



BWM NEWS

As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21b

Mission Meals

Support projects for our global partners that are funded by BWM mission grants by buying a "mission meal". There are several options available. Mission grants support leadership training workshops and scholarships for study, as well as efforts at mission outreach and projects to generate income for ministry. The underlying goal is to promote a more sustainable church for witnessing to the gospel of Christ.



Learn more by going to:
www.moravianmission.org/missionmeals/

or call the Bethlehem BWM office noted below.



Partnering in Haiti

In August, BWM staff member Justin Rabbach traveled to Haiti with Weldon Harris of North Carolina, Errol Connor of the Eastern-West Indies Province and Phyllis Seymour of the Jamaican Province. The purpose of the team was to meet with leadership of the Moravian Church in Haiti (Bernito and Viles Dorsainvil seen above, with Phyllis and Justin), and plan out the next steps forward for this mission area at the very beginning stages of becoming a formal church.

The team visited with several of the 8 congregations and one fellowship, and saw potential sites for two new congregations as well. Currently, the congregations are being led by Pastors who are performing a full time ministry, while still holding down an additional job to support themselves and their family. The economic situation in Haiti provides a reality where it is difficult for a congregation to support the full time salary of a pastor on staff. This has not slowed the church at all, as individuals donate their time, and the funds collected in the offering plate have gone to ministry outreach from the congregation, and towards saving for purchase of new

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Peru Mission

We had the privilege of going to Peru for two weeks in May. While we visited, we were hosted by Ana Maria Huaman Davila and her family in her home in Lima. Here we assisted in teaching English at the Moravian English Academy as well as attending the church services held at Ana Maria's church. This was an amazing experience where we saw God embodied in Ana Maria. Her heart warming hospitality and passion for Christ was truly inspiring. Her faith is certainly something to aspire to and the experiences we had on this mission trip will remain with us forever. Abby Cockerham,
Sarah Fishel, Friedberg Moravian

UMC Matching Grant!

We received a matching grant of \$5,000 to help fund women of the Unity to attend the **Unity Mission Conference** in November, particularly from our Central American partners. In addition it will help get someone there from **Angola** (below), a new site of Moravian work. Please help by sending your contribution to BWM in Bethlehem!



property for the prospective congregations in the future.

One of the things most impressive to the team was the way the growing congregations supported one another. For



example, the congregation in Port Au Prince sent a team of young adults to go spend time at a congregation in the center of the island, and sleep in tents on the sanctuary floor at night so they could go door to door and ask people if they have ever heard the Gospel story.

These young adults shared that nearly all the people they talked to were willing to listen, and thanked them for sharing the gospel story in a way they had not heard it explained before. This led to some new members coming to the church to hear and study more!

On August 13th, the team was able to worship with a congregation, and on the 290th anniversary of the first Moravian Lovefeast, share in that tradition with our brothers and sisters. To the best of everyone's knowledge this was the first Moravian Lovefeast celebrated in Haiti! It was a tremendous way to symbolize our hopes and prayers for this growing community, and the ways that we hope to share together and support one another.

Please be in prayer for this growing mission area as the next steps include gathering leadership for more formal discussions on Moravian theology and practice in the Haitian context, purchase of land to allow for formal certification by the Haitian government, and election of a leadership board to guide this process.

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