



# *EBENEZER DTC NEWSLETTER*

Official Newsletter of Ebenezer Discipleship Training Center



## *A Living Hope*

**NATE YONKER**

This year's year end review is a bit different, because 2020 was a bit different. Like it was for everyone, this past year was a time to re-evaluate our priorities, as well as figure out how to move forward in a much different looking world. If I had to sum up this past year for EDTC in one word, it would be "blessed". Although the storm was intense, our anchor held firm and we are coming out the other side even stronger than we went in.

This reminds me of one of my favorite passages in Scripture, I Peter 1:3-9. In this passage Peter talks about our living hope, a hope that is given through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a hope that can not be destroyed, diminished, or taken away. Because of this hope, according to this passage, we can rejoice through trials as our faith is being made whole by the fire of those trials, and the result is that Jesus Christ is glorified. We are blessed because this has been the result of this current trial.

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## *A Living Hope Cont.*

We are blessed to still be functioning at 100%. We know there are many ministries struggling and we do not take this for granted. We did stop our classes for about 4 months, but the ministry base remained open, and all our staff continued to work throughout the shutdown. Covid did not hit Haiti hard, and did not last long, and for that we are also blessed. We were not able to have any of our normal fundraisers we typically have during the year, yet we were fully funded for the year, and for that we are blessed. 2020 was the first full year of leadership classes, and those going through this intense class are coming out stronger and better prepared to be leaders in the Church. The discipleship class continues to flourish and we are now over 250 men and women graduating our discipleship school. We held 3 graduations in 2020.

The Haitian Harvest initiative continues to grow. We now have a great on line store and we are shipping products all over the US! We also planted another 3000 coffee seedlings this past year, including a new area called Fond De Negres. These seedlings will ensure sustainable income for mountain families, the church, and EDTC for many years to come, even generations! We were able to complete the translation of Discipleship Essentials thanks to Hansel Vedrine. The first translation was done by a group of people translating individually, so there was not good flow, and there were parts that were missing. Hansel meticulously re did the whole translation making sure the translation was interpreted in a way to be easily understood by the Haitians. Because of the quality of not just Discipleship essentials, but Leadership Essentials as well, we were able to publish the Creole version of both of these books, thanks to permission by Intervarsity Press and Greg Ogden. The books are now available for public sale in Haiti and the US through Halo Publishing. This is a huge answer to prayer as there has been a lot of demand for this curriculum in Haiti over the years, but due to our copyright agreement we could not distribute. Now it is available to anyone!

We were also able to add solar power to our ministry base to compliment the generator so we can be even more efficient. We were also able to complete the new dorms for leadership as well as renovate our kitchen, canteen, and add public bathrooms to the canteen area.

Ramase Lajan and the primary school also continue to thrive. Mission teams have been put on hold for the foreseeable future, but we pray we can start those soon.

Blessed. Blessed because of the living hope we have in Jesus Christ, and because of His call to make disciples in Haiti and the world. Blessed because of all our faithful supporters who believe in what EDTC is and what we are doing. On behalf of our staff, students, and board of directors, THANK YOU for your faithful support though this last year! Thank you God for your faithfulness!



## Christmas Catalog Update

NATE YONKER

Once again we have been so blessed by the year end giving for our yearly Christmas catalog. The catalog contains items to donate towards that are not covered by our budget. Usually construction projects, or special items needed for the ministry.

In this year's catalog we had dorm renovations as our most needed item. These dorms are in desperate need of repair and upgrades. I am so happy to announce that the project has been fully funded!

We had a new block house for Madam Joel as a need. Mdm. Joel is a special person to the EDTC family and has been influential in so many ways. She has a special need for a house so we took this project on, and again, I am so happy to announce that her house is fully funded!

We also had coffee seedlings and Bibles listed an item for donation. The seedlings go to the mountain farmers we work with, and the Bibles will be given to our graduates. We had donations for 640 coffee seedlings and 55 Bibles!

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for your ongoing support of EDTC and the people we work with in Haiti! God is so good!



### Mission Statement:

"Ebenezer Discipleship Training Center seeks to raise up and equip indigenous disciples of Jesus Christ in Haiti while helping to transform the community in which it operates, through the local church, by joining in what Christ has already started. We also seek to encourage spiritual growth in the short term missionaries who visit and to help them understand that when they go home they are indigenous missionaries as well."

## *Haitian Harvest Update*

SANDRA ARRASMITH

2020 was a unusual year for Haitian Harvest. Consumption of coffee in churches was halted however, online home orders increased. Because of Covid our typical fundraisers did not take place. This has left us with more inventory than what we would normally have this time of year. Sales at the Red Door in Allendale were up significantly. If you know of a retail location willing to sell our products, please contact us. We would love to get our products in more retail shops. Thank you to those who have continued to order from our online store. If you have never visited our online store please check it out at <http://www.ebenezerdtc.org>.

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