs finances to repair his home, I will make sure he receives your donations.



Admil Capre, another nephew of Stenio Capre, lives in the north. He continues the church ministry in Nan Vincent in the province of North Quest. He is now constructing a new church building. The water well still flows for safe drinking.



Women at the Revival Center inviting voodoo protestors to the church where Jesus is the only Lord.

Pastor St Luc had been dislocated to an interesting area near Cap Haitien in the north. He cannot return to Central Plateau upon the insistence of his church members. The recent killing incursion, I just wrote about, proved their advice. He now resides, until peace comes to the country, in a place called Bwa Kay Men, roughly translated it means hand hewn timber, or woods. This is the area that during Haiti's war with Napoleon, we acquired the Louisiana Purchase, Haiti dedicated themselves to voodoo and sacrificed a pig under a large tree there. Every year they sacrifice and practice

voodoo, pounding drums and chanting at that tree location. People are possessed by loas (demons) and slither up that tree like a snake, not using arms or legs. Drums beat this year all night but the drummer died in the morning. There were no manifestations of demons. Black magic, witches and devils had no power.

Voodoo worshippers protesting with sign. Down with Colonial Jesus, when voodoo worship is powerless.



The voodoo worshippers came to protest at the door of "Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men Church", where now, Pastor St Luc is in charge. Dedicated members pray and fast every morning at 4 a.m. in the church. St Luc just had a huge meeting with area and visiting pastors. They performed baptisms. As the protestors demonstrated in front of the church carrying a sign "Down with Colonial Jesus", the church women invited them to come into the church, which was refused.

Below: school children receiving back packs with school supplies through AGEHPMDNG



What HHM will be doing is to help children attend school. We have contact with the nephew of St Luc who leads a legal social organization called in English, 'The Evangelistic Association of Groups for the Preaching to the World and the Development of New Generations' or 'AGEHPMDNG'. It's a mouthful, but they will try to accommodate area school children in many communities with tuition, uniforms, supplies, and shoes. They have been successful to work in the past

with Food for the Poor to provide safe drinking water just across the school building HHM built years ago in a community called Vielle Terre near Jean Rabel. (See photos) We will be giving children a chance at life.

Madam Josphat directing school handouts of food and shoes for school children

So our involvement in Haiti is still viable, regardless of all the trouble there. I am so thankful for the assistance our Lord and Savior, King Jesus, who provides through you as you partner with Him in this ministry. Praise the Lord!



Mesi Anpil,



Left: Baptism at the Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men

Right: Pastors from around the area at the Harvest Meeting at the Revival Center of Bwa Kay Men



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