

HAITIAN BIBLE COLLEGE

Preparing Godly Leaders For Haiti

Mission of HBC

Haitian Bible College is a Christian institute of higher education, the mission of which is to make a significant contribution to bringing the Body of Christ to the Biblically-sound knowledge of God through quality and qualified instruction. The goal of HBC is to prepare Godly leaders for the world, and for Haiti to be more specific. Haitian Bible College will not only prepare fishers of men but responsible parents and servants able to work to earn while serving.

The primary purpose of HBC is to glorify God by training and equipping men and women for His service. Please pray for us. Gifts to help may be sent to us at 721 Kentucky Ave., Joplin MO 64801. Our agent/treasurer who lives at that address is Vernon Vest. Other Directors of HBC are Allen Brintnall, Garland Bare, Kurt Fluharty, John Hunter, Len Clevenger, Edmond Mondestin, Jackie Pierre. The school of course is in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Haitian BIBLE COLLEGE Believes

The Word of Christ Should Be Taught in the Spirit of Christ (Colossians 1:28)

We believe the Bible is the true and authoritative Word of God and our final rule of faith and practice. We want to teach God's Word faithfully, in harmony with God's Spirit.

Not to Be Served But to Serve (Mark 10:45) We are a servant of the church, training vocational and volunteer servant leaders for the worldwide work of ministry. It is the commitment of teachers, staff and students that we will love and serve others.

Speaking the Truth in Love (Ephesians 4:15) We want to honor God by fulfilling our personal responsibility to be honest and caring with one another.

Trusting in the Power of God and Seeking the Glory of God (1 Corinthians 4:20 and Isaiah 42:8) We are absolutely and utterly dependent upon God. The work is too great for human resources. We pursue excellence, knowing all glory is God's and any accomplishment is of Him.

Atmosphere of Grace, Trust, and Freedom (Romans 15:7 and 1 Peter 4:10) We accept one another as imperfect people saved by the grace of God. Mutual trust, based on our commitment to the Lord, guides our relationships. We desire each person to have freedom to develop God-given gifts.

Restoring Biblical Christianity (John 17:21) We are committed to teaching and practicing Biblical Christianity, believing it is central to unity among believers and evangelization of the world.

Worship in Spirit and Truth (John 4:23,24) We foster spiritual health through genuine worship, both personal and public. Worship is for the glory of God, exhortation from His Word, and edification of the community of faith



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Dear friends and sponsors, Christmas is about thankfulness. We thank God in many ways. We first thank God for the joy of Christmas. Christmas reminds the world of the birth of Christ and the redemption of mankind. Ask yourself this question, "Where would I be if Jesus had not come into the world?"

Haitian Bible College (HBC) has been the recipient of many gifts in the last 12 months. HBC is my testimony of the greatness of God. HBC is now a year old. The force of darkness has been waging war against the establishment of the Bible College. The devil used people who were friends of HBC. He turned the heart of people who at first promised to help the school.

Among all those in Haiti the school counted on, Jesus is the only one who stands with HBC. He has been faithful since the beginning of the school and up to now. In that spirit of thankfulness and the joy of Christmas, I want to highlight some of the blessing that HBC has received over the months. It has been a joy and a privilege to work in God's kingdom. It has been a tremendous opportunity to us to be a blessing to others. With the help of many friends in the United States, HBC is teaching and feeding twenty students. HBC has already enrolled ten prospect students for next year. A year from this month HBC will have its

first graduation. Those students will receive an associate degree in ministry.

We are thankful for the donors and also especially so for the students we have the privilege to equip for the work of God. One of the darkest moments in HBC's life was the time HBC needed a place to meet with those students. Places that were offered to HBC were no longer available. Land that was once offered was taken back. I thank God for the parents of my wife who let us use the top story of their building to meet with the students. They gave up the profit they were making in rent to let HBC use the building for free.

Five months after the opening of the school, the students were taking notes on their laps since we had no desks. HBC needed arm chairs. Although unaware of the need, an Ozark Christian College professor sent the exact amount of money needed for us to build the exact number of arm chairs needed for the students. Wow! God never sleeps.

Two months later a good friend donated 32 school desks to the school for the second year. The blessing has not stopped there. HBC used to feed the students once a week due to its small budget. A member of the HBC board has sent fifteen hundred meals to the students. For 3 months, the students will have a meal every day.

Recently, Len Clevenger went to Haiti to conduct a seminar on leadership for the students. HBC had also the visit of Brother Sherman Sack from Wichita, Kansas. The Haitian staff has worked tediously with nothing other than the Bible to train the students. HBC has two cooks who volunteer their time to cook for the students.

Friends, in some dark hours, I feel like quitting. But when I remember how God saved my life and the life of my boys during the earthquake in Haiti and when I remember how God saved my life during the tornado that hit Joplin last May, I say to myself that quitting is not an option. God has been good to Haitian Bible College and to me personally.

Finally, I thank God for all the prayer warriors who are praying for the Bible College. Some of them I do not even know. What a family! Just being a Christian makes us brothers and sisters of people that we may never meet in this life but because of the joy of Christmas we have high hope of meeting them in Heaven. Let us celebrate the Good news of Jesus Christ. Emmanuel is with us.