

CONTINUED HOPE FOR HAITI



"Though we may live on slippery ground in a country full of wicked people, our God is always faithful to his Church. He promises in Isaiah 54:10: "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord who has compassion on you." With our covenant Lord we stand firm, even on a slippery land!"

- Rev. Octavius Delfils

The small island nation of Haiti has experienced tremendous suffering through several natural disasters, compounded with political unrest for several years. In the last decade, we've read reports of earthquakes, hurricanes, and health epidemics, not to mention fuel shortages, riots, and school closures in the recent news. If one did not know the hope found in Christ, it would be easy to hear "Haiti" and only see darkness. There has, however, been a light in Haiti, brought by the faithful ministry of Rev. Delfils and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Haiti since 2010.

RPC Haiti, located in Port-au-Prince and La Gonave, is a small but growing community of faith that stands firm in its vision to plant and nurture reformed Presbyterian churches so that they are self-sustaining, self-governing, and self-propagating. They pray, and invite us to walk alongside them in partnership, for peace in Haiti, so that the Church may continue to meet, hear the gospel, and share a message of true hope, reconciliation, and restoration. First Presbyterian



Church has been blessed to partner with RPC Haiti since 2016, after being introduced to their ministry through a youth mission trip to the area.

We are able to celebrate with RPC Haiti, and praise the Lord for His faithfulness, as we read of several new people joining the church, new baptisms, summer VBS programs hosting over 180 children, and several teaching/training opportunities to share the gospel and build leaders within the church. Furthermore, RPC Haiti continues to work on translation and publishing projects to provide resources to locals, and is nearing the official founding of a Presbytery in Haiti as they work with Reformed Missionaries in the country.



As we consider how we may be able to deepen our partnership with RPC Haiti, the first place to begin is through prayer. Pray for the people of Haiti as they continue to suffer hardships. Pray for the people of Haiti to hear and know the truth of the gospel instead of relying on the traditions and folklore centered upon voodoo

practices. Pray for the Church to continue to be joyful and eager to worship the Lord! Pray for an end to the devastating political unrest. Pray for the completion of the formation of the local Presbytery and the multiplication of churches in the country. Lastly, we are invited to celebrate with RPC Haiti as we reflect on the Lord's faithfulness in the midst of struggle.

To learn more about RPC Haiti and ways to connect with them, you may contact Lindsays@fpcsat.org or visit <http://bit.ly/RPCHaiti>.