

## We are all in this Together!

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How many times have you heard or read “We are all in this Together?” COVID-19 has impacted the entire world. Our part of the world is more focused on where we live and Haiti. Eternal Shepherd, Seneca, SC helped start the schools in Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road in the Central Plateau of Haiti. Trinity HOPE was already well established in the area and the growth of the Church in all of Haiti is blessed every day by the Trinity HOPE feeding program. When COVID-19 became a pandemic, we were extremely concerned about our sister congregations in Haiti. I contacted Pastor Walta Clercius and asked what we could do to help. He replied they needed money for school supplies and personal hygiene supplies. Within two weeks they purchased and distributed 50 handmade “spigot” buckets and antibacterial soap to provide a solution to washing their hands at home. Keep in mind, very few have water available in their houses, and they must travel to a common well and carry jugs of water home.

How are the children being fed when the schools had to shut down? Pastor Walta shared that Trinity HOPE provided the raw ingredients to each family, enough for a month. They have since duplicated that distribution as the virus continued to be a threat. *“We can thank Trinity HOPE for their blessings. People in Pas Bonbon did not have anything to eat. Praise God, they receive food from the Feeding Program. The situation of Haiti become worst. No hope for people who do not have Christ. In fact, seven years ago, you needed around 40 gourdes (Haitian money) for 1 US dollars. Today we need 107 gourdes for 1 US dollars. We have extreme poverty in Haiti. When an institution like Trinity Hope is blessing us, we really appreciate that. Trinity Hope is saving life in Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road. The Government does not know Rocky Road, but you in USA are helping the people there. You are doing a very good job. You are saving life by feeding and educating. By feeding and educating, you are evangelizing, and more people receive Christ.”*

The number of people infected by the virus in the Central Plateau is very low. They practice good hygiene and social distancing. The pictures show the family members patiently waiting to receive the food, the filling of the bags to take home, and the hand washing buckets.

Thank you, Trinity HOPE. You are blessed to be a blessing! To God be the Glory!