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Reflections *✿* 10 Years in Ministry series #5

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We have all been given the chance to do the work that the Lord has made for us, or rather... made us for. How many of us take advantage of that opportunity, or in my case, choose to do "other stuff". I was leading our church's Mission ministry (with Leslie doing most of the work) and had determined that I knew where God wanted me when the opportunity presented itself in 2012 to get involved in Haiti.

"Not for me, I'm too busy doing this other stuff." I remember telling Leslie. But there were a few people at our church interested in knowing more. We set up a meeting for Pastor Mike to come and explain his Haiti experiences and his plan to fill an upcoming trip. Leslie and I agreed that we were not interested...in the least. At the end of the meeting, I looked at Leslie and said, "I'm going to Haiti." With tears in her eyes she said, "Me too."

I had heard the words and stories before, and I had seen the pictures, but this time, God put a word in my mind that this was where He wanted me.

We went on the next mission trip with 24 other people from multiple churches and God did what God does. Within 6 months, the previous ministry dissolved, and Mission Experience was born. Leslie and I became the first people Pastor Mike asked to join this new ministry, Leslie as administrator, and myself coordinating construction.

It seemed obvious to me that I was supposed to go and do construction, and over the course of 32

trips a tremendous amount of construction was done by mission teams and the local Haitians that would work alongside our volunteers. We were building friendships and trust, as well as buildings.

On one of these trips Bibles were taken down and given to any workers that wanted one. We quickly ran out of Bibles. There was a real hunger there, so...I stopped work early and we had a Bible study with all of our Haitian workers. Can't do that very easily in the U.S. but no problem in Haiti. We started in Genesis 1:1. Reading the scripture and answering questions. It was amazing. When it was done, I asked if they wanted to continue the next week with James leading the study. It was a unanimous YES. They began meeting every week. Some workers brought their family. Some stopped coming altogether. The nannies and staff joined in. Other locals joined in. It is still going six years later and has evolved into the church that James leads on the grounds of God's Garden. I have been in attendance when there are 70-80 people praising Jesus (loudly) and learning God's Word. Even when James and our kids are away at another location, the church still meets.



Thank you Jesus for the amazing work that you do!

Doug Kotwica,
Property &
Construction Director



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Tenth Anniversary Celebration Service!

Saturday morning, Nov. 2nd at 10:00 AM
at Peace With Christ Lutheran Church in Aurora CO

Do you want to learn more about Mission Experience? Even if you are coming to the banquet that night, this is an entirely different experience. The band is practicing and sounding great!! This time of worship will be a fantastic time together!

There will be a video message from James, and our kids in Haiti will sing a song that will bless you and bring you to tears!! There will be uplifting messages, testimonies and stories of God's goodness.

This is a free event, but you must sign up for this because of the free catered lunch after the service. Our caterer needs a head count.

You don't want to miss this event!!!! Let Leslie know at leslie@missionexperience.org



Want to bless one of our kids?

Our kids are short on Creole Bibles and asking for more. They cost about \$25 each on Amazon. Do you want to donate to bless one of our kids with a bible?

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10th Anniversary Banquet

We are excited to celebrate with you! We look forward to seeing you at 5:30 PM at the Denver Zoo. All you need to do is follow the signs and banners. This is a sold-out event.

You can contact Leslie directly if you want to see if any tickets have opened up.



Wouldn't one of these Christmas Trees look great in your home? These will be auctioned off at the 2024 banquet.



The ME Victory Over Adversity AUCTION OPENS on Oct 25th at NOON!

Just go to:

<https://www.32auctions.com/MissionExperience2024>

OR Scan this QR code:



Can you help us on Nov. 2nd? We are looking for someone to video these two events and take pictures. If you are an amateur photographer let us know.

If mailing your gift, please include the following in your envelope:

- General Fund \$ _____
 Project/Tickets - Please specify: _____
- Orphanage needs \$ _____ \$ _____

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- Pastor Mike \$ _____
- Stuart Pederson \$ _____
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