

SERVING THE UNDERSERVED

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Give by check or online at <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/path-to-salvation> — See page 6 for details.



God's vision in action! Last fall, God gave Pastor Wesley a vision in a dream. He felt strongly that God wanted him to move ahead with plans to transition Path to Salvation Church from his yard to their permanent church home just down the street from his residence in Titanyen. In fact, after much prayer, he set a goal of holding services on the new property by the end of 2021.

The church community supported this vision and work was feverishly set into motion. Church members donated their time, talents, and treasures (*even a goat!*) to finish building the perimeter wall, delivering and installing the church gates, and building an open-air sanctuary to temporarily house services until the church building is constructed. Everyone sacrificed what they could to make this happen!

Despite high gasoline prices, shortages of materials, civil unrest, gang violence in the

region, and other challenges, their first church service on the property took place on Sunday, January 2, 2022, shortly after a 4-day revival was held in Pastor Wesley's yard to praise God for who He is and all He's done. Over 400 people attended the church service. God's hand was definitely with them to help make this happen in time for the new year.

Pastor Wesley had visited the US in November to secure funding for this project and to meet with his new church partner in South Carolina. When he was asked about building a church during such uncertain times within the country, he stated, *"It would be easy for me to leave Haiti; however, many people could*

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Glorify God by making disciples who know, love, grow in Christ, and go for Christ!

FROM THE BOARD

Path to Salvation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the US that partners with Path to Salvation Church in Titanyen, Haiti to help them achieve their goals. A Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month via zoom. Board members are comprised of eight people from all over the US. Meet our President Elizabeth Wilson:

PRESIDENT ELIZABETH WILSON Belmont, North Carolina

Elizabeth's first mission trip to Haiti took place in 2005 when she served on a Medical Mission Team for eye care at a Christian Deaf School. The trip was an amazing experience where her heart was ignited with a love of Haiti. She returned in 2014 with her church's mission program and met Pastor Wesley. During the week, she experienced someone who truly spread the gospel to everyone he met. She personally watched as Wesley witnessed and led people to Christ! She could see that God was using him in a mighty way.



They kept in touch, and in 2019, Wesley visited Elizabeth in the US where she got to know him on a more personal level. During the week, God gave her a desire to get involved helping Wesley with his ministry. She told God, "Open the door and I will walk through it." A few days later, Wesley sent out an e-mail to some of his supporters. She responded asking if anyone was interested in helping her form an organization to help Wesley. Five people responded and Path to Salvation, Inc. was born.

Elizabeth stated that she's blessed to serve as president of such an amazing mission. God is truly leading and guiding us!



2021 RECAP

Grace and peace be with you all from God the father and Jesus Christ his son.

The Lord has been very faithful to us, and I personally want to thank you for your faithful prayer and support of Path to Salvation ministry. Here is some of what God has done in 2021:

MCKBA Feeding Program

3,600 plates of food were given to children in Titanyen.

10 children came to know the Lord.

Path to Salvation Church

The Lord has blessed our church every week. We had at least 200 people attend our service every Sunday.

20 people have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

4 couples have been married.

5 people have been baptized.

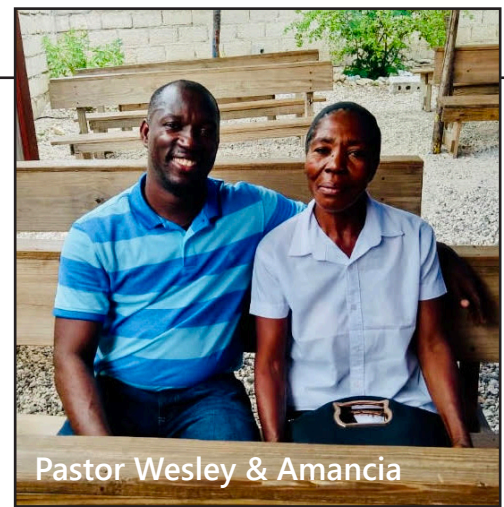
4 children have been presented to Christ Jesus.

God blessed us with a new temple!

Pastor Wesley Altime

Donating a Goat

As mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter, one of Path to Salvation Church members named Amancia donated a goat to help with construction costs of the new church. A few weeks prior, her female goat had gone missing, and she spent several days looking for it. In Haiti, a goat is very valuable since Haitians can sell or consume the milk and for reproduction purposes. She prayed that God would help her find the goat and even told God that if her goat returned and became pregnant, she would dedicate one of the kids to God.



Pastor Wesley & Amancia

After several weeks went by, the goat returned—Praise God! A short time later, the goat became pregnant and had two kids. Amancia did not forget her promise to God and she gifted one of the kids to Path to Salvation Church. The Church sold the goat and applied the money toward the church building project. God blesses those who give of their time, talents, treasures — **and even goats!**

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP FEED THE CHILDREN?

As mentioned within the last newsletter, one ministry under the umbrella of Path to Salvation Church is a children's ministry that nurtures not only their bodies with food, but also their souls with the Word of God. Make Christ Known by Action (MCKBA) feeds around 200+ children each time they meet. They started out meeting weekly on Saturdays; however, due to lack of funding, they can only meet twice a month.

Pray for this ministry and the precious souls it feeds. The feeding center program relies on donations to keep it running. Would you consider giving \$10 to feed a child for a month? See page 6 for giving details. We could use your partnership!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
~ Matthew 19:14



A Trip to the US

Firsts, fundraising, and fellowship!

Pastor Wesley enjoyed a 10-day visit to the US last November to meet with friends, supporters, and his new church partner. He was supposed to travel here in June, but his trip had to be postponed due to closure of the Haitian airport. The delay was disappointing, but we trusted God's timing. At the time, we had no clue that God was arranging for a church partnership.

Wesley visited Minnesota, North Carolina, and South Carolina. In Minnesota, he attended several intimate gatherings with board members and supporters to give updates on the ministry, provide worship time, and to enjoy a Haitian meal together. Additionally, Pastor Wesley had a spiritual direction session with Pastor Sue Lennartson, who also serves on Path to Salvation's Board of Directors.

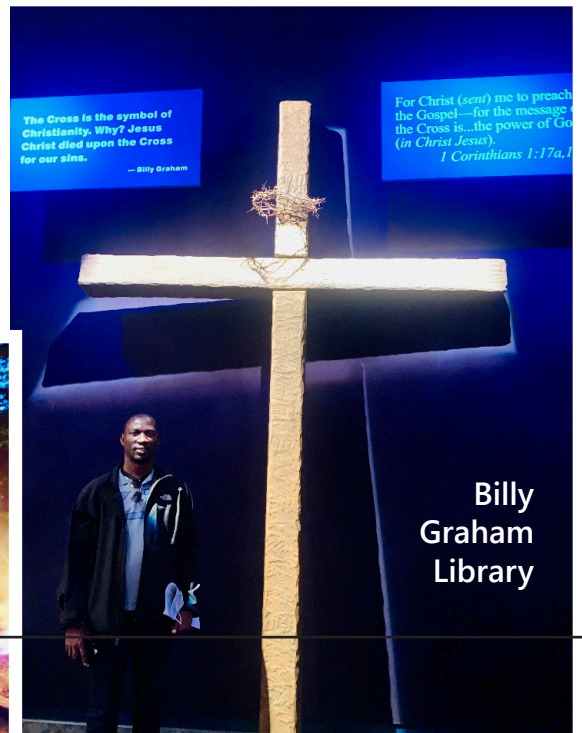
While in Minnesota, Wesley was able to enjoy some entertainment at a Minnesota Wild hockey game, which was a dream of his come true and definitely a first for him! Additionally, he was able to visit a local dentist for a cleaning and an exam.

In North Carolina, Wesley visited a couple of churches (Pointe Community Church and Southpoint Baptist Church), both of which gave financial blessings and pledged future support as well. Wesley was able to speak at Southpoint, which is Board Member Elizabeth Wilson's church.

In addition to visiting the churches, Wesley stopped at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, and visited a local optometrist to get an eye exam. He also enjoyed a bonfire where he sang worship songs and gave his testimony to about 30 attendees.

In South Carolina, Wesley visited with Pastor Matt McGarity of Relevant Church in Lake Wylie — *a church which has recently stepped up to regularly partner with Path to Salvation.*

Wesley's trip was very fruitful, raising over \$10,000.



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never leave since they don't have the means to do it. There is a gasoline shortage — gas costs \$20/ gallon. Ever since our President was assassinated, the gangs have taken control of certain parts of the country. The innocent people of Haiti feel confined to their homes out of fear. Poverty is increasing and there is so much uncertainty. The only joy and safety that people in Haiti feel is when they go to church. God has called me to stay in Haiti and minister to its people. That's what I will do."

Haiti has had its share of bad news in 2021, including natural disasters, the assassination of its President, civil unrest, and 800+ kidnappings. You may have heard in the US news about the recent kidnappings of 17 missionaries in Haiti. However, it's important to note that the victims of kidnappings in Haiti are largely Haitian. The people of Haiti are living in fear and uncertainty, but God, through the church, gives them HOPE.

Excitement was in the air at the first church service in their new home! Now fundraising has begun for the church building. Do you want to partner with us to help make this happen? See page 6 for partnership opportunities.

What will become of the open-air sanctuary?

Once the church building is finished, the open-air sanctuary will continue to be used for Sunday school lessons, wedding receptions, and more. *Nothing in Haiti goes to waste!*



God, through Path to Salvation Church, is changing lives!

READ NICOLAS' STORY

When Nicolas first came to Path to Salvation (PTS) Church, Pastor Wesley greeted her after the service. He grabbed her hand, shook it, welcomed her, and asked for her name. As she replied that her name was Nicolas, he told her that he appreciated her coming to church and said, "May God bless you."

As he spent more time trying to get to know her, she broke down and cried. When asked what was troubling her, she stated, "This is the first time a pastor has ever shook my hand and welcomed me." She told him that she used to attend another church, but the people at the church would stare at her making her feel uncomfortable due to a withered left hand that she had

since birth. She was never treated as kindly as at PTS Church.

A few weeks later, Nicolas decided to give her life to Christ and was baptized in the warm Caribbean Ocean water. She attends PTS Church weekly now where she feels loved, valued, and accepted. Christ's love truly does heal.



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RELEVANT CHURCH MEETS PASTOR WESLEY

During his recent trip to the US, Pastor Wesley was able to visit a church in South Carolina that has recently stepped up to partner with him regularly. Relevant Church of Lake Wylie has committed to supporting Path to Salvation Church with reoccurring prayer and financial gifts. In fact, their Pastor Matt McGarity would like to go on a mission trip to Haiti, God willing.

Relevant Church is Path to Salvation Board Member Jeff Slye's church and Jeff was instrumental in making the connection with Pastor Wesley. The church is very involved in international and domestic ministries. When Wesley visited the church last fall, he shared his testimony, heart, and vision for Path to Salvation Church's ministry in Haiti. A bond and commitment were made between the two pastors for future support and

possible mission trips. Wesley attended a Sunday service, prayed, and was introduced to the church body as they adopted Haiti as a supported ministry. Pastor Wesley is excited about this new partnership and can't wait to see what God will do through it.



WILL YOU PARTNER WITH US?

Path to Salvation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is committed to proclaiming the healing hope and love of Jesus Christ and pursuing God's physical and spiritual destiny for every man, woman, and child in Titanyen, Haiti and beyond. We welcome you to partner with us in the following ways:

- PRAY for us and our community in Haiti. God will provide.
- GIVE a financial gift towards Path to Salvation Church's building construction fund.
- SPONSOR children at the Feeding Center! \$10/mo feeds 1 child, \$50/mo feeds 5 children, \$100/mo feeds 10 children.
- STAY CONNECTED! Receive our e-mailed newsletters by registering at pathtosalvation@gmail.com or by calling 704-913-1454. We are also on Facebook.

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