



DAYSRING MINISTRIES

Walking Hand in Hand with the people of the Light & Peace Missions in Haiti

L & P Mission takes Annual Mission Trip

American churches aren't the only ones that take mission trips to Haiti —

Pastor Ronald and some people from his Light & Peace congregation will soon be evangelizing in a small mountain town in Haiti northeast of Bon Repos called **Lascahobas**.



This small home housed five people before the earthquake; now it has 16. Four people sleep in one bed.

When the earthquake struck in **Port-au-Prince**, over 600,000 people left the city and fled to the countryside. Lascahobas is one of the towns they fled to and is overwhelmed with the task of feeding and sheltering these desperate newcomers.

The mayor of Lascahobas, Gerald Joseph, says, "People are everywhere. They are in the town, and they are sleeping in the fields. All of our houses are full of people. Where four people were sleeping before, there are now fourteen."

It will probably take 4 or 5 hours, over excruciatingly bumpy roads, before the people from the Mission arrive in town. They'll park the bus, cook dinner somewhere, and then begin an outdoor evening worship service with music and evangelistic preaching.

Everyone will sleep under the stars or in a local church. Then at 5 o'clock in the morning they'll begin their **door-to-door ministry of telling people about Jesus** and inviting them to their outdoor revival service in the evening. Despite harassment from the local **voodoo priest**, last year they had **40 people come to know Jesus** as their Lord and Savior during their mission trip. Pastor Ronald says, "**The good news is that God is with us!**"

So why does Dayspring send mission teams to Haiti? Don't they already know Jesus and do enough evangelizing themselves? Of course they do! **Our mission is to encourage and support the work God is already doing through His people at the L & P Missions.**

Our mission teams get to see life as it is in Haiti (with all its hardships and heartbreaks), and then return home to be **witnesses to their community**, their family and their friends. Team members often get their home church involved in fund raising, families sometimes decide to sponsor school children and orphans, and social networking sites become soapboxes for teams to rally support for special projects and needs.

Team members are our best fund-raisers! And speaking of mission teams...if you've decided to join the **Dayspring team leaving from NY November 13-19**, please contact me for an application. Send it in before **September 1st**, along with a **deposit of \$200**.

If you'd just like more information, send me an email or give me a call. I'll be happy to tell you all about our trips. Just be sure **God is calling you to go...**it's not for everyone!

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Smiling Kids and their Smiling Helper

These smiling faces belong to the little people that live at **My Father's House Orphanage**. They don't just smile for photos; they're usually happy all the time. And why are they so happy?

They know they've been **chosen by God** to be a part of a **very special family** that's loved and cherished by staff and friends in Haiti and also by Americans across the United States. They know they're **God's special kids**.



The big kid in the picture is Raguel Joseph. He'll be 28 next month and he's been my friend since we first met in **1998**. He helps out at the orphanage and is Pastor Ronald's right-hand man. Raguel is respected and loved by all the mission teams that have ever visited the Mission. He keeps in touch with everyone on **Facebook**, so look him up and become his friend.

I asked Raguel what things he wished he could have that would make life better in Haiti. First he said, "**In Haiti everything we do is by faith**, even just to eat or go to school." Then he went on to say he'd like "**a little house**

and a job so he would be able to help his younger brother."

Raguel lived in a little house with his aunt before the earthquake, but now **he lives in a tent** set on concrete blocks in the school yard. His brother needed shoes for school, but Raguel didn't have money to buy them for him.

Dayspring has been employing Raguel for a few years now as our **Dayspring Reporter** and also our man-on-the-ground in Haiti. He's there every time I need an answer to some question, and he's always willing to go the extra mile, even if it means a big inconvenience for him. Raguel is also one of the favorite drummers at the Mission.

We'd like to promote Raguel to a full-time employee and pay him a bigger salary, but before we do that we'd like to bring him to the U.S. to perfect his English and get him computer and business training. To do this, however, requires money for passports, visa applications, transportation, and local county college tuition fees. If anyone would like to help **Dayspring** with this endeavor, please send a check marked '**for Raguel**'. Also please keep Raguel in your prayers; **he still needs a student visa** which is very difficult to get in Haiti. Thanks for your help!

Happenings in Haiti

Pastor Ronald wrote, "The church re-construction is going well. We have a good foundation and the church will be ready even if we have another earthquake!" He also wrote that "we had two weeks of revival under the tarps, and we had **30 more people come to Jesus**." However, Pastor Ronald also wrote that they have "**rain every day**, and when the tarps get full of water and the wind blows, **everyone gets wet**. Not only that, the same wind and rain broke down most of the tents." Hopefully, the church will be finished soon and worshipers will stay dry!

Some sad news: **Pastor Marion Cherry** was supervisor of the **Light & Peace Christian School** and his wife was the lab technician that worked at the clinic. Last year Pastor Marion's wife died, and this year his only son died in the earthquake. Pastor Marion died last week, too, from what appeared to be great sadness and a broken heart.

The first Miss Haiti in 22 years, Sarodj Bertin, is a young lawyer who can speak four languages. She is entered in the **Miss Universe Pageant** which will be held in **Los Angeles on August 23rd**. Miss Bertin's mother was also a lawyer and a civil right's activist who was murdered just before the 1995 presidential election. If she wins the crown, Miss Haiti says she'll dedicate her triumph "**to God first, then to my mom, my family, and my country.**"



One More Thing... (as I say to Pastor Ronald in my excruciatingly long emails)

Thank You to all you folks who have generously and faithfully supported **Dayspring** these past few months ...and an equally big **Thank You** to all the **Vacation Bible School kids** who have supported special projects at the **Light & Peace Mission** churches. **Thanks** also to our **Facebook Friends** who provided fresh-water for the people in the fishing village of Bayorne. **May God bless each of you** who have supported **His work** in Haiti.
