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Caring-Connecting-Communicating

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## Ignite New Relationships

### We Learn from Eyewitness Accounts

I love how 1 John chapter 1 begins, "What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life—that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us." John is believed to be the oldest living disciple of Jesus Christ who continued to live out his faith boldly and unashamed despite severe opposition. He reminds us in this opening of his letter that Jesus wasn't just an idea, thought, or religion. Instead, John heard Jesus, saw Him, observed Him, touched Him and knew Jesus to be exactly who He claimed to be: the Savior of the world. Jesus left no doubt in the disciples' minds once they saw Him crucified, buried, and brought back to life.

### The Eyewitnesses Weren't Selfish

And having fully experienced Jesus, the disciples knew that the evidence should not be used for their benefit only. They took seriously Jesus' command to go into all the world and let everyone know that they could be saved from sin. In fact, all the disciples would eventually die for sharing this crucial, eyewitness message. As John's letter continues, we see that it was for our benefit that the evidence be shared: "What we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may have fellowship along with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete." Through hearing and responding to this message we can again have fellowship with God just as in the Garden of Eden, only this time for eternity.

### Let us Find a Similar Joy

What was John's formula for making his joy complete? It wasn't just hearing, seeing, observing, and touching Jesus. John's joy came in sharing the disciples' experience with everyone! Let that sink in for just a second: the disciples found ultimate joy in having spent time face-to-face with Jesus, but their joy was made complete when they shared with others all that they learned from Him. I'm so thankful for John including this in his letter because it helps me with my perspective on sharing my faith. Often sharing our faith is associated with fear, discomfort, or shyness. Yet, John turns that idea upside down and says that joy finds fulfillment in sharing the good message of Jesus Christ with others. So, are you missing joy in your life? Try sharing your faith with someone who doesn't know who Jesus truly is. Then, and only then, will you find a similar joy as the original disciples.

Joyfully serving Him, Adam

### **Upcoming Stuff:**

⇒ This month, we're kicking off a new series called "Transformed." We'll talk about what it looks like to be transformed by Jesus, and living holy lives as He calls us to live

## Want to know more about #JesusStrongYouth?

- ⇒ Join our Facebook page,
   JesusStrongYouth, for more info on our
   6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade ministry. Also, get updates
   on events, new series, videos, and more!
- ⇒ Every week, we post "BIG Questions" of the things we discussed in our groups. These are a great recourse to use throughout the week when asking your kiddo "What'd ya learn at youth group?" You can find these on our website or Facebook page. They are posted every Thursday!

## #JesusStrongYouth

## **NEWS**

### Celebrations:

- ⇒ Megan Ross was baptized on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>! While she's a part of our #JesusStrongKids, it's amazing to see young people give their life to Jesus. Praise God!
- ⇒ In the month of February, we went through this series called "The 1," where we've really been focusing on evangelism and IGNITING New relationships. We encouraged the students to pick a name of someone that they knew who's been to youth group, but hasn't been back for some time. And we challenged them to care, connect, and communicate with them. It's been amazing to see students rise up to the challenge. To see them grab a name or two, and pray for their peers. All while caring for them, connecting with God and their 1, and communicating God's truth in love with them.
- ⇒ Derek Voorhees spoke to our youth on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>! It was exciting to have someone from outside KCC, but familiar, come to encourage the kiddos to *IGNITE* their faith.



# Living Water Christian Mission

The Missions Team is blessed to partner with all of you in God's work in Haiti. Here are some excerpts from the Year End Letter from Salonique Adolphe of LWCM:

"Saying the year of 2021 was a very difficult year for Haiti is an understatement. When we thought the gangs had too much power, it was just the beginning. Now they let people know where they are. They showed off their machine guns. They terrorize their own neighbors. They kidnap, ransom, and kill by busloads. Things have moved very fast from bad to worse after the assassination of the president in his own home. We are going deeper and deeper in a social, political, and economic abyss with no end in view. The increase in the price of diesel fuel (more than 100% of what it was), kerosene, and gas makes things even more complicated for the people. Unless God intervenes the situation of the people will be unbearable."

As you see there has been tremendous upheaval, with kidnapping attempts on prominent figures, including twice on Salonique himself, however their hope is still strong:

"Would you believe that despite all those issues, God is still in the business of moving mountains for Living Water Christian Mission? Would you believe that God is still using Living Water to positively impact people's lives? Yes!!! People continue to surrender their lives to Christ, we had one baptism yesterday (January 1st). The Word is preached and taught in pulpits, on social media, and on the radio station. People's faith is growing. Sick people get their much-needed care. Students (high school, vocational, and seminary) continue to learn and perform very well, while they are also developing their leadership skills to serve and to lead. We give all the glory and honor unto Our God!"



Two centuries ago, Haiti was dedicated to Voodoo. Satan's work is to "steal, kill and destroy". Yet "God is not willing that ANY should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance".

"It might sound paradoxical for me to say that this might be the most encouraging year for me, when one takes into consideration the things that my teammates and I had to face this year. However, I was greatly encouraged by your prayers, by your financial contributions, and by your kind words through written messages and phone calls. It was you who have made it possible for (1) the construction of the orphanage to move forward, (2) the purchase of the much-needed generators to run all the campuses, (3) the purchase of solar energy equipment to supply power at Highland and the radio station, (4) the progress on the wall of the church and school property at White Mountain, (5) the construction of the third floor of the school at Highland (John and Helen Meyer Christian School), (6) the purchase of the equipment for the livestreaming ministry (Facebook/YouTube), (7) the payment of the college fees for my children, (8) the progress made toward the proper establishment of the farm, (9) the payment on time of the monthly salaries of all the employees, which was a big accomplishment, (10) the realization of the Summer Camp for which the kids and their families were so grateful, (11) the feeding of the school children, and more. God and you all made it possible for us to realize that we are not alone in this. Consequently, in the midst of our problems, we felt so encouraged by your kindness, your caring attitude, and your generosity. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you so much! May God shower HIS blessings on you all who have kept us in the fight. Thanks for making Living Water Christian Mission a very important institution for the community."

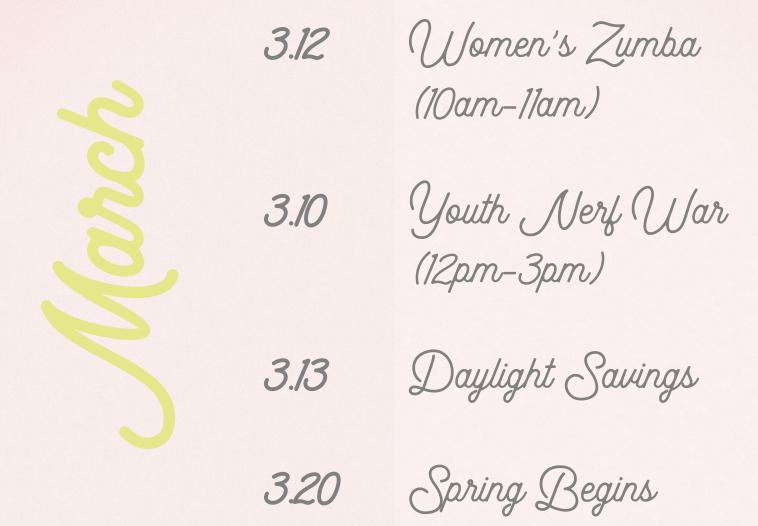
God is redeeming, building and developing the body of Christ in Haiti. Kenai Christian Church is privileged to be donors to the operation of Living Water Christian Mission. KCC played a major role in funding the generator project highlighted above.





#### Prayer Needs:

- Safety for Salonique, his family and staff
- Social Stability in Haiti, may truth win the day
- Funding for completion of the Fred Green schools
- Classes to be able to open in Fall 2022
- Development of faculty and catalogue for Caribbean Christian University
- Completion and launch of orphanage



### Services

### Sunday

Adult Bible Study: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am Classes available for ages infant to 5th grade.

### Wednesday

#JesusStrongKids <u>Grades 1st-5th</u>:
6:30pm-7:30pm
#JesusStrongYouth <u>Grades 6th-12th</u>:
6:30pm-8pm

### **Online**

Sunday Live and Online Services: 11:00am Thursday Live Mid Day Prayer: (Noon)



Praising God for the growth of His Kingdom! **Megan Ross** was baptized on February 20th, 2022

> Youth Nerf War! 3/10/22 Noon-3pm Kenai Christian Church (See Caleb for more details)

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