

# Haitian Ministries Plant Three Churches

At the beginning of 2017, Southeastern administration shared an express intent to plant new congregations for and in Haitian communities throughout the Conference territory. With a sizeable financial investment and a collaborative effort from area churches, three major evangelistic efforts were planned for the year.

The first was held in West Palm Beach, Fla., led by Maxime Pape, former Southeastern Sabbath School director. After four weeks of preaching and outreach, the church added 30 new members. In only four months, this new church currently has 75 members in attendance.

In August 2017 the second evangelistic meeting was held in Coral Springs, Fla. Johnson Cesar, D.Min., pastor of the Sinai Plantation, Fla., Church, preached several nights in an 800-seat auditorium, to a standing-room-only crowd. Some people were turned away, but



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Nicolas Louis baptizes new convert. Ninety men, women, and young people joined the church through baptism during three city-wide evangelistic campaigns, sponsored by the Haitian Ministries Department. Three new churches were planted in West Palm Beach, Coral Springs, and Jacksonville, Fla.

were encouraged to watch the meetings as they were streamed live on Internet. At the close of the meetings, 39 new members were baptized. Currently, the new Emmanuel Church has 175 members in attendance.

In October 2017 a third effort was conducted in Jacksonville, Fla. Yrvain Jean Philippe, pastor of the First Haitian Church in New York, preached, and the members and leaders of the Jacksonville area churches collaborated to add 21 new members to the church. Those, along with members from the area churches, have come together to form a third new church in Jacksonville. They plan to continue their outreach efforts, and invest in ways that will ensure that they see these new congregations grow.

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# Kissimmee Church Promotes Health Awareness

For the last 20 years, Mount Zion Church, Kissimmee, Fla., Health Ministries Department has been sharing hope and restoring wholeness through their annual weekend health awareness education event. This year, despite the obstacles, the Lord made it possible for the members to conduct the event at the Kissimmee Lakefront Park on September 24, 2017.

There were some challenges. The first challenge was financial; the members prayed and exercised faith in the Lord, and He delivered in a mighty way. Your Health Pediatrics partnered with the members, and three other business partners made financial contributions. The second challenge was Hurricane Irma. A thought arose to cancel the event, but again, the Lord provided magnificent shelter. On the day of the event, the weather was perfect and sunny. More than 300 people from the community attended, including 13 presenters and 23 vendors.



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Community residents gather information from health professionals. Mount Zion Church members as well community health leaders collaborated to promote healthy living.

A presentation from the Warrior Pathfinder Club and Drum Corps led the opening ceremony. Church and local community leaders kicked off the event. The community came together and experienced the various booths and listened to different presenters, including the Kissimmee Police Department. The presenters covered a wide range of health issues, including depression, nutrition, diabetes, grief, and pediatric health.

More than 400 pieces of literature and gift bags were distributed by Pierre Hunt, personal ministries leader.

The members express special thanks to the presenters and the vendors who participated. The participation and comments from the community made it all worthwhile. To God be the glory! 🙏

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