



News from Trinity HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep our supporters informed about our activities. Trinity HOPE, a not-for-profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is shared daily.

2024 Hunters Place, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 ● admin@trinityhope.org ● (615) 394-4950

● Web Page: www.TrinityHope.org ● Facebook: trinityhopehaiti

Opportunity In Front of You

*By Lars Helland, Missions Chairman
Eternal Shepherd Seneca SC*

Samuel was overlooking his land, set high on a hill with fruit trees and springs of water forming a stream below. In front of Samuel stood a man. Samuel said to the man, "You are standing in the center of what was the place blood sacrifices were made to several spirits. Most of those were goats, and the people would cover themselves with the blood of sacrifices. But on this very spot I want to build a center for learning about the one true God, the God of Abraham and Isaac." Samuel asked the man, "Will you help me?". The man answered "Yes", nothing else, just "Yes."



As you probably already know, this Samuel is not the one from the Old Testament who anointed Saul and later David as King over Israel. This was Samuel Simeon, and the man was me. Vodou is a creolized religion that originated in the West Indies of Haiti during the seventeenth century. At the time of our meeting, a little over 4 years ago, Samuel Simeon was a seminary student at nearby Laotchikit, Haiti. His land he had named Pas Bonbon.

He was certain he could have 19 Students enroll for the September start of school. Pastor Walta worked through the paperwork, and we met the needs of paying the teachers, cook, and administrators. The school opened with 29 students with grades 1st through 5th. By Christmas of that year the enrollment was 109 students. Fortunately, Trinity HOPE was available to feed these children, part of the plan from our first meeting. The summer of the following year another church in a more remote part of Haiti wanted to start a school. That church and school is named Rocky Road. Today, at this writing, between the two schools, Trinity HOPE is providing the meals for 418 students every day through Eternal Shepherd and some very close friends who wanted to get involved.

You may not like where you are standing, but an outstanding opportunity may be right in front of you. Just say "Yes" and be part of raising generations of Christians who will be the leading force in Haiti's future. Samuel Simeon is now an ordained Pastor and serving the church and school he built on his land - Pas Bonbon.



Pastor Samuel Simeon passing out Bibles and Luther's Catechism