



Ebenezer DTC Newsletter

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Expanding ministry!

Two years ago Pastor Marc approached me and shared that they had a desire to start a new class. The students going through Discipleship Essentials desired to go deeper into God's word and learn how to apply what they were learning into their lives and into their Church functions. Since then we have been developing a new class focused on Christian leadership. It has not been easy, and there were many road blocks, but I am happy to share that our very first leadership class has begun! The core curriculum is Leadership Essentials, which is the follow up to DE. We are so excited to see this inaugural class and to see the effects this class will have on the church.

With the new class comes new needs. We are blessed to have the new classroom completed and in use. We are still in the



process of finishing the dorms above the classroom. We also had to hire new teachers, and kitchen staff to accommodate double the students living on site. The budget increase for this new class is \$2000 a month, which is quite substantial. We as a board discussed this increase and we all feel that God is calling us to move forward with the class so we are stepping out in faith. Our plan is to fund one class to start, and then before starting another class, spend some time assessing the first class, and making sure that it is beneficial in its current state. That way we can

add or subtract to the class before starting another. This will also give us some time to see our financial condition to ensure we do not overextend ourselves.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with developing this class, funding the classroom and dorms, and praying us through the developing phase of this project. We covet your continued prayers as we move forward. If you wish to see the progress of this class please join the Facebook page for updates!

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Find us on Facebook for constant updates:



Search: Ebenezer Discipleship Training Center
And request to "join the group"

Chesnel Ireste Current Student



My name is Chesnel Ireste. I am the pastor of a church named Union Chrétienne par la Foi (Christian Union by Faith). I am the head pastor of this church. It's located in Lacul de Petit Goave, before you get to the public market at Vialet on the former National road second and I live in Vialet. God gave me this mission in 1998 after accepting Christ in 1993. There are about 65 people in this ministry. I have made my career in this ministry. I began my career here in 2000. There was another pastor before me, but unfortunately he died. So, I am responsible for this church. I am married. I have four children and one wife. The Bible teaches us to not have many wives. I heard about the school by a loved one whose name is Miss Wilson (Wilson's wife, one of our former students who has worked for EDTC). We live in the same neighborhood and they advised me to come to the school. I was told that the school would help me. To tell the truth, since I have come to the school, it has had a greater impact on me compared to what I thought it would. I've learned to preach the gospel in crusade, Bible study, and with a document (Discipleship Essentials (DE) curriculum) that the school provides for each student. I've found out that things are easier for me in teaching, preaching, and in working in the ministry. It has really increased my knowledge in almost everything for sharing with others as the Apostle Paul said to Timothy: "What you hear from me, teach it to others and other people will teach it to others and thanks to this, the Word of God will spread and go farther and farther." I have the same responsibility after mastering what I have learned and knowing the truth, I

must share it with other people in my church and other ministries so that they can learn and do the same which is to share the truth with others. I need to invite others to see this document (DE curriculum), to know it, to read it, and to understand it. The only problem with the document is that the copies are not clear enough to read. It's a great step. I thank the people who came together to come up with the idea of the school because it has trained many students and many leaders. If the community is not selfish, they can put themselves together to take advantage of this training in order to help themselves and the community. Why did I get the training? This is to help me. I would say that I am a student in theology and I do not need it but in reality I need it. There are low things I find and higher things I find. There are some things I knew a way and I basically found them that way. I congratulate the person who is responsible for this ministry. I appreciate the way he takes care of the students who are learning and the way he wants to help them to go forward. I bless God for this project. I thank the staff, Brother James who is always there with us, and other people in the evangelization part. That was one of the doubts I had even though I am pastor. I had trouble evangelizing. I found out that it's easy and we learned how to make disciples for Christ. Now I finally know how to approach people. It has had an impact on me and it changed many things in me. The impacts are positive and I know the gospel in a better way. It helps me to know more and do a good job. I don't find words to thank these people. I only know that God will keep on blessing them. Even when they are not in charge anymore, the project will remain by other people until Jesus comes back.

Discipleship Class

Our latest discipleship class reaches into new territory! The first week of July our 23rd discipleship class started at EDTC. There are a few exciting things about this class. First, if my math is right, our 200th student is in this class! 200 missionaries trained and sent since late 2010. Praise the Lord! Second, ten of these students have come to us from Ile De Vache. This is an island off the southern coast of Haiti. These students have an hour boat ride, then a three hour public transportation ride to come to Ti Goave for the training. This is in partnership with an existing ministry on the island. These students volunteered to come because they have the desire to start a discipleship ministry on the island. Currently there are no such ministries on the island. We continue to stand amazed at what God is doing and how discipleship is taking root all over mainland Haiti and now beyond. Praise the Lord!



The first discipleship class

Upcoming Mission Trip Opportunities

Date	Trip type	Leaders	Contact Information
July dates TBD	Vision/Soccer	The Yonker Family	gracepeterson531@gmail.com
Fall 2018	Work/Vision	This could be you or your church	gracepeterson531@gmail.com

Now Booking Teams for 2018...

We are so excited for the teams scheduled to travel to Haiti in 2018! Please keep these groups in your prayers as they are sacrificing their time and money to partner with our Haitian brothers and sisters. God is sure to do a good work in and through them!

We are still looking to schedule more trips! Perhaps you or your church are interested in gathering a small group for one of these life changing experiences. Contact Matt and Grace Peterson, our Trip Coordinators, for more info: gracepeterson531@gmail.com.



A Light of Hope update-

The women's discipleship training Center in Montrouis is getting closer to a reality! The target of this fall to have the inaugural class is close to a reality. Work is being done on the dorms and classroom and are almost completed. Provisions for housing the students are being purchased in Haiti, and the final details are falling into place. We are so thankful for this partnership and excited for what is happening! Please pray with us that the final details will come together and funding for this ministry will be in place. God continues to move!



Radio station update - Mountain top radio!

This is the radio station that our partner, Tony Jones has been working on for quite some time. Things were delayed because of the devastating Hurricane Matthew a few years ago, but I am happy to announce that the building is ready and the components for the station are being delivered and put into place. When it is up and running the station will reach over 100,000 people with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

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*"And I will give you shepherds
according to my heart, who will
feed you with knowledge and
understanding"*

Jeremiah 3:15

We are on the web!
www.ebenezerdtc.org

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 Blue Bean Coffee

Organically grown in the Mountains of Haiti

Fair Trade-all profits go back to Haiti

100% Arabica Beans- grown at 2000 feet or higher

- Haitian Blue Bean is grown off the same type of plant as the Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee. It has a low acidity, medium complexity, and a sweet, smooth finish.
- Haitians have been growing coffee for over 250 years and at one time was one of the largest suppliers of the worlds coffee
- Haiti is the most mountainous nation in the Caribbean which is not ideal for most crops but is ideal for growing coffee
- Coffee trees grow best in the shade of taller trees which will aid in the reforestation of Haiti. Many trees were burned and used for making charcoal in the 1990's
- In 1949, Haiti was the 3rd largest supplier of coffee

Since 1950 Haitian Coffee has nearly disappeared for many reasons:

Dictatorship and political instability of Haitian Leader Duvalier 1957-1986

Collapse of international coffee agreement in 1989 causing below market prices

The US embargo in the 1990's led many Haitian farmers to burn coffee trees to make charcoal which is sold in the market as a cooking fuel

Between 2000 to 2001 the worlds over supply of coffee caused the lowest prices in 100 years. There was no reason to try and grow coffee

Over the years farmers lost their motivation and skills to grow the coffee that once helped prosper their country. Haitian Harvest is trying to help change this by re-introducing coffee to the Ebenezer churches in the Mountain regions of Haiti. We have purchased 3000 coffee seedlings so far that have been planted in Pilliant and Dureze. We will plant another 500 in Ti Chou Chou this coming August. The Ebenezer churches in these areas will as a church community care for and harvest the beans. The seedlings we have selected are resistant to the rust disease that has plagued many crops. These seedlings will produce beans in the next 2-3 years. The churches will be paid fair market price for these beans. The proceeds from these beans will go to the church community. You can help make a difference by purchasing our Haitian Harvest coffee.

\$12 each, 3 for \$33 or 5 for \$50

Whole Bean or Ground

Regular, French Vanilla, Caramel, Hazelnut

Please contact Nate Yonker, Brenda Yonker, or Grace Petersen to volunteer!