## Supply and Multiply WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

"Bite pa tonbe" is a Haitian Creole proverb that means, "Stumbling is not falling." It means something like, "Hang in there" or "keep going." Haiti is a land of a thousand mountains. Behind every mountain, there is another mountain. This is as true of the landscape as it is of daily life. Haiti's political and social struggles are nothing new. Her people are so resilient. However, after a full two months (at the time of this newsletter) of nearly endless protesting, road blockages, consequent food and fuel shortages, along regular reports of pockets of violence, her people are weary and in desperate need of our prayers, action, and love. Because of these conditions, school doors are locked shut. We are grateful for the patience and faithfulness of every school sponsor. The school tuition is paid. The books are in stacks in little houses. School uniforms collect dust on old hooks. We weep. We pray. We long for our kids to return to school after the roads are clear and this current political crisis ends. In spite of the difficulties, the Supply and Multiply mission carries on! Gary and the Mathew 25 House staff continue to care for and serve our elderly residents. Ben and Shamma continue to minister through the Evangelical Baptist Church of Montrouis and in the community. While logistically more difficult and requiring even greater security precautions, mission teams are continuing to be scheduled and accomplished. Haiti is stumbling but she will not fall. Supply and Multiply keeps pressing on over every mountain. As Gary says often to me, "Sa se misyon Bondye. Nou nan men li." This is God's ministry. We are in His hands.



## Many Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Chris Surber Founder/Executive Director

Jean Gary Destinoble Director

## Matthew 25 House Construction

Construction is coming along beautifully. The Matthew 25 House is taking shape. The four bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, and porch area have all been framed out. The security wall and gates have been completed. The next major projects are the cement roof, the floor, and the finishing of the walls and bathrooms. We are praying and trusting God for more partners to come alongside us to complete this home. We have about \$12,000 to finish the home for move in ready.

The current situation of two Matthew 25 Houses has proven cost ineffective. Especially over the past months with increased instability in Haiti. In addition, we have been blessed that we have always been able to exchange work for rent on the women's house in Mango. However, now that the house is completed, the time is approaching for us to face the requirement of paying full rent. We thank God for the time we had in Mango, but look forward to all of our elderly at one location in the Fishing Village. This next step will aide daily ministry and mission team activity.





In November, we brought a bunch of small solar panel lights to install in several homes. It was so amazing to see peoples eyes light up as we showed them how to press the button and they would have light in their homes! We pray that this light shows the light in each one of us sparked by Jesus Christ.

We have installed a solar panel and battery set up at the Director's House and Mission Compound. This allows for 24/7 electricity for lights, charging devices, and the deep freezer.

The water pump is doing incredible. The gardens in the fishing village are thriving. In this time of increase food insecurity, we are blessed to be able to supply some of our own food needs. We continue to raise our rabbits and chickens for meat sources. We come alongside the fisherman and pray for their catches.



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The local churches that we partner with and invest into are holding strong to Christ during this difficult season. We will bless them with a financial donation for their annual Christmas meal and programs.

We have completed three home builds since summer. In addition, we have 11 families in rented homes. Many are refugees from their communities due to violence and land disputes, others are widows, and those most vulnerable.

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We thank you for your prayers and financial support. We cannot do the work in Montrouis Haiti without your assistance.

We thank each church, business, family, and individuals that have prayed for the ministry.

We thank each one of you that has assisted with the construction of the new Matthew 25 House.

We thank each one of you that sponsors a child for school.

We thank each one of you that sponsors a family for food subsidies.

We thank each one of you that sacrifices to be a onetime donor or monthly supporter.





