



Liberté Ministries

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A Ministry overseen by Petersville Church of Christ

What We Do With the Dash

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

Mission

Our mission is to help all of our "neighbors" live in the dignity given to mankind when we were created in the image of God. Our desired outcome is that when children "graduate" from Harry's Home at age 18 they will be physically, spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally healthy; educationally and vocationally equipped to live a full life as a valued productive member of the Bonnette community.



On January 10th the Lord's Kingdom, Liberté Ministries, and Christian Ministry everywhere experienced a great loss at the death of William E. "Billy" Roberts.

There is a well known poem written by a woman named Linda Ellis, entitled "*Dash*." Those who know me know I am not typically a poetry guy, but this is SO appropriate.

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.



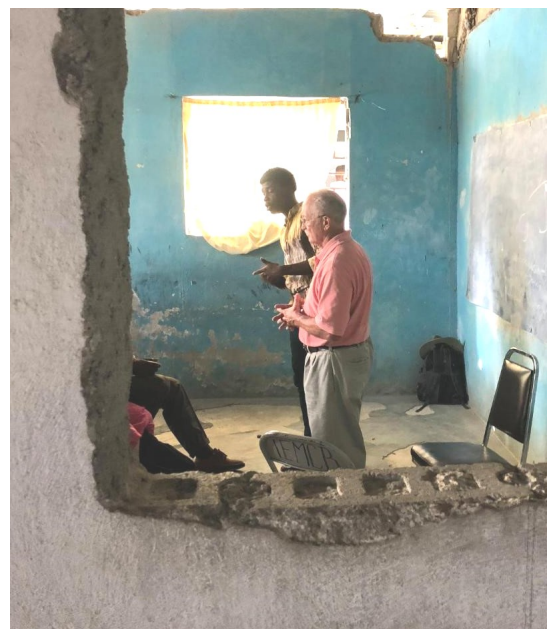
So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

These pictures reflect how I choose to remember Billy. Teaching, serving, praying, loving on children, enjoying fellowship with other Christians. I will miss him. I will miss his kindness. I will miss his positive attitude even in difficult situations. I will miss young kids picking him last to play basketball then after one game wanting to re-pick. We will all miss him but we can see him again. May God help us all until then. We love you Susie. - Arvy





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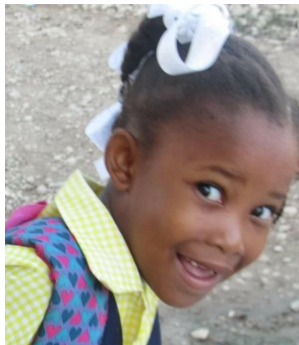


We are on the Web at
liberteministries.org

Pray

Give

Go



Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

(Matthew 19:14)

About Liberté Ministries – Part II

In our last issue we introduced you to our newly revised Website at www.liberteministries.org. We also introduced you to a significantly increased section of the site which is intended to provide a thorough overview of Liberté Ministries and the rationale behind many of the priorities we have established.

We had finished the section entitled “Why Haiti,” so we’ll resume with “What are we doing and why?”

About → Milestones :

Here are a few of the milestones which have been achieved over the past few years:

The Haiti School of Biblical Studies (HSBS) provides a four year intensive Bible training program for ministers which is taught by veteran Haitian ministers and state-side College Instructors.

Construction of the “Harry’s Home” orphanage was completed in 2019. Built on nearly an acre of land it can provide a home, education, nurturing environment, and discipleship for up to 36 children who otherwise might be living on the streets, or not at all.

Hunger among Haiti’s children is a debilitating and never ending problem. The children in Harry’s Home are well fed. This is uniformly not the case for all of the 400+ students of the Bonnettee Elementary School. There was a bench where children who had not eaten could wait for something to eat. In 2020 Liberté Ministries proactively attacked hunger by providing one hearty meal for each of these children every day, Monday through Friday.

In 2020 we acquired control of a second plot (about one half acre) of land in the neighborhood. When fully operational this compound will house a guest house for mission teams and a fully operational medical clinic. We have provided access to medical care for “Harry’s Kids.” When restored and fully staffed this community clinic will provide the only medical care within a 45 minute drive.

We assisted with the completion of the Croix des

Bouquets Church of Christ building, giving that congregation of about 120 souls their first wholly owned meeting place since the 2010 earthquake.

We have organized and launched a “Ladies Sewing Cooperative,” providing an important source of family income to Christian ladies in the congregations we work with on an ongoing basis.

There are a number of other initiatives which space prevents us from mentioning here. Please continue to pray for the Lord’s continued provision and that we will be blessed with the wisdom needed to provide sustainable solutions to the problems in this community.

Truth & Secret in Haiti’s Creole Proverbs



Pa gen zél pa jwe ak zwazo.

No wings don’t play with birds

Don’t go beyond your competency