



CHURCH PLANT UP- DATES

- **Mapou:** The church is currently building up leaders and making disciples. The church walls are crumbling, though, and need stucco.
- **Chien Contant:** This church plant has become self-reliant, but their church building still needs walls.
- **Palma:** A weekly Bible study is being held in the frame of the future church. A windstorm recently blew the roof off.
- **Titans:** This church plant is in its early stages and needs prayer for leadership to come forward.
- **Fregade:** This church has become self-reliant but needs a school.
- **Lautore:** The church plant has almost become self-reliant with minimal support needed.

International Ministries of Hope

APRIL—JULY 2012

Over 450 Kids attend VBS

In mid-July, a team from First Baptist Church in Bronson, Florida, returned to Mapou for their second Vacation Bible School for the children of the island. Over five days, the children sang, played sports, made crafts, and learned about Jesus. Over 450 children from around the island walked to Mapou to participate in the VBS. Some children had walked for several



One of the activities the children enjoyed most was soccer - boys vs. girls.



hours just so they could take part. On the last day, a Family Celebration was held. Everyone present was fed a hearty lunch. The children sang songs in English and Kreyol and then played games for prizes.

We're Under Construction

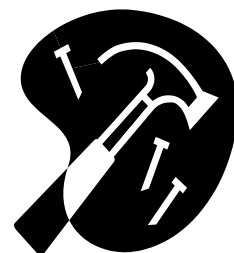
The sound of tools in in Mapou is constant. In July alone, two major construction projects were underway.

The first project was to finish the floors of the Guerrier School. The classroom floors had previously been covered in large rocks. Cement was brought in, mixed with shovels, carried with

buckets to the classrooms, poured on the ground, and then smoothed out. The six classrooms were completed within a week.

The second project was to build a detached kitchen and store room in Downtown Mapou (where the Guerriers live). Local workers were hired to mix cement, tote water barrels, construct

stone walls, and finish the building off with a roof. For pictures of these two construction projects, please see page 4.



Wedding



The four brides line up before the wedding.

On June 23, four weddings were held at Hope Baptist Church in Mapou thanks in part to the help of a team from Ocala, Florida, who brought dresses for the

brides. Part of IMoH's ministry is to encourage and counsel couples who are living together to get married.



Weddings in Haiti are grand affairs that require items most people can't easily

afford. With the help of ministry partners, IMoH provided dresses, rings, suits and shoes, and furnished a reception for the four couples - a group that includes two support staff

Graduation



Stressing the importance of education, Benis and Dominique present diplomas to the children.

On July 8, the International Guerrier Learning Center held graduation ceremonies for 18 students who were moving up from Kindergarten to First Grade. With the help of ministry partners, robes were purchased for the students to make the ceremony feel official.

During the ceremony students performed songs, acted in skits, recited poems,

and received citizenship awards along with their diplomas.



Teacher Training

During June, a group of 3 teachers from New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala, Florida came to facilitate a week long training for the teachers at the International Guerrier Learning Center. The teachers learned about classroom management and teaching to different learning styles. At the end, the participating teachers were awarded certificates for successfully completing the training.



We're on Facebook!

To help share information on all that is happening on La Gonave with IMoH, we now have a IMoH Facebook page and group. Through these two venues, you can view pictures, read prayer requests, and contact the Guerrier family.



Join the International Ministries of Hope Group on Facebook to receive regular updates in your News Feed.

Medical Clinics



The medical team sets up inside of Hope Baptist Church in Mapou.

In May 2012, a group of 20 doctors, nurses, and medical students came to Haiti to host medical clinics around the country. This diverse group was made up of general practitioners as well as specialists such as surgeons, gynecologists, and pediatricians from all across the United States and Canada. For two

days, they made their camp in Mapou to minister to the people from all across La Gonave and even as far away as Port-au-Prince. During the two days, over 400 people were treated in the makeshift clinic held in Hope

Baptist Church in Mapou. Patients received medical treatment that they had been unable to get anywhere else. Ailments treated included everything from cyst removal to ingrown tail nails to machete wounds. Many of the children who were seen by the pediatrician had never been to a doctor before. These doctors

drastically changed their patients' lives. In particular, 3 young babies, who had been taken to see several doctors on the mainland to no avail, were able to have corrective surgery for deformities. Besides treating patients, a surgeon spent time training Dominique (who acts as unofficial nurse to the people of Mapou) in suturing wounds. Another member of the ministry team provided equipment and training for how to dry food for storage. If you are interested in putting together a medical team to come to Mapou, please contact Benis or Dominique. God can use your skills to help the people of Haiti.



Severe Drought/Famine in Mapou - Pray for Rain!

We are now three months into what should have been the rainy season here in Mapou. However, there has been little to no rain and the effects are devastating. There are no natural sources of water in the village, so the only options are to collect rain water or to walk several hours down the mountain and carry water back up. The crops have withered, the cisterns are empty, and many people are starving. We have faith that God will meet our needs. Please join us in praying for His rain to pour down on Mapou and the surrounding villages.



Children line up with plates to be fed by IMoH.

Ministry Needs

- A boat that can hold 20-30 passengers and their luggage. This will cut down on transportation costs between the island and the mainland.
- We currently need volunteer construction teams to help repair/stucco the walls of the Mapou church.
- Money to open school and pay teachers.
- Donations to build permanent structures for the church plants.

Prayer Request

- A young church plant is in its early stages in Titans, a remote port on the island that can only be accessed by boat/foot. ↓



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Port Charlotte First Baptist Church for helping purchase a solar power system and a diesel generator. This has been a tremendous blessing, giving us light at night and the ability to connect to the internet when needed.

Upcoming

- School begins in October!
- IMoH Presentations in California and Arizona in September.



Workers mix cement for construction projects.



Due to lack of rain for cement, construction has been halted temporarily at this stage.



Missionaries Benis and Dominique Guerrier and family are full-time missionaries living in Mapou Village on the island of La Gonave off of the western coast of Haiti.



BEFORE - School being held outside in 2010



AFTER - School Classrooms 2012