



MINISTRY THROUGH MEDIA

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Dear Friend,

I pray this finds you doing well in His amazing grace!

More than a few times in the past year, we've reported on a special partnership with Calvary Chapel in Melbourne, Florida. Early in 2009, CCM approached Mars Hill about the need for a version of The HOPE in Creole, the heart language for 80% of the people in Haiti.

To fund the translation project CCM hosted a week of HOPE in March 2009. Members were encouraged to invite people to Church to see a movie explaining the main theme of the Bible. They were told that The HOPE is an excellent tool to reach family and friends for Christ, that DVDs would be sold, and that all proceeds would go to fund a Creole version. During the week of HOPE, 87 people made decisions for Christ and 6,000 DVDs were sold . . . enough to fund The Creole HOPE!

Only God knew that 9 months later an earthquake would devastate Haiti . . . and 2 weeks after that, work on The Creole HOPE would be completed! In April 2010, a CCM team went to Haiti to do relief work and share the Gospel using the The Creole HOPE. From one team member we received this report . . .

Pastor Seige Poteau of Calvary Chapel Port Au Prince navigated us through the mob scene at the airport gates and got us safely to his tent city where we stayed. It was 115 degrees heat index each day we were there. It was the most intense heat I've ever experienced.

As we drove through the city I was shocked to see the devastation and living conditions of the people. We've seen it on TV, but to be there and see it in context was surreal . . . MILLIONS of people without power, running water, and struggling for food. I've been on mission trips before and have seen very harsh living conditions but not at this magnitude. MILLIONS of people!!!



Aerial view of a tent city in Port au Prince



Millions without power, water or food



Tents made of pieces of trash patched together

We traveled in the evenings to tent cities in Port Au Prince, to show the movie (The HOPE) using an inflatable movie screen, a projector and sound system and generator. These tent cities were the most horrific living conditions I've ever seen. Many of the tents were pieces of trash patched together.

They lay on car tires for beds. There were people going to the bathroom on the ground all over the place. Kids were covered in scabies. The smell was unlike anything I've ever smelled in my life. Did I mention it was 115 degrees?



Setting up the inflatable screen in a tent city One of 3 tent city HOPE screenings that week Haitian boys watching Jesus raise Lazarus

We would set up just as the sun was going down. When we turned the movie on hundreds of people would surround us and stand mesmerized for the 85 minutes that it played. I stood and watched the faces of the people as they watched their fellow Haitians on this big screen in the middle of their tent city telling them there is hope. I saw young boys wipe the tears from their eyes as they watched our Lord Jesus Christ get crucified. We saw many beautiful Haitian people turn their lives over to the Lord. It was a powerful thing to witness.

It's so amazing how God started the production of this movie a year ago knowing in advance how desperately they would need it. The country is in ruins. These people need "HOPE."

During their week in Haiti, the CCM team distributed 1,300 copies of The Hope; 1,000 to the Christian radio station in Port au Prince for distribution to churches. They made arrangements with one of the national television stations to air it. They showed it 3 nights in small "tent cities" with a total of 50 accepting Christ and signing up for Bible classes. Before leaving they set up 2 teams to show the DVD in the tent cities every night for the next week to 10 days . . . so the story goes on.

We believe that the partnership with CCM and the story you've just read were orchestrated by God. In fact, just last week we completed our 40th adaptation of The HOPE, and we've seen evidence that every one of our HOPE adaptation partnerships has been orchestrated by God. Likewise, we believe it is God who leads people like you to partner with us through prayer and giving so that this work might be possible. It is truly an amazing thing! Thank you for your interest in this ministry!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fred Carpenter
President