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HELPING ALL ISOLATED THROUGH INFLUENCE HAITI



Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among the peoples! Psalm 96:3

In August 2015 Apostle Theresa Settles and Pastor Cassandra Hill, on behalf of TSM, traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on 6 day mission's trip. The TSM team was accompanied by Evangelist Bamba, of Philadelphia, PA, a renowned missionary to Haiti. Evangelist Bamba acted as the TSM team's host and traveling companion. Evangelist Bamba provided local transportation and was instrumental in liaising the team's introduction to the political and spiritual leaders in Haiti. During this 6 day engagement TSM had several strategic objectives to accomplish for the ministry. These initiatives included touring the orphanage supported by the Theresa Settles Ministries organization, establishing new relationships with local churches and visiting a local mission's school; all of which are key to elevating how TSM can be more effective in providing humanitarian services and spiritual direction to the most at risk population in the region of Haiti.

The team's first stop was the orphanage which TSM supports. The facility is run by a pastor, who was raised at the orphanage. Apostle Settles and Pastor Hill toured the orphanage and were introduced to the children residing at the facility. The TSM mission's team was able to see firsthand how the generous contributions of their faithful partners were being applied at the orphanage. The children were well fed and taken care of. They were beautiful, kind and

engaging. While at the orphanage, Apostle Settles and Pastor Hill handed out school supplies and sweet treats to the children. They were overjoyed sharing their gifts with one another.

Their genuine gratitude warmed the hearts of Apostle Settles and Pastor Hill. Acts, such as carrying a disabled child to the TSM team to ensure everyone received a gift exemplified how they cared for one another and illustrated in the simplest

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT PASTOR CASSANDRA HILL



A caring mother, dynamic preacher and anointed pastor, this woman of God has been a member of the TSM staff since its founding in 2009. As a staff member Pastor Hill helps plan and organize various events and fundraisers for the ministry. She is also called upon to exercise her gifts as a minister by preaching and sharing the works of TSM at several of the organization's fundraising and ministry events. Pastor Hill felt called to work for this particular ministry. "I like the idea of sending money to missions (for missions) without having to go myself." Ironically, the fiery preacher has recently accompanied Apostle Settles on a mission's trip to Haiti, a region currently supported by TSM. This mission's exploration was a life changing experience for Pastor Hill and by her own attestation following such a momentous occasion she was never the same! "I realized how blessed I was and that I WASN'T POOR. The truth is I really didn't have any problems and I should be grateful for the things that I already have." After six years of dedicated service, Pastor Hill is still on fire for missions. "I love that all the money we raise goes directly towards children and orphans and the most vulnerable of any population."

Most Christians struggle to find time to serve the Lord; however, Pastor Hill's dedication and mental resolve allows her to carry a full load while still being effective in her service to TSM. "I make time for it because I committed to it and I do it for the Glory of the Lord." When asked about the rewards of being a TSM staff member, Pastor Hill replied, "The rewards are that I am spreading the Gospel throughout the world. I am not looking for a reward because I am looking to please God and I am doing this out of obedience to God."

of actions what it means to love your brother. Before leaving the orphanage Apostle Settles laid her hands on every child and prayed for each one of them.

The team also visited with several churches and political leaders introducing them to the work of TSM. There were vital and promising connections made during the visit. Apostle Settles and Pastor Hill were also invited to preach at a very large local church assembly. The TSM team ministered at two services and fellowshiped with the leadership team of the church.

TSM's final task was to visit the mission's

school run by a local church group. Although Haiti's constitution assures public education to all, it is not a public service that is consistently extended to the poorest of communities. Therefore, many church organizations have taken on the responsibility of bridging this gap to the poor and/or orphanages by operating schools that are managed without the assistance of the local governing agencies. The school was meager in stature constituting of only two stone slabs and a tarp. It provides educational services to over 150 children in a very small space. The students receive a hot meal from a very small makeshift kitchen that is pieced

together with aluminum. Despite the humble stature of the school building, a great service was being executed there.

The work of TSM in Haiti will and must continue! TSM will be exploring how better to service the region of Haiti including methods to assist and make more efficient, as well as, effective the tremendous work currently being done by local organizations encountered during the visit. There is even a consideration of hosting a short term mission's trip back to Haiti to influence the next generation of the importance of carrying the torch for missions.

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PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

Omar and Chalene Ellis are a God-fearing, kingdom serving couple that has been married for over seventeen years. Chalene Ellis would describe herself as "outgoing" while describing her husband as "quiet but full of wisdom". They are the proud parents of five children and reside in Upper Chichester. They have both been TSM partners since January 2013, deciding to partner with the organization after attending the annual TSM missions Luncheon. Together they were impressed with the vision and completed work of the ministry and wanted to become a part of the ministry. The couple had a heart for missions well before they joined TSM and have always given to other missionary groups/programs over the years.

The Ellis' not only contribute financially but have also worked on several TSM sponsored events to aid the ministry.



When asked which accomplishment was the one that stood out Chalene answered "I have two, the well in Uganda and the elderly home in India. Those accomplishments are important because it shows that TSM is covering the entire spectrum; which is not limited to only their patrons' spiritual needs but to their natural needs as well. What better way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the less fortunate than by demonstrating how he uses TSM to supply their needs".

Omar believes that others should

become TSM partners to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. He added in "James 2:16 the word says 'if one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?' In that same passage, James stated show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by my deeds". Chalene added "It's our responsibility to help others. As Christians we must have a heart for God and to have a heart for God is to have a heart for people. TSM gives us the opportunity to put our faith and responsibility to work! We're called to be the salt of the Earth and that is what sets TSM apart. They are the salt!" Omar and Chalene hope that TSM continues to grow with the support of new partners, growth in contributions by of existing partners and grow in the organization's reach globally.