



# September News | 2024

## Reflections *Reflections* 10 Years in Ministry series #4

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In 2010, Pastor Mike spoke at my church about missionary work in Haiti and planned to go there in 2011. I retired from my job in the spring of that year. I felt that I finally had the time and flexibility to do those things, so I joined Mike on my first trip that June. The trip had a tremendous impact on me. I recall how happy the children were to see us and excited that we were there. I remember building bunk beds for the children and seeing what little they had in their dorms. There were no toys, clothing selections, or anything you would see in a child's bedroom here. I would see a child wearing a piece of clothing one day and another child wearing the same shirt the next day.

When I left, I was depressed for quite some time, comparing what they had to what our kids have here. I left feeling it was "payback" time for all that I had been blessed with in my life. I worked here collecting over 300 books to help build those children a library at the orphanage. On my next trip, the first thing I saw was the same excitement and happy faces as before.

I realized then that they had no knowledge of what they didn't have and how blessed our children are. This was my second of 21 trips to Haiti.

GOD is still working!!!!

We have accomplished a lot since building our current location in 2017. Over the years, I have witnessed the following: Pr. Mike, led by GOD has done:

- Building an orphanage that we currently and LEGALLY own.
- Providing shelter and protection for our children and staff.
- We are no longer just an orphanage; WE ARE A COMMUNITY!!!
- We have provided employment for our community and now employ local people for construction, maintenance, and teaching.
- Teams no longer do all the construction.
- We are building a school not only for our kids but also for over 200 children in our community.
- Bringing technology and solar energy into our facility.



Since working in Haiti, I have always known that God is in charge and felt I was just along for the ride.

John Kuhns, Board of Directors

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# Special THANK YOU!

"We want to thank you all for your support this summer! You made it possible to run our summer school program. It is a real blessing to all of the children at Grace Academy on God's Garden. The children were able to learn many things, including God's Word!"



All of the teachers, Manmy Edline and myself, James, send great thanks to you!

## Grace Academy Teachers



## Grace Academy Students



# Buy your tickets TODAY!

## Tenth Anniversary Banquet!

Saturday evening, Nov. 2nd at the Denver Zoo.  
Appetizers start at 5:30 PM ~ Dinner at 6:00 PM

Come celebrate and connect with the Mission Experience staff and other short-term missionaries and supporters. This is your chance to see people you haven't seen in years. The tickets are only \$50/ea. thanks to a corporate donation.

**If you are arriving from out of town**, we have a block of rooms reserved. All you need to do is go to our EVENTS page on our website to make your reservations and order tickets. [www.missionexperience.org/events](http://www.missionexperience.org/events)  
If you need any help, please feel free to contact Leslie at: [leslie@missionexperience.org](mailto:leslie@missionexperience.org)

*You are invited!*

## RSVP - Short Term Missionary Reunion & Mission Experience Celebration service

Saturday, morning, Nov. 2nd 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
Peace With Christ Lutheran Aurora, CO 80013

There will be missionary speakers - Rev. Dr. Christian Wood (Hales Corners, WI), Pastor David Baumgartner (Parker, CO), AND a video message from James

**Everyone is invited!** If your church supports us, you are invited!!! THIS will be followed by a free catered lunch. We need you to RSVP, so we can make sure we have enough food for lunch. (Highlight this with some art) There will be special messages from our family in Haiti and special updated pictures of all God is doing. This is a good time to get updated as to what is happening within our ministry.



**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR  
OUR AUCTION SO PLEASE LET US  
KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO  
ADD. THANK YOU!**

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