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## COMPASSION

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:40 ESV)

Supply and Multiply is characterized in the community as a ministry that puts faith into action. This is a major hallmark of the manner in which we conduct ourselves and the way that we do everything that we do in Haiti. Supply and Multiply puts the words of Jesus found in Matthew 25 into action out of a heart of Christian compassion. It is for this reason that our elderly care homes are called Matthew 25 Houses.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” (Matthew 25:35-36 ESV)

Matthew 25 compassion ministries lay a foundation for everything we do to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Haiti. It is sometimes said that global mission and foreign evangelism activity which is centered on biblical principles within the context of a distinctly Christian ministry ought only to be concerned with leading people to faith in Jesus Christ. Acts of compassion are sometimes disparaged for taking away from the primary emphasis of the Great Commission. We don't see it that way.

The compassion of Jesus Christ cannot easily be separated from the cross of Jesus Christ. These are two sides of the same coin. They are two chapters in the same book; both literally and figuratively. We conduct ourselves everywhere we go in a manner consistent with those principles found in Matthew 25. This is the way we comport ourselves as a ministry. This is the way we interact with the world around us as a living expression of what salvation in Jesus Christ has done within us. The compassion of Christ might well be stated as the foundation of authentic relationship that we build with those to whom we desire and feel compelled by the Holy Spirit to share the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We see no separation between our faith and our action. Sharing the compassion of Jesus Christ and practical ways is one aspect of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our acts of compassion are essentially us saying, “This is how one ought to live when they have been born again by faith in Jesus Christ and saved eternally because of the grace of God found in Jesus Christ.” It is us living in ways consistent with having been saved by God in Christ.

As a ministry, we are careful to use great wisdom gained from our own experiences as well as those learned from Scripture, the experience of other missionaries in Haiti and around the world, and teachings and examples that are found from various sources where Christians have gained wisdom and insight in how to share the compassion of Jesus Christ in ways that do not inherently create a dependence on the giver, but elevate those receiving the gift. We live in the real world where easy solutions are seldom easy to find. We do what we can with what we have wherever we find ourselves. Our guiding principle is to live out the mandates found in the Scriptures cited above honestly, earnestly, and at the leading of the Holy Spirit. The compassion of Jesus Christ as described in Matthew 25 guides our way.