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Spreading the GOSPEL in Haiti

When serving in Haiti, our mission team works with Haiti Mission, Inc. (HMI), which provides many material needs to those living in Haiti.

ST. JOSEPH & PRISON MINISTRY

Lloyd's first talk was on the feast of St. Joseph. Lloyd gave an amazing talk about the Great Patriarch, Beloved Spouse, Terror of Demons, and model for his manhood. An interesting point I had never considered before was how St. Joseph shows us to forgive. Lloyd said St. Joseph found out Mary was pregnant before the angel appeared to him in a dream—and he decided to divorce her quietly rather than expose her to the Law. Lloyd said most men would have felt rejected, betrayed, and revengeful for such humiliation, but St. Joseph was a godly man who did not want to hurt Mary. He was more concerned for her than himself. He exemplified forgiving others rather than seeking revenge. Fr. Joe later said it was the best talk on St. Joseph that he had ever heard!

THANK YOU, JESUS!

The next morning, we ministered at the prison in Jeremy. The prisoners are not allowed to come out of their overcrowded cells, and it is hot. There are about thirty or forty men in each small cell. Lloyd gave his testimony and told the story of the two thieves on either side of Jesus at his crucifixion. One ridiculed Jesus and the other asked Jesus to remember him when He came into his kingdom. Jesus replied, "This very day you will be with me in paradise!" No hell, no purgatory—the first saint, canonized by Jesus Himself!

Lloyd then said there were men in the cell just like the two thieves: some ridiculed Jesus and others wanted help. He asked them if they would like to give their lives to Jesus, and almost all came to the small window. Lloyd reached

through, they stacked hands, and he had them repeat the prayer to invite Jesus into their hearts and change their lives. It was extremely powerful!

I, with my team of women, spoke to the women prisoners. They have a cell and a small covered courtyard. As I spoke, they saw we were not there to waste their time, but to speak to them about the love of God and who they are in Christ. I quoted Jeremiah 29:11,

"For I know well the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope."

I told them that they exist because God loves them and that their worth is not defined by the person who hurt them the most.

I quoted the priest who wrote the book about St. Therese, who said that at the foot of the cross, we are equal. I talked about how the Canaanite woman is denied by Jesus three times and is even called a dog, but in the end, He cures her daughter and says to her, "O woman great is your faith, be it done to you as you will." We prayed briefly over them, and then the guards came and got us, because it was time to eat.

HMI has a prison party, where they hand out a cold drink; a hot meal of chicken, rice, and vegetables; a Slim Jim; a candy mint; a small package of peanuts; a pack of cards for almost everyone; and a vitamin. Lloyd blessed them each at the end of the line. HMI always makes more meals than the prison population needs so the guards can eat too. Nobody gets meals on a regular basis. The prison chaplain was so happy, he hugged Lloyd on the way in and on the way out.



There was a powerful reaction in the crowd when the priest processed with the monstrance after a prayers for healing, provision, and freedom.



Pictured is a line for the distribution of food and necessities— items like clothing and vitamins that we take for granted.

ON FAITH AND HOPE

The next day, I spoke to about two-hundred people on faith, where it comes from and how to get more of it. When I was done, the pastor excitedly came to the microphone and basically repeated my talk! You could tell it made a big impression on him and that his homilies would contain many of the points I had made. It was good to see we had made a difference in him and, I truly believe, in his parishioners.

Lloyd then led a healing service, and many testified they were healed and filled with hope.

Later, Father Joe took us to a church filled with over five-hundred people. The Blessed Sacrament was on the altar, and I spoke about increasing faith and gave a bit of our testimony of living on faith. Lloyd and I both spoke through an interpreter. Lloyd led the people in prayer asking for healing, provision, freedom, and a future filled with hope. Then father took the Blessed Sacrament throughout the congregation.

In the afternoon, we put together bags of rice, beans, flour, and sugar. The next morning, the distribution began. People also received vitamins, de-wormer pills, razors, matches, hats, clothes, small sewing kits, and other donations.

It's the little items we take for granted that are so sorely needed and appreciated. HMI does this as well as building houses and drilling wells.

That evening, I spoke on forgiveness. It really hit home. A young priest who has been ordained less than a year said he learned much about forgiveness, and he thanked us profusely.

The next day, there were twenty-seven First Communicants between seven and sixteen years old. At 3 p.m., we prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet together and then traveled by mules to three houses that are being built. One was for a couple who lived under a blue tarp held up by polls. It would be like us camping in nothing but a two-sided tent, cooking over open fires.

As Deacon Lloyd, the founder of HMI, always says, he is here to bring people from misery to poverty, and it is true. They were so grateful and so happy. One was a lady who was blind from diabetes. She was so happy. She wanted to touch, to be able to see the face of Deacon Lloyd, the man who was changing her life. Her house was made of tin with no floor, so you can imagine what it's like when it rains, which it does a lot.

A GIFT REQUIRES A RESPONSE

On our final evening, Lloyd really challenged the people. He quoted the Scripture that said to look around and be amazed—if God had told you what He was going to do, you would not have believed Him. Lloyd pointed to the beautiful new church going up and asked who would have ever believed that this poor, small parish would have the nicest church in Haiti. He pointed out the 150 houses HMI has built and asked who would have believed they would ever have such a beautiful home.

Lloyd told them that God's special grace and blessing requires a response. He said their lives could not be the same; they belonged to God. He asked, "What will the pilgrims who come here find?"

GOD'S SPECIAL GRACE & BLESSING REQUIRES A RESPONSE.

Would it be a church filled with believers who will lead them to Christ, or not? Lloyd assured them that God trusted them and that was why He had blessed them so. He got their attention in a very positive way! It was a powerful and fitting conclusion to our time there.

I am thankful for the opportunity to make a difference in many lives, as God used the whole team to write his love on the hearts of his people.

