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*A Light of  
Hope's vision is  
to see Haitian  
women bringing  
dignity, hope and  
revival!*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**ALOH Celebration  
Dinner**

**Saturday**

**February 29, 2020**

**6:00pm**

**Immanuel  
Reformed Church**

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"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19

## **A letter from Marcie Bergstrom, the founder of ALOH**

**RELEASE!** This is the word to describe this last year for A Light of Hope. We came into 2019 with our thoughts, agendas and plan of attack. We went through the year with a lot of pausing, silence and waiting. Many times, it felt as if ALOH was left to dangle for a while with the unknown. We held on so tightly to what we felt needed to happen, that often we missed the one key component: releasing our agenda to God. Goals for our lives or ministry are fantastic, as long as we are looking to God to transform our goals into HIS goals. Goals motivate and drive us but they can also control us. Once you release those goals to our Heavenly Father, watch out, He will leave you in awe! During the silence and waiting, God used you, our champions to carry the ministry. Once the tight-fisted grip was released, God used YOU to catch this ministry and drive it to the next level. Thank you for being the foundation of ALOH. Your devotion, encouragement and passion to the women in Haiti has overwhelmed my soul-thank you!

## **Civil unrest in Haiti**

All of us at ALOH covet your prayers for the country of Haiti. The country is in a time of agony as they try to navigate their way through the deadlock. A political uproar between oppositions has caused the country to come to a halt. The political opposition of the president is paying gangs and thugs to riot, manifest and completely block roads in an extreme attempt to throw out the president. These actions have created an unstable country that is hanging on by hope. Businesses are closing, basic food prices have tripled, fuel is sparse on the island, school has been out for 9 weeks, the fragile healthcare is slowly shutting down, and that's some of the issues. Thankfully through this, the ministry has been able to continue with classes. It is uncertain how long this will endure and what the catastrophic magnitude this will have on Haiti.

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*Haitian Tidbits:*

*-Voodoo is the official religion of Haiti*

*-Haiti is the second oldest independent nation*

*-Haiti is 2/3 mountain region*

*-Haiti is one of the least developed, yet most densely populated countries*

*Haitian Proverb:*

*Met do pa grate do*

*"The back does not scratch its own back"*

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## **Women's Discipleship Training Center**

ALOH is currently running its 3<sup>rd</sup> Discipleship Training class. There are five women enrolled and they range in age from in their 20's to 50's. Seeing the intergenerational class come together as one force for His Kingdom, is paramount to awakening revival in their country. A country run by a corrupt government and power, that is in the middle of its worst civil unrest. These classes work to equip and train indigenous female leaders. Leaders who will continue to forward the Kingdom movement in their families, churches and communities. Along side the Discipleship Essentials workbook, the women have learned the art of crochet as a business and baking/cooking skills. They also participate in an in-depth study on prayer and the Holy Spirit. Over the final month of class they will learn how to make an all purpose liquid soap, goat farming, women's health, leadership skills and business management. Graduation is set to take place December 12 where there will be a celebration and commissioning.

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