Providing Physical and Spiritual Care in Haiti

The country of Haiti is familiar with disasters of all kinds. An earthquake in 2010 killed almost a quarter million people. Hurricane Matthew blew through in 2016, taking every metal roof from homes and churches with it. As life was getting back to normal two more earthquakes hit regions of the country. When disaster hits, Ministry in Mission, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, comes to assist.

Ministry in Mission has been working for 15 years in Haiti and works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti. Besides helping in times of disaster, Ministry in Mission has built and supports an orphanage, an eldercare home, and several feeding programs. They coordinate the sponsorship of nearly three hundred students so they can attend school.

Despite all this despair, God’s light shines through. The mission grant money will be used to finish the churches that were being rebuilt or restored after the earthquake of 2021. Money was allocated for the repair, but inflation has hit, and more money is needed to finish the project. Churches are open for worship, but final repairs need to be done.

Now a manmade disaster of civil unrest and gang violence has taken over a great deal of the country. Disaster in Haiti always brings people to Christ. They realize their voodoo gods are not working for them. Each Lutheran church is a symbol of the love and protection of Jesus as they struggle through disaster after disaster.

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together (1 Corinthians 12:26).

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).