



# March News | 2024

## 10th Anniversary Celebration & Missionary Reunion!

### The date is set ~ Saturday, Nov 2, 2024

On May 1st, it will be **ten** years since we began this ministry together in Haiti. We started in a time of crisis for a previous ministry, and here we are, ten years later, in yet another crisis with the condition of the country. Our ministry, either personally or nationally, seems to go from one crisis to the next, and yet God continues to expand it!!! Witnessing God's hand carry us through ten years together has been amazing. We want to celebrate with **two large events** on Saturday, Nov. 2. Here is your chance to come to Colorado and experience the ministry!



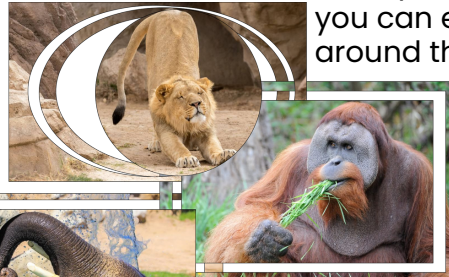
### 1 ~ Missionary Reunion Service of Thanksgiving

Whether you have been a donor, a prayer warrior, or a short-term missionary who served with feet on the ground, we want you to join us. This service will be from **10:00 A.M-11:30 AM on Saturday morning** at Peace With Christ Lutheran Church (3290 South Tower Rd Aurora, CO 80015). We excitedly hope to have James, Edeline, and Kerby here to join us. We will have a worship time with a full band and three pastors who will challenge us with different messages: Rev. Dr. Christian Wood from Hales Corner Lutheran church in WI, Pastor David Baumgarten from Pinecrest Community Church in Parker, CO, and Pastor James Petite from Mission Experience Haiti. This will be followed by a free catered "Thank-you" lunch. When you sign up for the banquet, be sure to sign up for the worship service as well so we have the correct number for food.

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### 2 ~ Tenth Anniversary Banquet

Our banquet will be held in the banquet room at the Denver Zoo this year. You can choose to come early and enjoy the zoo (We think the Wild Lights display will be on when it gets dark.) There is a separate Zoo charge to visit the zoo and see the wild lights. If James, Edeline, and Kerby are able to come, you can enjoy walking around the zoo with them



as they see animals they have never seen before except in books.

Our banquet prep is well underway. The banquet will start at 6:00 PM with registration, games, appetizers, and time to view auction items. Then at 6:30 PM the meal will be served. During the meal this year, Tal Saucerman (who has performed numerous times at Denver Comedy Works) will be providing comedic entertainment. After that there will be a time of special recognition and celebration, followed by a special professionally made Ten Year Anniversary Video. Finally, the main speaker for the night will be the Denver Broncos' last Super Bowl Champion Head coach, Gary Kubiak. He will be speaking on "Perseverance through Crises."

Mark the date and times!!! We are excited to see you and celebrate!  
Pastor Mike



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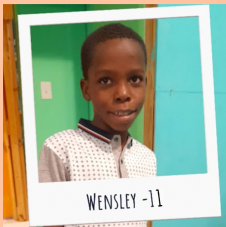
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THANK YOU,  
PASTOR MIKE



**Meet our spotlight student of the  
month Wensley!**  
(Pronounced Wens-lee)

He is 11 years old and in the 4th grade. His favorite subject in school is Math.

Wensley enjoys playing marbles and his favorite color is orange. He is looking forward to becoming a mechanic when he is older.

Fun fact about Wensley - his favorite animal is a goat, and he is quite good at soccer! He helps out around the orphanage by sweeping and mopping, which is a never-ending task with so many growing feet passing in and out of the buildings throughout God's Garden.

# PRAYER UPDATE:

Things are very complicated in Haiti right now. Ellie and I were supposed to be there with a team, but our flight got canceled. This is good because we all would have gotten stuck in the country in the middle of all this. All flights going in and out of the country, have ceased for safety reasons. ...

Grace Academy has been open sporadically but not at all right now. It is too dangerous for anyone to be on the streets. The teachers create homework packets each week for all the kids, and the parents pick them up. If there are questions, Mama Edeline and the teachers have a WhatsApp group with the parents to help them, or when possible, they meet with a teacher. The teachers submit lesson plans each week to Mama Edeline as we continue to function online.

The gangs sent out a warning last week for the population to stay in their homes because, on Monday, they are going to war. They did just that yesterday (03/19/24). They are going after the rich Haitian's homes and killing them. These are the ones that many say run the country behind the scenes in an attempt to keep the poor suffering.

It is a very complicated situation. We have to remain vigilant in our prayers. We rest in our God, who is still sovereign and still reigns from His throne.

Thanks for your prayers. Pastor Mike



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