



# *The Harvest Times*

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## *Giving Hope to the Lost*

Ambrose was sick again. These illnesses and problems kept coming, and he could not explain them. To find relief, Ambrose spent a lot of money, purchasing birds and goats and taking them to the local witch doctor for him to sacrifice. But, instead of helping, the more sacrifices the witch doctor offered on his behalf, the worse Ambrose's problems became.

Ephesians 2:12 describes Ambrose's predicament. He was "without God and without hope in the world."

Voodoo also deceives people into thinking that sacrifices and the occult hold the answers to life's problems. In fact, there are many children in Haiti who grow up in homes where voodoo is practiced, leading only to spiritual bondage.

Through your generosity and the faithfulness of many Haitian brothers and sisters, these children are learning about Christ at our six schools in Haiti. They are learning of the freedom that Jesus gives.

Ambrose also heard about Jesus when some visitors came to his village in Ghana and began teaching about God. He felt drawn to the truth, taking time to listen and realizing he was not on the right path. "Immediately, my mind, heart, and attitude were on Christ," he wrote. "I admitted the wrongs done for the past years and surrendered myself and my family to God."



Ambrose's sickness and problems left, never to return. He stopped sacrificing birds and goats. His world completely changed! God had brought deliverance and joy. Later, Ambrose testified that he was grateful for a loving God who offers salvation freely. Only one sacrifice—that of Jesus, on the cross—had been necessary to purchase redemption and forgiveness.

It is the calling and desire of World Missions to see many more people around the world find hope and forgiveness through the blood of Christ. We want to see more people—in Haiti, Ghana, and beyond—able to testify to the truth of Ephesians 2:13—"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

*Your gift to the Annual Harvest Offering will support churches in Ghana and schools in Haiti.*





Hurricane Matthew damaged the roof of our Maillard church in Les Cayes.



Many homes in the area were damaged.



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### HAITI

According to the UN, the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti may be the worst humanitarian disaster there since the 2010 earthquake. Over 350,000 people have been affected, and the death toll quickly climbed, with Reuters estimating over 800 people were lost.

CNN reports that over 80% of people in Haiti in the areas hardest hit have lost their homes. Crops in the area have been devastated, and widespread flooding from the storm brings about concerns of new outbreaks of cholera.

A week after Hurricane Matthew reached Haiti, our National Director, Pastor Samson, was able to visit our Maillard church in Les Cayes.

We had heard the reports--that the church and Pastor Ronald Gabriel's home both had lost their roofs. And Pastor Samson had written about the area: "The situation there is very critical; people lost their homes, harvest, gardens, and the most important, their lives." But it is still sobering to see pictures of the devastation.

We have contributed toward this need, and the pastor's roof has been repaired, but the church building still does not have a roof. If you would like to give, you may:

- Mail a check with "Haiti Relief" in the memo line to PO Box 4711, Overland Park, KS 66204.
- Go to our website, [www.coghworlmissions.org](http://www.coghworlmissions.org), and click on the "Give" tab.

Please continue to pray for the Maillard church, Pastor Ronald and his wife, Sonia, and all who were affected by the storm.

Sources: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/06/americas/hurricane-matthew-photos-haiti/index.html> and <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-storm-matthew-haiti-idUSKCN12719D>