

October 25, 2019

Dear Pastor Jody, Pastor Peter, and Pastor Victor,

We want to thank you all, our group of elders, and all of our Cornerstone family for your support of Grace Oaks Ministries. Your faithfulness in standing with us has been invaluable to us and to the work God has called us to.

It has been a good year and we praise God for how He is working in Haiti in spite of tremendous challenges the country and her people have faced this year. One of our Haitian partners wrote us just last evening with news that, in the midst of a severe economic and political crisis that is crippling the country with devaluing currency, an almost 20% inflation rate, shortages in food and water, and often violent protests gripping most major cities, our partner's ministry – and the tiny part Grace Oaks Ministries plays in that particular ministry - goes on. Our partner reported that recently three people had given their lives to Christ - the only One who can bring peace to this troubled nation. Who knows how God will use those three people to advance His Kingdom! And so, the Holy Spirit is at work, unimpeded!

As we look back on this year, and see how Cornerstone's partnership with Grace Oaks Ministries, has been building a bridge of Christ's love from Rome, Georgia to Haiti, we are blessed to see God at work. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Two mission trips into Haiti in March and July 2019 to continue our ministry of equipping and encouraging believers in the Central Plateau of Haiti. We completed four days of **mentoring our newest (third) group of 25 women** representing 25 rural churches for their positions of leadership in their churches and communities. We shared on servant leadership, God's heart for the Nations, integrity, spiritual gifts and marks of Christian leadership.

We also continued sharing and mentoring our small cohort of emerging leaders in the **Christian Leadership Forum**.

And of course, we sponsored two days of celebration with our group of 68 widows and provided food, monetary gifts, and personal gifts those days. These personal gifts are often handmade or personally provided by Cornerstone members.

- Bobbi and her writing partner, Pamela Russell, wrote - and Grace Oaks Ministries published - our **third Bible Study Guide, this one on *Knowing God Better***. We have distributed hundreds of these among our partners in Haiti this year.

- Bobbi had the unique opportunity to speak to a large **group of young Christians from all over Haiti** who had convened for a weekend conference. Her desire was to **inform and mobilize these young people for the nations**, helping them to understand God's heart that each one of them participate in His mandate to reach every tribe, nation, and tongue for Him. Cornerstone Church helped tremendously by **printing cards of unreached people groups for the young people** to have practical tools to pray for the nations.
- **Our second Bible Study guide on *the Armor of God*, and this most recent one on *Knowing God Better*** are now available in English. We printed smaller quantities of these studies for anyone here in the US yearning to know God and His Word better, and be able to share Him with others.
- Copies of our **children's health books and the Bible Study guides** (of which more than 20,000 have been distributed in Haiti) have been requested in three other areas of Haiti. We have sent multiple copies of them in the last couple of months. We praise God for how He continues to use these books.
- Currently Bobbi and Pamela are working on editing and formatting a **small book in Haitian Creole on evangelism written by a Haitian pastor, who was a former student of Bobbi's**. This is the realization of a long-standing goal and prayer of our ministry that we could be involved in producing high quality Christian materials **written by Haitians** for distribution in Haiti, which is so under-resourced. This little book is a useful tool of practical ways to share the Gospel. Funds permitting, once we are finished with the editing and layout of the book, we hope to **print the book in quantity**. Our partner pastor, who works in child sponsorship with World Vision in Haiti, will begin distributing it to churches, schools, and families there.
- As Haiti has endured this current crisis, the people are suffering tremendously. Because of the generosity of Cornerstone Church and others, Grace Oaks Ministries has been able to provide small stipends to the widows this year. On two occasions this year, we have been able to send **small monetary gestures of our love and appreciation to our Haitian ministry team members with whom we most closely collaborate**. Our partners praised the Lord for His provision for them and their families. We have also participated with small gifts to support the expansion of the school of our partner, Agape International Ministries.

All of this is made possible because of God's grace and Cornerstone's faithfulness. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and look forward with great anticipation to see how God continues to expand His Kingdom in Haiti!

Trusting with you in Jesus,
Greg and Bobbi Van Schoyck, Grace Oaks Ministries

PS. We delayed our planned November trip because of the turmoil in Haiti now, but we hope to go as soon as the Lord opens the door. We also plan to take steps to affiliate with Missionary Flights International which flies directly into Pignon, quite near to our base in Haiti. This will make it a lot easier for our partners to get us from the airport when we fly in, and help us avoid some of the "hot spots" in Haiti. This can help us as we bring ministry teams in. We will keep you advised, as we hope to take three trips in 2020.