



News from KCC

January 11, 2017



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Blessings in Haiti

By Jody Terrell, Youth Minister

Twelve years ago I traveled to Haiti for the first time. I can still remember the feel and smell of the place and have fond memories of that trip and the people that I got to know there including the Badgero's and the Haitian people. One particular relationship is what I want to talk about in this article. There was a young man named Remmi that I befriended in the tiny community of Passe Rien, in the hills outside of Gonaives. Remmi in Kreole means love, which sums him up pretty well. Remmi was a man who loved God and loved others. I spent quite a bit of time with him and talked about all kinds of things, both of us trying to piece together little parts of one another's language to understand the meaning. One night Remmi spent the night with me in my tent and in the middle of the night Remmi woke me up and said Jodsi? is flat! I looked to see that his inflatable mattress

had lost almost all of it's air. I laughed and we got the pump and fixed it.

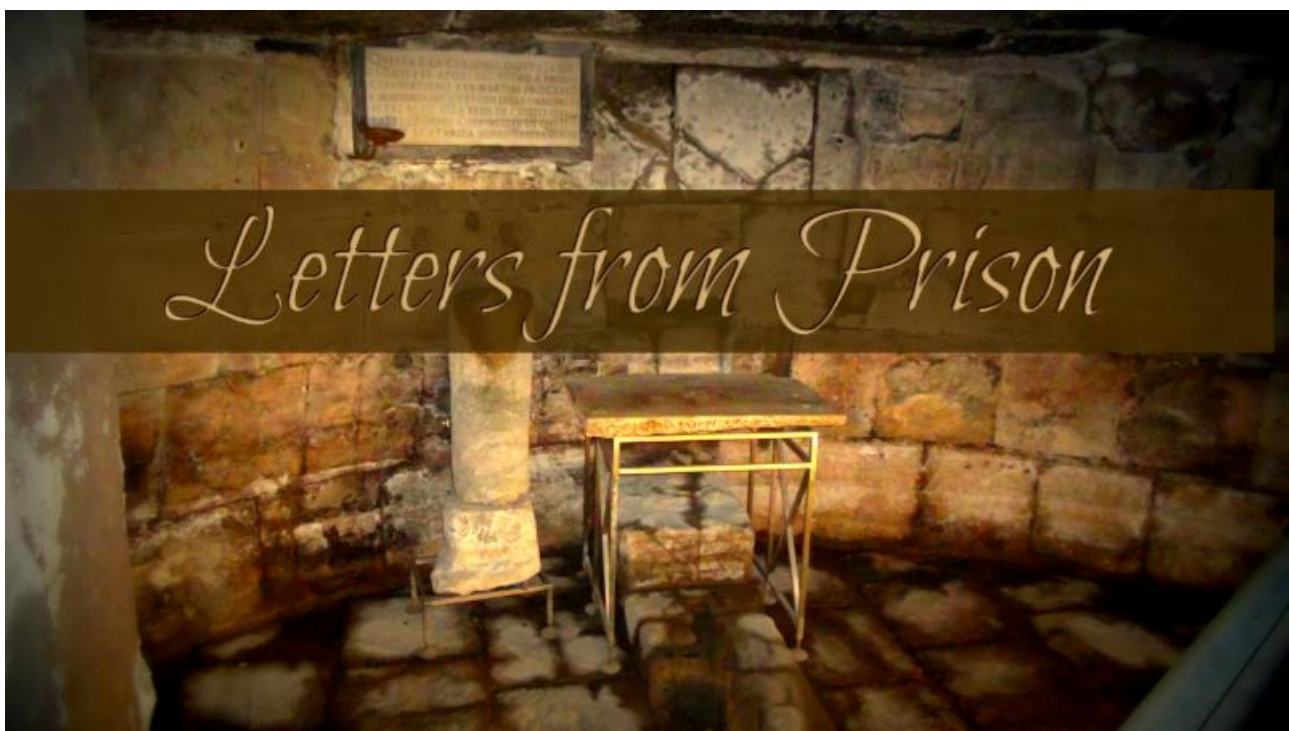


The second time I went to Haiti Remmi was there and introduced his new wife, Bernadette, to me. She was obviously full of joy and was happy with him. She was sweet and was glad to meet me, as I was to meet her. A year or two later I got a call from Jeff that Remmi had passed away. He was very sick and couldn't get out of bed when the hurricane came through. I remember being quite sad when I heard the news and Megan and I decided to send some money to help Bernadette and her twin baby daughters in

whatever way she needed it.

I recently returned from my third trip to Haiti and while there, I got to see Bernadette again and she invited me in to her house and showed me the room, which was half of the house, that the money we sent paid to build. She was very sweet and very thankful. It was a humbling and moving experience for me to be there and know that God used the little that we gave to bless a widow and her daughters in a lasting way. I say all of this to encourage you that even when you don't think you are doing enough, that God can use a little to bless someone in great ways. I would also encourage you to always be strengthening relationships that you have, and making new friendships with people for the purpose of showing Christ to them. God works through our relationships with people.

Come and join us during the 10:00 hour Sunday, January the 22nd, to see and hear about our recent trip to Haiti. I would also like to thank every person who donated money for these teens to go on this trip. Together you gave \$5,200.00, which helped out immensely. Thank you so much!



THIS SUNDAY AT KCC!

We kicked off our new series, "Letters from Prison" Sunday sharing the context to study the book of Philippians. The church at Philippi started with a wealthy fashion designer named Lydia, a former demon-possessed slave girl, and a duty-bound soldier. Some 10-12 years later Paul is writing to that church and reflecting on how far they have come. A church like that of Philippi and that we desire to be reflects God, remembers Jesus, and is filled with the fruit of righteousness.

This week we start the book of Philippians by studying the first 11 verses. And we start it by having "Flannel Shirt Sunday!" Why you ask? I don't know, just chalk it up to having a whacky Senior Minister who will find or make up any excuse to wear jeans on a Sunday morning. Hey, see you Sunday. Bring a friend. And I love you all. ~ Andy B.

Missions Update

Joel Ickes, Global City Missions

I am extremely grateful to have my home church "sharing in the burden of the gospel" through the monthly contribution of \$100. It means so much to me to receive this gift from the church that raised me up in the faith as a child. Little did I know I would become a missionary!

The first five months of the Equip training is over. I have been challenged spiritually, mentally, and physically by this intensive program. I am learning different tools for evangelism. I am getting a sense of what fits my style of evangelism and what works for the different people I am trying to reach. Please be praying for me as we enter into the next five months of training, which will entail making this training reproducible for others.

I am learning about God, Jesus, humanity, and myself. Thankfully, I have important outside mentors, like Dan Johnson and Jeff Badgero, as well as a missionary care team

consisting of a social worker, Old Testament professor, and two lay leaders from the Lansing area, who all lend me an ear and help me process what I am learning.

How you can be praying for my ministry?

- Prayer for the Latino peoples in the Bronx.
- Prayer for the Latin team, for each person on the team, including myself as team leader.
- Prayer for new inroads to meet Latin Americans, and discernment for evaluating our current inroads.
- Prayer for the international student ministry, especially as things resume after the long Christmas break.
- Prayer for continued development of financial-prayer partnerships from different churches across the country.
- Praise for God's goodness, for financially making this missionary lifestyle possible and for bringing into my network dozens of receptive young men hungry for the gospel.



God continues to shower me in His goodness! He sustains me every day through the provisions of His faithful! Thank you for being a part of making this all possible!

KIDSTUF is **THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am** in the Lower Level for all kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade!

In [John 1:19-42](#), we read John's account of Jesus' baptism. Jesus was about to start His public ministry. He shows up on the banks of the Jordan River where his cousin, John the Baptist, was baptizing people. John the Baptist recognized Jesus, not just as his cousin, but as God's promised Savior. John understood God's story and called out to the crowd, Look! The Lamb of God! He takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29, NIV) That day, he pointed out to everyone who Jesus was and why they should know Jesus and start to follow Him.

Bottom Line: Discovering what God says helps you follow Jesus. The more we read God's Word, the more we understand about who Jesus is and why He came to earth. God's Word gives us clarity for what it means to believe in Jesus and follow Him with our lives.



Upcoming Events

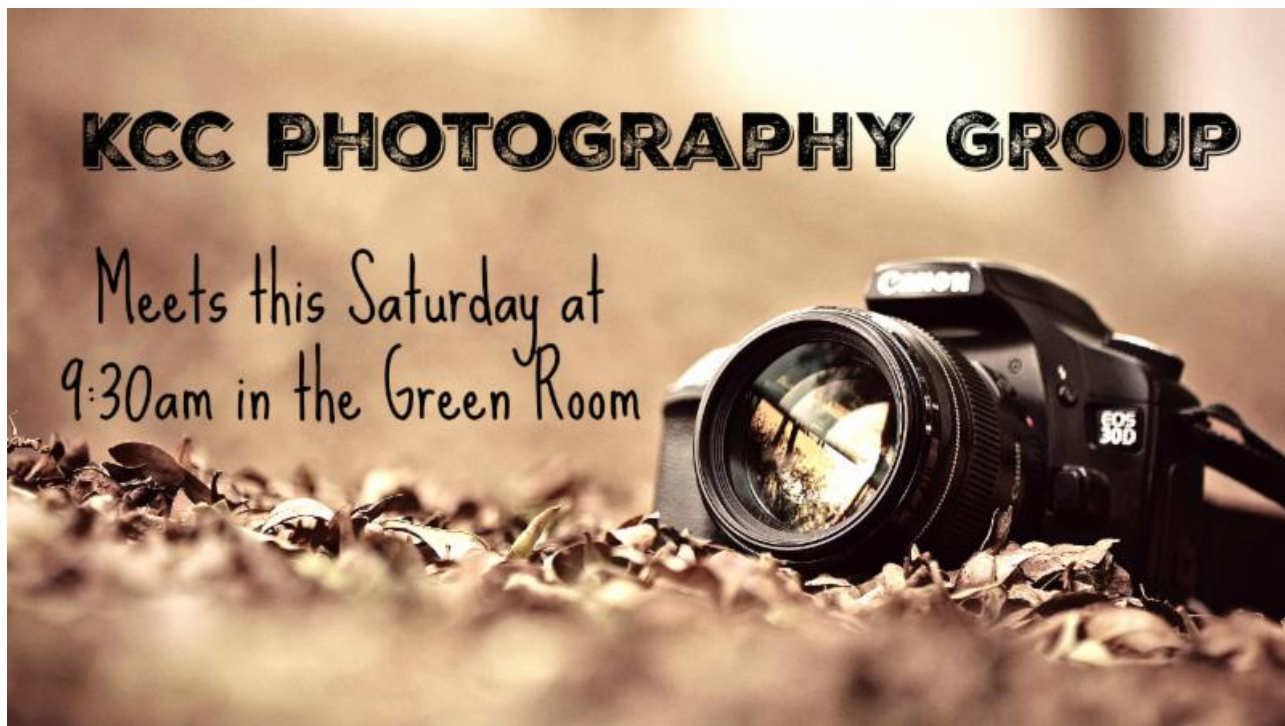


It's not too late to join this life-changing class taught by Lisle & Jan Pickford. FPU will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever. FPU meets on **Saturdays at 10:00am!** [Click here](#) to register. Call Lisle & Jan Pickford at 258-4620 for more information.



LIFE GROUPS START THIS WEEK!

New to KCC or not sure what a Life Group is? Life Groups are small group Bible studies meeting in people's homes centered around Sunday Sermons from KCC. Taking a cue from [Acts 2:42-47](#), Life Groups enjoy a meal together, fellowship, study, & prayer. Life Groups begin meeting the week of January 8th. [Click here to sign up for a Life Group!](#)



Learn camera basics and take mini field trips together to improve your photography skills. Bring your camera to the Green Room this Saturday, January 14th from 9:30am - 12:00pm For more information, call Alison Neihardt at 231-590-2320.



Everyone is encouraged to join KCC for our Annual Meeting Sunday, January 15th at 10:00am during the Faith Training hour in the Worship Center. Members will be affirming the 2017 budget & new Elders.



MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Join us Sunday, January 22nd at 10:00am in the Worship Center as our teens share how God worked on their recent Mission Trip to Haiti.



Special 2:14 at KCC!

Join us Sunday, January 22nd at 2:14pm here at KCC. At this month's 2:14 we will be doing internal work at the church. In the lower level we will be painting the children's classrooms as well as some of the walls in the large area to reflect the space being designated for the children's ministry. There will be some wall/door repair as well as the painting. Around the building we will be doing touch up work on the walls and possibly some picture hanging and furniture putting together.

TODAY - Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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This Sunday - January 15, 2017

- **8:30 AM** - Worship
- **10:00 AM** - Faith Training classes for Tiny Tots & kids Kindergarten - 5th Grade.
- **10:00 AM - Annual Meeting in the Worship Center**
- **11:00 AM** - Worship
- **11:00 AM** - KidStuf in the Lower Level for kids Kindergarten - 5th grade
- **6:30 PM** - FUEL - High School Youth Group



[Check out kccwired.com for a full list of upcoming events!](http://kccwired.com)

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