

ON THE ROAD...

Pursuing God's call to encourage, exhort, and equip leaders and congregations

A newsletter from Henry and Millie Buckwalter to family, friends, and prayer partners



NEWS AROUND THE HFC NETWORK

Special prayer requested: Pastor Hector Muñiz of Lighthouse Fellowship Church, Bridgeport, CT, has been bravely dealing with ALS for the past five years. He is now under Hospice care. Please pray that, in God's timing, he can experience a blessed release into the arms of his loving Savior. Please pray for Sister Jennie, the family, and the church family as they walk through this challenging transition. The way in which Jennie, family members, and the church family have stood by



Pastor Hector over the years is truly a testimony of agape love and God's abundant grace! *(Picture – Pastor Hector [as we remember him] and his faithful wife and constant supporter, Jennie).*

Pastor Kayamba of Disciples International Christian Church, Portland, ME, recently made a trip with his son to Montreal, Quebec, to visit Congolese families who have moved there from Portland and his congregation during the past year. Pastor Kayamba has a vision to plant a church in Montreal. He appointed a



couple of leaders to give leadership to families who are meeting together for worship. Pastor Kayamba reports that there is a large open door for ministry to reach the Congolese families living there. The congregation and HFC are thankful to Mennonite Central Committee for providing several dozen comforters, buckets containing household supplies, and school packs for children. *(Picture: Pastor Lawum and Susanne Kayamba)*

Marmont Region, Haiti: Sister Anita Charlestin's father was a church planter and pastor for many



years in the Marmont Region of Haiti. In 2011, he invited Anita *(picture)* to go to Haiti to encourage the pastors that were in disunity. When she arrived, she invited the pastors to come together for three days of prayer and fasting. God moved in very special way and unity was restored to the Marmont Pastor's league. At that time, there were seven churches in the League. Today, that number has grown to around 22 congregations. She has several successive mission trips with teams mostly from Gospel Light Community Church in Bridgeport, CT. Four of the congregations have asked for membership in HFC. However, the outreach also extends to many of the congregations in the Marmont League.

Anita reports that the congregations individually meet for a night of prayer every Friday night. One night a month they meet at a central location. Many have to walk for miles and hours to attend the monthly prayer vigils. Around a month ago, a pastor and his congregation of 55 members walked four hours one way and many miles across the hills to attend the all-night vigil. They spent all night and the next morning in prayer and then walked home. I believe these dear brothers and sisters in Christ have something to teach us about having a passion for prayer.

Please pray for the political situation in Haiti. Safe travel throughout the country is still difficult. HFC is deeply appreciative of Anita keeping in constant phone contact with the pastors to support and encourage them. Over the past year, dozens have accepted Christ. Please pray for on-going spiritual transformation of this remote Marmont Region of Haiti. We give glory to God for all He is doing.

PICTURES FROM VISITS DURING LAST THREE MONTHS

October 6, 2019 – Building 103 Church, Canton, PA (Picture: Some members of the worship team)



October 19 – Faith Christian Church, Gardiner, ME – Pastor Wes Holland and the congregation extended very gracious hospitality during HFC's 17th Annual Celebration. Approximately 100 people participated in this event, some traveling several hours each way to attend.



(Pictures: L - Mary Ann and Adam Lee from Boston Chinese Church of Saving Grace gave a beautiful musical presentation. R - Pastor Darrell Minnich, Regional Overseer, gave direction to the service. Pastor Kayamba, Disciples International Christian Church, gave French interpretation for the service.)



(Picture: A very delicious meal was prepared and served under the leadership of Dale and Betty Morrell. Disciples International Christian Church also contributed food.)



November 10, 2019 – Boston Chinese Church of Saving Grace. (Picture: Millie with Sandy Ng, a leader at the congregation.) Please continue to pray for a pastor for the congregation.

December 11-18 – Belize, Central America

(Picture: Pastor Nixon Padilla, center, who also serves as President of the Belize Evangelical Mennonite Church, along with his wife Sonya and family.) We ministered at a pastor's retreat, visited and

ministered at six congregations and had wonderful visits with people we knew when we lived in Belize for eleven years. We left Belize in 1986.

(Picture below: Visit and ministry at August Pine Ridge Mennonite Church, Orange Walk District, Belize)



TRAVEL ITINERARY January to March 2020

January

24 – Visit with several pastoral leaders in Bridgeport, CT
25 – Visit and minister at Lighthouse Fellowship Church, Bridgeport, CT

February

16 – Visit and minister at ACTS Covenant Fellowship – Strasburg, in Strasburg, PA

March

21 – Attend wedding of Celia Miller and Timothy Burkholder in Bridgeport, CT
22 – Attend a congregation in Bridgeport
24-26 – Give oversight to HFC Pastors and Spouses Retreat at Camp Deepark, Cuddebackville, NY

Thanks for your support!