### Bringing Light to Northern Haiti



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# **Pillatre Campus ready for school**

Parts of Northern Haiti, specifically around the Pillatre area, are beginning to adapt to the "new normal". Official reported cases of Covid-19 are on the decrease, masks are still being worn by most people, in person church services have resumed and school started this past week in Haiti! The younger children will be doing distance learning for now with homework being given by their teachers. The older students will be attending in person classes. The Pillatre campus has been sanitized and enhanced cleaning will happen on a daily basis.

In the weeks leading up to school starting, the Pillatre campus was bustling with activity. The kitchen stoves have been updated and all stoves are now operational

for daily meals for the students. We have Tender Mercies meals ready to serve and now have plenty of stove space to cook all these meals for the children. Classrooms were also cleaned and prepped to welcome students back. August 10th was the first official day of school and, as usual, we are slowly seeing the number of students increase each day.

Construction of the new staff and student bathrooms at Pillatre Christian Center has begun! The new septic system and modern student bathrooms (with flush toilets and sinks for hand washing) for the Pillatre campus have a total cost of \$60,000. \$30,000 of that price has already been raised by HCM. The picture below shows just a glimpse



of how complex and large this project is. We are using all Haitian labor and helping to provide jobs for the community at a time where inflation is at an all-time high. Our goal is not only to provide a respectable and hygienic place to use the restroom, but also put money back into the local economy with this project.

Can you help us finish the job? We are asking for you to prayerfully consider giving a gift to HCM to help us finish the bathroom project and replace the 30-year-old outhouses that our students use at this time. Just denote your gift with "Bathroom Project" when you give at hcmin.org/give or via check to our PO Box.



# **Prayers for Haiti**

As we transition into the school year, will you join us in praying for the following:

- Pray for each student that attends our schools and their families. Haiti has been challenged in many ways (pandemic, economic, political, socially) beyond "normal" in the past year. Pray for nerves to calm and eager young learners to be engaged in school.
- Pray for the teachers, administrators, and support staff on our campuses. Amidst even more difficult circumstances, may they have peace, wisdom, and strength to encourage this next generation.
- Pray for our pastors (Bobanoit, Jacques, Phito, Noseben, Jacquesene, Walter, Franckel A. Paul (Geneus) & Denis Rosianne, and Jhaky) and their families as they continue to lead their flocks. Pray for endurance, wisdom, and peace.
- Pray for our board as they continue to discern how best to support all our field operations in Haiti. 2020 has not gone at all as we have planned. Trips are indefinitely postponed and our hopes to expand ministry by planting churches is not able to happen right now. We trust that God has a plan in the midst of this all and that we will be obedient in following His plan.
- Pray for those Haitians you have met or know. Reach out if you can and let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them.

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. Psalm 63:1-5 (NLT)