



SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN HAITI



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Nancy and Lloyd live in Texas and have two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

We were grateful to partner with Haiti Mission, Inc. (HMI), for our first international mission in over a year. After two days of travel, we arrived at Sacred Heart Parish in Haiti in time for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our theme for the first two nights was, *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the Revelation of God's Love*. The church was packed, with at least three-hundred people in attendance.

After Mass on the first evening, I preached on the merciful love of God, from the writings of St. Therese. I talked about Jesus calling us his friends and what that means. I asked if they had ever told Jesus they wanted to be his friend. Had they ever asked to be with Jesus in his sorrows, like at the tomb of Lazarus and in the Garden of Gethsemane? I told them a friend is always there to offer consolation in a time of need. I think this is an area we can all improve on.

I then led the people in a prayer of recommitment to Jesus. In John 6:40, Jesus said whoever looks upon Him and believes will be raised up on the last day. I told them that in my days as an evangelical, we talked, prayed, and sang about Jesus, but we never looked upon Him and then tied that into the feast of the Sacred Heart.

After Mass the next evening, Nancy asked where Jesus had learned to be the Good Shepherd. He was fully God and fully man, and He grew in wisdom and understanding. She explained that St. Joseph was Jesus' model of how to be a man. She discussed how this is the Year of St. Joseph, and she gave a presentation on how Joseph is the Terror of Demons and our model of manhood. She told the ladies that they should ask St. Joseph to pray for their husbands—which they were excited to do. She then led everyone in a prayer of consecration to St. Joseph. It was a powerful night!

Our next stop was St. Louis Cathedral. The priest brought out the Blessed Sacrament and asked us to share with the people. I spoke again on merciful love and consoling the Heart of Jesus. Nancy followed up with her talk on St. Joseph. The priest then took Jesus through the Church as I prayed for them. There was a lot of excitement! We then gave all the people blessed scapulars, which they surged forward to get!

The next day, we went to the Sanctuary of the Miraculous Medal. They also had a service for the Sacred Heart, and we gave similar talks. These talks have been on our mind and seem most

timely. I then led them in prayers for healing and a recommitment to Jesus.

Next, we preached at another parish for a special twice-monthly morning of fasting and prayer. Their old church was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew and, I think miraculously, David and Laura Fakier from HMI raised \$350,000 to build them a beautiful new church. An interesting fact is that the hurricane completely demolished the church—all except for one alcove where a beautiful statue of Mary was located. She was not harmed at all! They have moved the statue to the new church and have given her a place of honor, remembering the miracle of her preservation from harm.

I challenged the parishioners to respond to this gift from God. I told them it was probably the most beautiful Church in Haiti and people from all over would come to see this marvel. I told them that when people came, they needed to find a holy people, fully informed in their faith, who knew how to pray. Again, Nancy shared on St. Joseph. I truly believe they responded to the challenge.

Each day, we dedicated houses that HMI had built for the poor of Jeremie. They had at least twenty-five houses to dedicate. HMI had not been able to come to Haiti for a while because of Covid, and there were a lot of homes to be consecrated. HMI is now building four houses each month!

Fr. Jomanas and the team dedicated the homes to Jesus and Mary, and then Fr.

Jomanas blessed them. We left them with pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and prayers for them to pray each day for the donors of their new homes. They were more than happy to do so! It is hard to describe the joy people have when they move from an old house of rusted tin and tarps to a beautiful, four-room, hurricane-resistant home!

We then had a big food distribution day. Around 120 families received oil, pasta, flour, and many other staples, various pieces of clothing, and some money. Nancy and I prayed for people at the end of the distribution line. They were so happy to get supplies and prayer. It was a blessing to be there!

Our other outreaches were to the residences of the Sisters of Charity, where Fr. Jomanas said Mass for the sisters and we prayed for the men, women, and children in different houses there. We were required to wear masks, and many of the children cried in fear over all these white folks with covered faces!

After visiting the sisters, we went to the local prison for a food distribution. I had asked if I would be permitted to pray with the various cells of men and was told no because of social distancing and Covid. I strongly objected, and the official in charge finally gave me permission. It is hard to describe the horrible conditions there. There were nearly forty men in a room designed for twenty. There was a lot of sweat and odors. Most of the men seemed really open to the Gospel. I always began by

telling them, with Fr. Jomanas translating, that I had come to tell them about a God of miracles.

I shared my testimony and then led each cell in a prayer of commitment to our Miracle God Jesus. Nancy ministered to the women in another part of the prison and talked about the love of God and the need to support each other. This outing has always been my most favorite. The people there need to know they are not alone, and that God never gives up on them. The team then gave each prisoner a nice meal of chicken and rice with a cold drink. I guarantee it was their best meal in a long time!

One highlight from our trip happened the last night, when team members asked for prayer. Three were pre-med students and one was a teacher. Gabby, the teacher, wants to spend the summer in Haiti teaching English. All four had seen what God was doing and wanted more themselves. It was really powerful! We taught on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and then prayed with them. God had a very specific word of knowledge for each person, and all cried as they now knew that God was real and knew them personally.

After being “offline” due to Covid, this was just what we needed. I feel our Lord was pleased and it was such a gift to minister again!



PLEASE PRAY

- ▶ For all those in areas suffering from political unrest or natural disasters.
- ▶ For hearts open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that we may help bring Christ into the lives of others.
- ▶ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.



📍 The Haiti mission included a Eucharistic procession at St. Louis Cathedral and distribution of blessed scapulars.