



Ebenezer DTC Newsletter

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Leadership Essentials Class

A few years ago we were approached by our Haitian discipleship trainers with a request. There was a desire for more classes. The students were requesting further training, and deeper studies. We rejoiced at this request because a leadership school was always in our long term plans, but we wanted our Haitian staff to request it so they would have ownership in it. We immediately got to work on translating the new curriculum called Leadership Essentials, the follow up study to Discipleship Essentials used in our discipleship class. We figured out the budget, and started to work on a classroom and dorm project to house the new class.

In 2018 the classroom was finished, the curriculum was finished, the teachers were identified, and the dorms were well underway. So we had a trial leadership class in the summer to see how the new class would be received. The results were overwhelming. So we spent a few more months fine tuning and preparing for the new class, and in February we

committed to starting the leadership school full time. In June we had our first official



First Leadership Essentials Graduating Class

graduation. In this issue you will hear some of the testimonies from this first class. Again, we were overwhelmed with what our students shared with us. This class focuses on people in church leader-

ship, so we are very excited about the long term effects this class will have on the church in Haiti.

We started this class in faith knowing it would stretch us financially as it added 35% to our budget



because it is another full group who will be living by us for three months at a time, plus new staff to teach and care for the class. The dorms are almost complete thanks to some generous donations. God is so good as He continues to grow His Kingdom through His church in Haiti!



Nate

Find us on Facebook for constant updates:

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Search: Ebenezer Discipleship Training Center

And request to "join the group"

Carenan



Carenan is from the leadership class. What impacted him the most was the humility of Pastor Marc, he influenced them to teach each other. The study made him understand the importance and the role of a leader, how to be a good one, and that a leader must have wisdom and humility. After graduating, he will continue to share what he has learned with a group (Disciple in Action) that he had the idea to form while he was in the discipleship class.

Cathia



Cathia is from the discipleship class. What impacted her the most was the study of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which made her know what the gifts are and how they are given. It helped to reveal to her also what gift she has so now she can work on it and use it for the work of God. After graduating she will share the words and make disciples as she has been trained to do.

Michel



Michel is from the leadership class. What impacted him the most was the study of how to work as a team. He now knows that being a leader is not about giving orders but about working with others, showing and helping them. After graduating he will continue to share what he has learned and try to work as a team.

Pastor Emilio



Pastor Emilio is from the leadership class. He has learned a lot from the training but what impacted him the most was the study of how to manage conflicts in a church, because there are often conflicts between leaders. So now he knows how to handle that. After graduating he will continue his work as a pastor, and implant another church because he had a vision for that.

Ednord



Ednord is from the discipleship class. What impacted him the most was the practice of evangelism. He always wanted to do that but shyness made him neglect that. When he first attended the training he was surprised and happy to see that they make the students go out to evangelize. That practice helped him overcome his shyness. He now feels comfortable and equipped to do it. After graduating he will continue to evangelize because that is something he always wanted to do.

Saingel



Saingel is from the leadership class. What impacted him the most was the agreement between the students despite being from different churches, the patience and humility of the teachers, and how now he has more revelations of the Bible. After graduating he wants to deepen his understanding of the Bible and work more for God.

Upcoming Mission Trip Opportunities

| Date | Leaders | | Contact Information |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| November 2—9 | Sam Fruehling | Still room for others to go | ebenezerdtc08@gmail.com |
| November 9—16 | Lynda Varner | Still room for others to go | ebenezerdtc08@gmail.com |

Short Term Trips/ Discipleship Immersion Trips

Through the years we have led Vision Trips to Ebenezer DTC to see what God is doing through EDTC and our ministry partners. That is still occurring but we recently changed the name to Discipleship Immersion Trips to fully encompass the purpose of this short term trip to Haiti. We want teams to feel immersed in the discipleship culture at Ebenezer DTC and be empowered and encouraged to live as Christ's disciples when they return home. This experience will encourage spiritual growth and challenge teams to use the gifts God has given them to serve His Kingdom in Haiti and in their home state. We are flexible and open to teams this Fall 2019 and all of 2020 if you or your church has a group of up to ten people that would like to engage in this impactful trip with Ebenezer DTC. If you are interested, check out our website at ebenezerdtc.org for more details or contact us via email at ebenezerdtc08@gmail.com.

Biblical Partnerships

As you read the front page article and the testimonies from the students of Ebenezer Disciple Training Center, we hope you see that we are working for God's Kingdom and the Great Commission. I have a question for you....what are you hearing on how to partner with us? Is it to be part of our prayer team, is it to go on a mission trip, is it to be a monthly donor, or is it to be part of the committees? We invite you to come alongside with us, however it is to be. Please contact us at ebenezer08@gmail.com

Upcoming events

Pancake Breakfast



Nov. 2nd, 7:30am-10:30am

Spring Valley Church
5947 Lake Michigan Dr
Allendale

Donations Accepted

Fall Celebration

Dinner

Midland,
Michigan

Coming

Late November...

Details coming soon!

If you are interested in helping please contact Sally at kevsalbud@aol.com



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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!

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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.

Featured in Haitian Harvest: Selecto Roasters

On our recent board trip to Haiti I was able to visit *Selecto Roasters* who is the roaster of our Haitian Blue Bean coffee. I met with Douglas Weiner who is a third generation roaster and truly has a passion not only for producing a delicious coffee, but for Haiti as well. The beans are hand-picked from the mountainous regions of Jachmel and a small portion from the region of Jereme. The higher the elevation that the coffee is grown, the better the coffee. Did you know that coffee beans will take on flavor notes of other plants growing near them? In Jereme, they grow a lot of cocoa in the areas where coffee is planted so the coffee actually has hints of chocolate. Unfortunately the last hurricane that came through this area destroyed much the delicious coffee in this area and it will take ten

years for it to regrow. The beans are purchased from area farmers at a fair price and brought to Selecto Roasters in Port Au Prince. They are then hand-sorted by the women that work there. The inferior beans are set aside to be used for lower grades of coffee. The beans are then placed in a hopper that was made in the USA in the 1800's! This machine shakes and removes any stones and dirt from the beans. They are then placed in a machine from Germany, also made in the 1800's, that sorts the beans into different sizes before being brought into the roaster room. The roaster was a state-of-the-art piece of equipment and it smelled wonderful in there! After the roasting process was done, the beans were sorted once again for quality control and packaging. I was able to observe the flavor room where flavors of vanilla, chocolate, caramel and hazelnut were added to make flavored coffees. They have recently launched a coffee infused with MCT oil. For those on the Keto diet you will understand the health benefits of this product. We will be ordering some of this coffee to try. I

have toured American roasting facilities who have the “**state of the art?**” equipment that does everything with a push of a button, but I can tell you, I was more impressed with Selecto Roasters. There is something to be said about a business that still makes coffee the old-fashioned way and provides jobs for the Haitian people instead of using machines. Haiti only exports about 10% of their coffee. In the 1940's Haiti was the 3rd largest nation to be producing and exporting coffee before natural disasters and government corruption made this come to an end. Selecto Roasters has been instrumental in helping Haiti rebuild this trade. They have provided farmers with seedlings and proper training in the care of these seedlings. This will bring substantial income to the farmer in the years to come and they will become self-sustaining and able to provide for their families. Help us continue the growth of this program by buying our coffee.

Sandy

Please contact Nate Yonker, Brenda Yonker, or Lynda Varner to volunteer!