

## Church Partnership Program

This program partners an existing Haitian church with an American church in order to provide the physical resources to sustain and expand the Haitian church as well as to provide spiritual encouragement to both the Haitian and American churches.

## Haitian Partner Church Responsibility

-Haitian partner churches, under the leadership of their pastor, are responsible to provide a periodic update to GVCM, which will pass the information to the American partner church. This update will include details about what God is doing as well as about physical and spiritual needs.

-Haitian pastors may coordinate for independent gifts or ministry projects, but will not request such projects without being asked.

## **American Partner Church Commitment**

-The American church will pay the agreed upon monthly stipend necessary for supporting the salaries and ministry of the Haitian church. This stipend varies by church and is only a supplement to the existing revenue generated by the Haitian congregation's tithes and offerings. A Haitian church may or may not have additional financial sponsors, but will only have one American partner church.

-The American church is encouraged to visit their partner church in conjunction with a missions trip.

- Small independent ministry projects or gifts are welcomed in conjunction with missions trips or remotely. We ask that you present them to the GVCM program coordinator for review. We have the subject matter expertise on what projects are helpful and which are not. GVCM reserves the right to redirect any independent projects which we believe are detrimental to our churches.

-While GVCM is happy to enable independent projects (i.e. projects that are not initiated by GVCM), we cannot assume *full* responsibility for any independent projects. For example, if an American church buys Creole Bibles for a Haitian church on their own initiative, we can ensure that they make it to the pastor, but we cannot necessarily cover the cost of shipping or go to the church (which could be hours away from our headquarters) and take pictures of people receiving the Bibles. The American partner church could coordinate details like taking pictures directly with the recipient pastor.

-By default, all communication will route through the GVCM program coordinator. Please understand that communication with some of our pastors can be slow, as many of them have no access to the internet and sporadic access to phones.



-We ask that you commit to at least a year before you begin giving and give us no less than three months' notice before ending your commitment. This helps us care for our affiliate churches more consistently.

## **GVCM's Responsibility**

-GVCM will relay financial aid and any physical gifts to the recipient pastor, who is responsible to pick them up from the GVCM headquarters.

-GVCM will ensure that Haitian pastors provide updates to their partner church, primarily through the GVCM program coordinator.

-GVCM will enable independent ministry projects as its resources and priorities allow.

-GVCM will guarantee that all of the funding that American churches provide goes to the churches in our network, less up to 10% for the cost of the program. Your money will ensure that your partner church is financially taken care of. However, if we determine that one of our churches is over-supported relative to its peers, we will reallocate money among our churches as needed. We should not allow some churches to flounder or fail because they weren't fortunate enough to have a partner.