# The Hope Report

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## 4 Years Later - A Day for Remembering

January 12th marked the 4 year anniversary of the devastating earthquake that destroyed most of the physical work MOHI had accomplished over

the past decade. Our mission and all those who work here have grown over the last four years. The biggest lesson has been that it is all right to respond to disasters with a quick fix, but eventually you have to move on to



long-term solutions. As we've grown in these four years, we have moved from a quick fix ministry to one that provides long-term solutions for its people. With the help of the incredible organizations that have teamed up with us, we are building homes, providing education, and leading people toward the self-respect of providing for their families. On the morning of the twelfth, we held a



memorial service. We remembered all that God had brought us through and all the ways we had to rely on him. We remembered those who were lost

and prayed for the families left behind to mourn them. We gave thanks for all the blessings God has given us. Only He could bring such beauty from ashes. We see His hand all around as we continue to rebuild.

### **A Conversion Story**

When a well-known voodoo priest in Grand Goave heard Lex preaching on the radio, he suddenly realized that he needed Jesus. With eager expectation, the priest waited for church on Sunday. He showed up, and the alter call that

day changed his life. He began faithfully attending church. Before he became a Christian, he planned a voodoo dance for this January that drew people from all over the country and even as far away as the U.S. He let everyone know of his conversion, but since their plans were already made, they decided to attend anyway. The pastoral staff had been visiting him often to help with all the

baggage of his past life. He asked the church to hold a worship service in lieu of the previously planned voodoo event. Many people showed up. The praise and worship team led them in singing

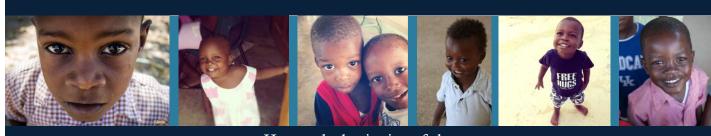
praises to Jesus. As a result of his faithfulness in turning every part of his life over to Jesus, his mother, who had flown in from New York, gave her life to Christ that night. This is just another sign of God's hand at work in Haiti bringing hope and

incredible restoration to His people.





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#### **Leadership Conference**

The month began with our annual Christian Leadership Academy. Over the years, we've had some wonderful speakers, and this year was no exception. Our keynote speakers were Pastor Gary

Collette and Brother Dan Kramer. Pastor Kevin and Pastor Gwyneth Arrison ministered as well.





The end of our conference saw 9 people meet up with Pastor Lex, Pastor Gary, and Brother Dan to be baptized.

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#### **Mission USA**

A team from Mission USA and the Chapel in Akron, OH arrived to unload the mobile medical clinic bus that had been waiting on them since they



shipped it here. Unloading it was like Christmas all over again! In addition to its medical

supplies, the bus held a generator, a washing machine, two commercial grade ovens for the school, and much more. That was only the beginning for this team. They moved through that week like a whirlwind doing projects like plumbing, medical clinics in St. Etienne, cooking for the





poor, data entry, and construction. Linda

Robbins and Tim and Shanda Gobeli took on an extra special project while visiting; they ministered to the disabled community. As a physical therapist, Linda taught them exercises to help gain strength and relieve pain. Many

were fitted for wheel chairs and other mobility devices.



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