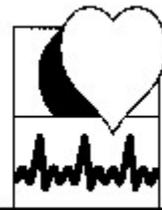


# The Heartbeat

A Newsletter of the Heart-4-Haiti Lutheran Mission Society - Trinity Lutheran Church, Vallonia, IN

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## EXCITING NEWS

- ✓ Heart 4 Haiti Lutheran Mission Society is working on the purchase of 450 Lutheran Service Books in French from the Lutheran Church of Canada. This exciting project will give the Lutherans in Haiti a hymnal that is Christ-centered, liturgical, and sacramental. Look for updates about this exciting project!
- ✓ Pastor Bernard will be visiting southern Indiana during the last two weeks in August and the first week in September. What makes this trip extremely exciting is that his 10 year old son, Quincey, will also be traveling with him! Check out the itinerary for the trip inside this newsletter!

## A LETTER FROM PASTOR THOMAS BERNARD

At this special time I want to thank you for all the funds you have recently sent for our ministry. A thank you letter is nothing compared to what you are doing for us but there is no other thing I can do or say to express my gratitude to you. **THANK YOU!**

I also want to tell that after the hurricanes last year, the church building at Village of Peace was completely destroyed and needed to be rebuilt. On Easter Sunday, April 12, the congregation celebrated the victory of the resurrection in a new sanctuary (pictures below). It has taken us many months to get this work done. And without your financial support and your prayers we would have never accomplished this vital work. To God be the glory!

I also want to thank you for sending funds to cover some of my own expenses: fuel for my truck and generator. A special thank you goes out to all who continue to support the student adoption and food program. Our teachers have now received their paychecks and food has been purchased and distributed. The students are served by having their tuition paid for and materials purchased. This is a real sign of the **AMAZING GRACE OF GOD!**

The work is going well and it is growing. Our people are very dedicated to the Great Commission. In spite of all of their hardships and the social problems they are facing, they do not neglect to share their Christian faith to those who are still living under the bondage of the evil one. The objective of our church is to see that our members adopt the model of the Early Church found in Acts 2: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Again, thank you so much for your love and charity. May the resurrected Christ fill up your heart with joy, peace, gladness and contentment! What a Friend we have in Jesus!

Brotherly yours in Christ,  
Pastor Thomas Bernard



The Outside & Inside of the New Sanctuary at Village of Peace Lutheran Church