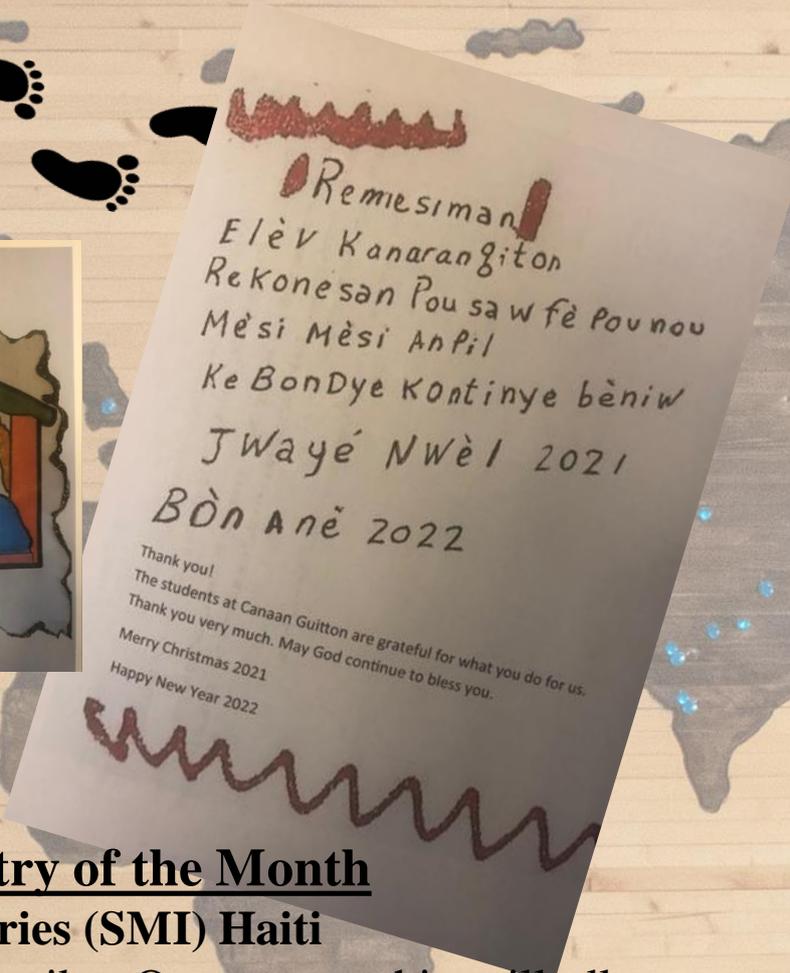


JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

Joy on mission...the hands and feet of God!



December Ministry of the Month Sundouloi Ministries (SMI) Haiti

Meet our sponsored child Melius Renika. Our sponsorship will allow her to attend school for a year, including tuition, uniform, books, and meals. We will also send donations of boys' boxer shorts with Pastor Heidi Punt when she returns to Haiti in March. Please pray for the ministry of SMI Haiti, Melius and her family, her school, for the gospel to take root and grow in her community and for Pastor Heidi and all missionaries called to take the gospel both near and far.

We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:

"And Jesus came and said to them,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age." (Matthew 28:18-20) This is why we exist – to:

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

JOY MISSION CHURCH

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Merry Christmas!

Well, another year is gone, and once again we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.”

(Isaiah 9:2)

In many ways it has been another difficult and challenging year. Sickness, surgery, struggles, sorrow - there has been a lot of darkness, not to mention the perpetual deep darkness of our own shortcomings and sin.

Yet our God has brought us safely through it all. The road has not always been easy (God never promised it would be), but He makes a way for His people over all the bumps and boulders. God steadies our steps and leads us onward in the way of Christ. His light shines on us even in our darkness.

Jesus is that light and our help and hope, and for Him, we give our thanks and praise. What an awesome God we serve - that He would send His own Son to us wrapped in frail, human flesh, to live, and serve, and love; to teach us how much God loves us and how to love one another.

And then, that our God would suffer and die to save us from our sins and give us the gift of eternal life. We do not deserve such blessings, and yet, our God so blesses us nonetheless. **There is no greater gift than the gift God has given us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.** O Come, let us adore Him!

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to us and for us. Help us to celebrate you and live in your love every day. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name. Amen.

In the joy of Jesus' love,
Pastor Paulette



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