

“We will send ourselves, not just our money.” This statement is at the heart of our mission efforts at White Stone Church. Our desire as a church is to be deeply involved in the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world. There are two major elements to this statement: “GIVING” and “GOING”. . . We believe strongly in both!

GIVING:

The giving aspect of our mission efforts at White Stone is called **Partners in Hope**. We invite all of our members and attenders to give consistently and generously to Partners in Hope, over and above their gifts to the general operating budget of the church. These offerings are used to fund our ongoing international mission efforts, primarily in, but not limited to, our work in the country of Haiti.

Our work in Haiti has Five Primary Points of Focus:

1. **Development of a Sports/Discipleship Complex in Grand Goave** – In partnership with Mission of Hope International, we are building a soccer complex, in hopes of using the enormous popularity of the sport of soccer as a means to 1) introduce children and families to Jesus Christ, 2) meet physical needs of poverty stricken children through feeding programs, and 3) invest in children long-term through systematic discipleship training.
2. **Funding of the School and Church in Coq Chante** – This rural, mountain village was the place we originally focused our efforts in Haiti. Through Partners in Hope, we pay the pastor of the church, and the salaries of the teachers at this school, allowing 160+ children the opportunity to go to school for free.
3. **Orphan and Widow Care** – In the past this has included funding orphanages in Coq Chante, Camatin, and Port au Prince. It also included caring for our friend Pastor Menes Valme in the final stages of his life, until he went home to be with Jesus in March of 2017. At present, we continue to help support Pastor Menes’ widow, Marise, who has now returned to Haiti. Currently, while we have ended our formal monthly support of these orphanages, we continue to support widows, orphans, and families in need, as God puts them in our path.
4. **Leadership Development** – Investing in anointed young men and women, equipping them to become leaders in their own ministries . . . people like Samuel Dumond, Hippolite Fanfan, Colby Dorcely and Lauren Roberts. We also continue to look for opportunities to provide pastor training seminars for church leaders in Haiti.
5. **Harvest Field Ministries** – We continue to partner with Harvest Field as they serve in the region of Les Anglais.

Your gifts to Partners in Hope help fund all of these initiatives. If you have given to Partners in Hope in the past. . . Thank You! If you currently give to Partners in Hope on a monthly basis . . . An even bigger Thank You! **IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN US AND START GIVING NOW . . . THAT WOULD BE AMAZINGLY AWESOME!!**

We try to make it easy for you to give: 1) You can give online, 2) You can use the offering boxes on Sunday mornings (noting “PIH” in the memo line), or 3) and this is our favorite . . . **You can sign up for a monthly bank draft.** The amount you specify would be drawn out of your account on or around the 20th of each month. It is easier for you, and much easier for us to manage! Contact Stacy in the church office (865-255-4938) and she would love to set this up for you.

GOING:

At White Stone, we are committed to the idea that we will not send our money anywhere that we are not willing to go ourselves. Giving to missions is not about paying someone else to do the work that we should be doing ourselves! We will “GIVE”, but we will also “GO”!

Our next opportunity to “GO” will be **July 24-31, 2018**. Mark will be leading a team of 25 people to conduct our **first ever soccer camp at the Sports/Discipleship Complex in Grand Goave!** The complex is still under construction, but the soccer field has been graded, and we have a structure to use for discipleship training! We have everything we need to get started!! Perhaps you are one of the 25 people who should be going on this trip? The cost of the trip is \$1,200. The sign-up deadline is **April 25th**. A \$200 deposit guarantees your spot. Contact Mark Zimmerman for more information. You can reach him by email at mark@whitestonechurch.org or by phone (865)256-9466.

If this trip is not for you, no worries! **We plan on offering 3 trips per year from this point forward!** Catch the next one!