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My first international short-term missions assignment was 25 years ago. I was a young pastor with an interest in Africa, and one of my mentors recommended me to a missions agency that was recruiting pastors for a preaching mission in Liberia and Malawi.

Participating in a short-term missions assignment changed my life. It altered my direction just enough that a decade later, I was leading the Lott Carey community—the leading global missions agency of African-American heritage. Three specific changes in my life have helped define who I am today.

First, I came to understand my life as being grounded in God’s grace. God has been abundantly generous to me. I remember asking myself several questions during my 22-day pilgrimage. Why was I born in the United States which, even with its enormous problems of racism, greed, and immorality, makes available to me so many opportunities for life and joy? Why was I born into a home with two phenomenal Christian parents who raised my brother and me to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength? Why was I nurtured in a church and community that gave abundant opportunities to serve and to learn how to lead? Why did I have so much and the people whom I served in Liberia and Malawi so little? It is all about grace, and I try to live every day as a great big “Thank You” to God.

Second, I came to value people at the heart of the life of the church. Pastors and church leaders can easily get caught up in what my predecessor Wendell Clay Somerville called “church work rather than the work of the church.” People were my

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ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE MISSIONARIES

Missions Increase Faith, Decrease Selfishness

Commentary by Kathi L. Reid

In managing short-term missions and evaluating their impact, I have found that they can have a profound effect on the faith and life of participants, the people they are serving, and our host country. Those living in poverty have their needs addressed by teams of energetic and caring people. The purpose of our teams is to unify, alleviate suffering and promote God-centered, not self-centered, expectations. The overriding purpose for this service opportunity and our participation should be to God’s glory. For this to occur, we must be prepared.

If a person on the team forgets to pack toiletries or loses luggage, we as a team get them what they need. You can always buy or borrow things in the host country. However, you cannot borrow spiritual preparation. Going on a mission assignment is going into a battle, and we need to be ready with every weapon and tool that the Lord has given us. Members of the team must participate in orientation; they must prepare

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Preaching Women Who Change the World

Commentary by Rev. Dawn M. Sanders

Without choice there is no power.

Without power, women are subjugated to un speakable abuse just by living their daily lives. Yet in every place where forms of disempowerment have taken root, the Lord has deployed women on missions to sit in dark places as angels of light. The power of another woman’s presence in the darkness of isolation has a rippling effect.

While attending a Women’s Conference in Kisumu, Kenya, in 2013, a Kenyan pastor walked up to me as I stood observing the Lott Carey women sharing their testimonies with their Kenyan sisters. He asked me if I understood what our presence meant.

I paused briefly, surprised by the question. Surely, I thought to myself, I understood what our presence meant.

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priority before going to Africa, but afterwards—man, was I different. Church leaders can get wrapped up in the programs, in the annual calendar, issues around properties, and meeting after meeting after meeting. But witnessing people who walked through the dark for worship, sat on floors or hard backless benches, endured abject poverty, but could still find meaning and joy in being a disciple of Jesus and worshiping the Lord... that made my head spin.

Third, and this was the most surprising: I became more patriotic. I am not one of those people who say: "America—love it or leave it." I am one of those patriots who is committed to working to help make this country more of what God has given it the capacity to be. I refuse to accept that racism must be the defining reality for millions of people. I refuse to accept that consumerism must be what determines a good and successful life. I refuse to accept that violence must be celebrated and justified as the best answer to all problems. I refuse to accept that so many people in this country must live in perpetual poverty. I refuse to believe that the vulnerable must continue to be victimized by those with power, money, and influence. We can do better, and I work to create a new reality.

This edition of the Lott Carey Herald focuses on short-term missions. The Lott Carey approach to short-term missions is that we offer assignments as part of discipleship formation. We do not take missions trips. With Lott Carey, you go on assignments as part of your discipleship. We view it as following Jesus. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, you will never be the same. Read, rejoice, and get ready to go and serve.

The Lord has deployed women on missions to sit in dark places as angels of light. Although I believed I understood, I knew he had to help me understand a far greater purpose that was absent from our preparation.

So instead of answering the question, I asked him what he meant. He went on to say, that although there were only a few women attending the conference on the first day, the women represented various regions of Kenya. Each woman who listened to my sermon that morning would take every word and re-preach that sermon to every woman in her village.

That moment redefined my entire view of women who live in the margins and the providential will of God in their lives. The ripple that had been created during a two-week mission would now reverberate throughout Kenya, not because the 17 missionaries traveled throughout the country, but because our words would be carried in the wombs of our Kenyan sisters who were empowered to give birth to their purpose, as they articulated what we could not speak for ourselves.

I now realize the women who change the world represent a continuum of sister-friends who may never meet face-to-face but whose testimonies are carried to the uttermost part of the world every time a Missionary from the Margin preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ultimately, it is "their" ministry to the world that breaks the stronghold of the demonic and sets captive women free.

Rev. Dawn M. Sanders is the Director of Missional Programs for Lott Carey.
“This is not just a ‘trip.’ We are on a mission with God to reach people He loves more than we know.”

We have no idea how God will have us share our faith once we get to the destination. But, we do know that He is preparing the way for us. Our love may be the only witness we have to share. If the opportunity presents itself for someone to share the Gospel, give God the glory by being prepared. Do your part and God will do the rest. Haiti needs a unified team with open hearts, flexible outlooks, and positive behavior toward hosts and Haitians. A team dependent only on the Lord is sensitive to the opportunities God provides.

Unprepared team members can be a burden; they sign up at the last minute and miss orientation. Once in the field, their confused spirit infects the entire team. But the rare times this has happened, we’ve come together, and, through prayer, God has worked things out. There is a lot to do to prepare for a short-term mission assignment. Do what you need to do, but please do not neglect your spiritual preparation. It is the most important part. You should know what to say when you are talking face-to-face. I often find that the Holy Spirit gives me the words to say when I am exhausted or when my brain goes flat. He brings to mind the things that He has already taught me.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8.

Cultural preparation is also essential. The liability in the failure of a poorly implemented mission assignment far exceeds the missed opportunities of staying home. We need to become acquainted with our hosts and their communities. We want rich opportunities to glorify God by showing them the love and compassion of Christ. We need to take interest in them beyond feeling good about what we are doing and ourselves. We should allow our witness to be our voice and remember our place as visitors. We should learn how to say “hello” and “goodbye” in the native tongue.

It’s important to realize that we do not fully understand the culture of the countries we visit. It is easy to see injustice and want to correct it. But when interacting with the population, we do not want to give the impression that we can fix everything. The indigenous populations are intelligent, resourceful and hardworking people.

Seek to build relationships rather than doing for them. Our objective is to serve alongside them. We do not judge—their ways are not our ways. Both cultures have positives and negatives.

If we put our own expectations aside, God will work through us for His glory.

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THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

BEYOND the BOARDWALK

Atlantic City still fighting back from Sandy
Editor’s Note: Superstorm Sandy’s 2012 appearance brought havoc to 24 states—wind gusts of 139 miles per hour and storm surge topping 13 feet. The hurricane made direct landfall over New York and New Jersey, killing 88, and leaving 4.6 million without power, more than 95,000 families in need of emergency housing and an estimated loss of nearly a billion dollars for New Jersey tourism. Atlantic City was hit hard too—more than 37,000 primary residences and about 9,300 rental units received major damage and $382 million in commercial property loss. Luckily, the dunes protected the city’s bread-and-butter casinos and boardwalk. America’s Favorite Playground was open for business in a matter of weeks—battered but fighting back. But areas beyond the boardwalk were not so lucky. With all the glitz and glitter it’s easy to forget that Atlantic City is more than a vacation and gambling mecca. It’s a city of almost 40,000 and was knocked hard by Sandy. Reportedly:

- 70-to-80 percent of Atlantic City was underwater;
- 82,000 homes and businesses sustained some damage; and
- 5,000 homes were severely damaged.

Nearly two years later, Atlantic City is still picking up the pieces. But there are courageous people and organizations helping the city’s residents rise again. Lott Carey is happy to introduce you to them. As you read the stories and view the pictures, think about how you can help.

Atlantic City is a community that stands out in the Garden State. It’s the most visible vacation and pleasure destination, yet the people of Atlantic City have been invisible. The city’s median household income is less than half that of the state, the population is more diverse (about 80% minority compared to 30%), and roughly one-third of its people live below the poverty line compared to approximately one-tenth for the state.

No event highlighted these disparities more keenly than Hurricane Sandy, which devastated New Jersey’s coastal communities in 2012 and continues to impact them today. “It’s been two years and we’re still rebuilding homes,” reflects Pastor Collins Days, Sr., of Second Baptist Church, a community partner in the Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group (ACLTRG).

Established by community organizations, local clergy, elected officials and residents following the storm, ACLTRG responds to residents’ needs, rebuilding homes and restores hope by coordinating the efficient delivery of various recovery resources.

According to Sonia E. Massie, ACLTRG Volunteer and Public Relations Coordinator, the group has built about 85 homes thanks to a small full-time construction crew and teams of volunteers from across the country that do the bulk of demolition and rebuilding.

“Lott Carey has been a godsend. They are just so focused and so dedicated,” says Ms. Massie. “We are grateful for all the volunteer help.”

Pastor Days says Lott Carey volunteers make a difference in the community.

“When I went to Lott Carey, we had zero volunteers coming in,” he remembers. “No one was responding. They came in during the lean times when we needed them most.”

With a now steady stream of volunteers, ACLTRG’s biggest challenges are securing funding to pay for the waitlist of dozens

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I was born and raised in Atlantic City, as were both of my parents. I earned my Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in New Orleans, where I lived for fifteen years until being uprooted when Hurricane Katrina devastated my second hometown. Years later, it was from Florida that I watched my beloved hometown, Atlantic City, ravaged by Hurricane Sandy. In 2013, I moved back home to put down roots in the place where my story began. I’m sure you can imagine my excitement when offered the opportunity to help in the process of rebuilding Atlantic City. I look forward to helping our volunteers have a memorable and rewarding experience as they dedicate their time to respond to residents’ needs, rebuild homes and restore hope in Atlantic City.

Lott Carey Collaboration in Atlantic City ‘Phenomenal’

Editor’s Note: This letter to Lott Carey is from Sonia Massie, who coordinates volunteer teams and public relations for the Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group. It reveals Ms. Massie’s journey that brought her to the relief organization and its deep desire to respond, rebuild and restore Atlantic City.

I was born and raised in Atlantic City, as were both of my parents. I earned my Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in New Orleans, where I lived for fifteen years until being uprooted when Hurricane Katrina devastated my second hometown. Years later, it was from Florida that I watched my beloved hometown, Atlantic City, ravaged by Hurricane Sandy. In 2013, I moved back home to put down roots in the place where my story began. I’m sure you can imagine my excitement when offered the opportunity to help in the process of rebuilding Atlantic City. I look forward to helping our volunteers have a memorable and rewarding experience as they dedicate their time to respond to residents’ needs, rebuild homes and restore hope in Atlantic City. On behalf of Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group (ACLTRG) and the homeowners we assist, I would like to thank Lott Carey for its continued partnership and, in particular, for your May Mobilization efforts, which placed renewed emphasis on Atlantic City. The response from Lott Carey churches has been phenomenal. Your volunteers have helped with rebuilding projects at seven or more different homes throughout Atlantic City. So much has been accomplished. They have participated in removing debris, hanging drywall, mudding/spackling, sanding, painting, removing carpet, and installing new flooring.

A well-received and highly praised Youth Group, which spent their Spring Break volunteering with ACLTRG in April, was our first Lott Carey group of 2014. These 20 teenagers and their four adult chaperones came to us from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Lott Carey’s May Mobilization efforts resulted in 10 groups signing up to assist with our rebuilding throughout the month of May. Sr. Stephen Baptist Church of Temple Hills, Maryland, sent seven volunteers May 1-4. We had three Lott Carey groups in town May 17-18 with a total of 30 volunteers: seven from Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina; 10 from New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Jersey City, New Jersey; and 13 from Bethlehem Baptist Church in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. From May 22 – 25, we had four volunteers from Redeemer Baptist Church in Hyattsville, Maryland. A Youth Group consisting of 25 youth and adults from Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington, New Jersey, drove down on Saturday the 24th to help with the distribution of projects, getting the word out to residents about the available services, and educating the public outside Atlantic City about their needs. Sometimes, people picture a wealthy community and don’t understand how many residents were living on the margins. “Of course we’re constructing homes,” notes Pastor Days. “But we’re also providing spiritual guidance and we’re helping them put their lives back together.”

With their homes destroyed and possessions literally washed away, survivors have lost a sense of security. That can be compounded by job loss. ACLTRG provides case management to rebuild homes and referrals for related services. Others don’t understand the extent of the damages.

“It could be that only a home’s crawl space flooded, but that can create a problem with mold growth,” explains Ms. Massie. “Even with the homes that had water in the living space, you may not be able to see the damage from the outside.”

Despite the hardship and catastrophic loss, Pastor Days says the volunteers that drive ACLTRG have made a tremendous difference in the lives of Atlantic City’s Hurricane Sandy survivors.

“In the face of all these things, when volunteers come from Lott Carey with smiles on their faces, they don’t realize the kind of hope and inspiration they bring,” he says. “They give people an extra ray of hope.”

Gael L. Honeycutt, a freelance writer and business consultant, is co-founder and past chairman of the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia.
Lott Carey’s Women in Service Everywhere and Men on Missions have been instrumental in the Atlantic City clean-up. “We helped all those in need . . . Asians, Hispanics, Irish, Polish and African Americans,” says Laurence F. Campbell, President, WBC Community Development Corporation, Wayland Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. “Need has no nationality.”

informational flyers to homeowners and to rebuild homes. The group did an incredible job cleaning up debris cluttering one homeowner’s yard for a year and a half after Hurricane Sandy made landfall.

From May 29 to June 1, we had another great weekend with three Lott Carey groups, totaling “about 25” volunteers: six volunteers came from New Zion Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky; six volunteers from Wayland Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, some of whom had volunteered with ACLTRG before and loved our city enough to come back and bring some friends to help out; and 13 volunteers, including several teenagers, from Christian Home Baptist Church in Windsor, Virginia. Some of the youth in this group had a unique experience when they donned HAZMAT suits to tear out old carpet. We appreciate all of our volunteers, but we are always particularly touched and grateful when youth lend a helping hand.

As I write this letter on June 5th, we have one last Lott Carey weekend group of 11 volunteers currently on the road headed to Atlantic City from Shiloh Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, to help us continue in our mission to respond to residents’ needs, rebuild homes and restore hope.

Some of the volunteers who came to work with us recalled an appeal made at a previous Lott Carey Convention by the illustrious President of ACLTRG’s Executive Board, Rev. Collins Days, Sr., Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Atlantic City. We are glad to know that his words drew so many of you to us. Our rebuilding efforts continue year-round and, in spite of the fact that we have helped restore about 85 homes thus far, there is still plenty of work to be done. Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in volunteering or making donations to benefit the residents we serve.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers and in your hearts to help us rebuild Atlantic City.

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HELPING HANDS REPAIR SANDY’S DESTRUCTION

PAINTING: Applying fresh coats spells progress.
Workers’ Goals:
SEE GOD, SHOW LOVE
During Mission in Atlantic City

By Rev. Cheryle P. Stone

The Foreign Missions Ministry of Bethlehem Baptist Church in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, consists of those who have a desire to participate in national or international mission work. The ministry is focused on giving glory to God, so the three men and 10 women (most on their first mission) started and ended each day with prayer, praise and worship.

We are called to see God and show love in our mission work. In Atlantic City, that meant helping victims of Superstorm Sandy, reportedly the deadliest and most destructive hurricane to develop in the Atlantic region during the 2012 hurricane season. When we arrived in the neighborhood, it was obvious many houses were damaged. One house was being razed and a new foundation prepared to prevent damage in case of another hurricane or natural disaster. We were excited to begin work on our assigned house, sweeping, clearing away debris, putting up drywall, removing and replacing insulation, spackling and installing sheetrock.

Team members were excited to take a break from their regular jobs and lend a hand in the ravaged area.

“I am a giver,” says Barbara Jones, a trainer and cashier in retail sales. “I could see the change in the people we worked alongside. They seemed to recognize that it is more meaningful to give of their time instead of just giving money. I also recognized that I have more skills than I ever knew and on this mission I gained some new ones. I was familiar with the clean-up skills but I now know how to insulate, put up drywall and apply spackling. I was surprised to find how quickly I was able to learn.”

Sister Jones says the mission goes beyond fulfilling daily needs.

“Not only are we rebuilding a home, I feel we are rebuilding a life,” she says. “It is my desire that the family will feel the love of God in the rebuilt house.” Team member Edward Houston, who regularly works in roofing and construction, says the repair work done during the mission resembles what God does for us.

“The house was gutted just like Jesus does for us,” says Brother Houston. “Jesus empties you out, gets rid of all the yucky stuff so that he can fill us with His love that we can pour out to others.”

We enjoyed the fellowship, sharing meals, playing card games during down time, and learning about the other churches on our team—Mount Level Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, and Hope Missionary Church of Jersey City, New Jersey. We were all impressed by Hope’s first lady, Brenda Perry, and Mount Level’s 76-year-old spackling wonder known as “Miss Jollie.”

Thanks to our host, volunteer coordinator Sonia Massie of Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group, who made sure we were properly fed and housed. And special thanks to ACLTRG leaders Alvin, Carlos, Mark, Wendell, Jack, and Lee who were patient to encourage, instruct and share their expertise. Many of us had never used power tools or applied spackling.

Rev. Cheryle P. Stone is leader of the Foreign Missions Ministry at Bethlehem Baptist Church in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She is responsible for education, administrative support and fundraising efforts for the ministry.

BUSY: First floor work team stays in constant motion. Volunteers say they used skills they didn’t know they had, and learned new ones.
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

DOSSIER: HAITI

Specialty Teams Rebuilding Lives and Homes

CHECKING:
Lott Carey teams are filling a vital need in Haiti because healthcare is unavailable to about 70 percent of rural residents and 50 percent of urban dwellers.

From time-to-time, Lott Carey will mobilize teams of medical professionals, construction crews or even a team to empower students and educators for cross-cultural exchange. Positive impact is made in providing much needed services to a resource-limited country like Haiti.

MEDICAL MISSIONS: Haiti is an open field for medical teams interested in serving in the country. According to the United Nations, healthcare is unavailable to about 70 percent of rural residents and 50 percent of urban residents. When the poor become sick, there is little or no affordable care. Thus, the Haitian’s average lifespan is 62 years for females and 59 for males.

Teams of doctors, nurses, dentists, physical therapists, paramedics, emergency medical technicians and others are needed to work alongside Haitian medical professionals who are addressing inadequate healthcare services and to augment resource limitations the country faces. Opportunities for cultural and knowledge transfer and skill expansion are abundant for U.S. medical teams as well as their Haiti counterparts. We are looking for medical teams to serve through our contacts with:

1. Project Medishare at the Hospital Bernard Mevs in Port-au-Prince. Your role as a medical team member will not be limited to providing medical care. You will also assist in training Haitian medical professionals to help build their capacities for care.

2. Grace International Hospital at Carrefour. It is currently staffed by a team of Cuban doctors and nurses. This cross-cultural opportunity will allow you to not only work with some of the best medical teams in the world but to also have opportunities to provide medical and dental care for families at Lambi Village, and children in the orphanage. They also provide immunizations in the school, and more.
State of Center City in Port-au-Prince Haiti

With only a few days notice, the national government declared "eminent domain" and bulldozed homes and businesses and displaced vendors in Center City—part of a long-term plan to rebuild government buildings. The A.M.E. Service and Development Agency, St. Paul A.M.E., and the First Baptist Church of Port-au-Prince remain, although First Baptist will lose its school.

CONSTRUCTION MISSIONS:
Four years have passed since the horrific earthquake in 2010. For the men and women who have participated in the building of homes, we appreciate your love for Christ and your desire to serve Him by being the hands and the feet of Christ to the people of Lambi Sustainable Village. Over a hundred thousand Haitians are still homeless. The need for workers continues. We still have several homes at Lambi to complete. Each house needs toilet and shower facilities. The community needs playgrounds and gardens to fill open spaces.

Fifty-six homes were planned for Lambi Sustainable Village, which is not nearly enough space for all of the families living in the tents. Therefore, new construction of homes will begin this Fall at Lambi Village II. A willingness to serve is the only expertise needed to serve on a construction team. Every team needs those who can support with clean-up, and whatever task comes their way. Skilled workers are also welcome: Carpenters, metal workers, welders, plumbers, electricians and general construction workers are needed to use their skills as they work.

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NEEDED: More doctors, nurses, dentists and other health professionals are needed to join with their Haitian counterparts to serve critical health needs.

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alongside the villagers. Please join one of our upcoming construction teams. Our partner in Haiti: Grace Fuller Center Haiti.

SERVICE-LEARNING MISSIONS:

Lott Carey provides educational opportunities for college teams in our summer study abroad program. The goal of this program is to partner students and professionals from U.S. colleges with service-learning opportunities in developing countries such as Haiti. We work with college or university professors to customize for-credit programs in the desired area of study. Participants will spend up to three weeks aiding school children with learning the English language, volunteering at a boys’ and girls’ home, and assisting with the construction of Lambi Village. This program offers an exceptional opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Haitian culture and engage in meaningful service learning activities.

In 2012, a team of nursing students received hands-on training from their professors and other medical professionals at a mobile clinic in Grand Goave, Haiti. In 2013, a team of psychology students and their professor were able to practice their clinical skills in post-traumatic stress disorder (PSTD) during individual and group sessions with high school students in Carrefour, Haiti.

Opportunities to learn and serve are available with any of Lott Carey partner organizations.

WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT:

“Short-term missions for the long haul” requires a strategy to meet the needs of the people they serve through evangelism, compassion, advocacy, and empowerment.

Once upon a time when Lott Carey teams traveled to Haiti they would take suitcases of donations, such as toiletries, clothing, shoes, toys, beads, and looping kits. Most donations were given to people we ended up working closely with. The rest were separated and distributed throughout the village. Many of the gifts were resold for cash so that families could cover expenses.

Since the implementation of the Lambi Empowerment Program, tangible donations are provided to women who are eager to launch a business. Women are selected from the waiting list for Lambi’s Empowerment Program. They are trained on ways to market their goods or services and monitored for success. Lott Carey’s team donations empower a mother and or widow to make money to feed her family. It is important to create opportunities for the women (who are often the heads of household) to gain skills and confidence to become sustainable. When you walk through Lambi today, you will see women selling ice and soda, food and vegetables, braiding hair, washing clothes for their neighbors—and more.

Our teams decided to stop hosting the “Community Feast” (which lasted only a couple of hours) but instead chose to give the hundreds of dollars normally spent on the feast to the electricity project. That’s empowerment. With electricity, some of the women are using irons to press clothes, running household appliances for their bakery and catering businesses, freezing ice and making sodas cold to sell.

A successful short-term missions (STM) assignment is one that brings about a long-term commitment to God’s purpose in the lives of those in need. When Lott Carey teams come to Lambi with donations, when they spend time in Bible study, and when they teach the women a skill such as jewelry making, sewing and knitting, they are helping to build skills to sustain lives for the future.

Report Submitted
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WELCOMING: Tiny ambassadors greet Lott Carey missionaries to Lambi Village. As you can see, they were ready to play.

Photo: Mike Tucker
Spring Creek Shows More Love for Haiti

Photo Essay by Kathi L. Reid, Lott Carey

They’re back! A missionary team from Spring Creek Baptist Church in Moseley, Virginia, came to work, witness and spread love. The group was led by co-pastors Rev. Dr. Jacqueline E. Madison-McCreary and Rev. Dr. Micah L. Madison-McCreary.

SPLASH: Village baby enjoying bath.

TEACHING: Young missionary from Kentucky with new friends.

CUTTING: A village tailor works with fabric.
GATHERING: Spring Creek Team takes time to enjoy the Haitian countryside and the fellowship that is a natural part of missions work.

DIGGING: Sis. Makeda Madison-McCreary, the pastors’ daughter, moves earth, left, while below, Sis. Robyn Liverpool inspects work area.

CARRYING: Sis. Robyn Liverpool and Pastor Jacqueline Madison-McCreary with steel fittings for foundations of homes.
FRIENDING: James, a security officer, above, is flanked by Eric Wells, left, and Derrick “JR” Wells; below, two boys play with wheelbarrow.

COMPUTING: Rev. Lawrence O’Neal talks tech.

POSEING: Young village mom shows off her son in his cool outfit.
POWERLIFTING:
Pastor Micah Madison-McCreary getting it done.

LEARNING: Dr. Tiffany Randall teaches English to a group of Haitians.

FLOURISHING:
New blooms signal growth of community as new homes are built.
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

LEESBURG COMMUNITY CHURCH DISPATCHES HEALING MISSIONS TO JAMAICA . . .

NO PROBLEM, MON!

Cindy Rumsey, a registered nurse who attends Leesburg Community Church in Virginia, led her first mission trip recently—a medical sojourn to Jamaica. She says the experience was almost indescribable.

“The work helps them see Christ through you,” says Rumsey, who also was a member of the church’s 2013 medical mission. “It blesses your heart . . . and a couple of times brought me to tears.”

Ms. Rumsey and her group, including doctors, nurses, a physician’s assistant and support volunteers, did herculean work to make the mission successful—before, during and after. They:

• Saw more than 450 patients in three and a half-days in a clinic in St. Mary’s Parish;
• Provided 31 different types of medication;
• Sent more than 400 hygiene kits with toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and shampoo;
• Provided fluoride treatments to 100 children; and
• Fitted youngsters and older adults with reading glasses.

“There are so many things that need to be done. You don’t have to have a degree to touch the hearts of people,” says Ms. Rumsey. “Just being there, taking their hand, hugging them lets them know they’re not outcasts or held in low-esteem in the heart of God. They can see God working through us, touching them. They’ll know there is a hope and there is a reason to continue and to push through.”

Pastor Stanford:
“Tourists see the country, but they seldom get to know the local people and really experience their culture.”

Right: A young boy smiles as he tries out his new eyeglasses fit by nurse Cindy Rumsey.
**Leesburg Practices What the Lord Preaches in Global Missions**

“We believe in the Great Commission and the Great Commandment”

Lott Carey Herald wanted to know more about the Leesburg Community Church (LCC) in Loudoun County, Virginia, and its perspective on missions and collaboration with Lott Carey. The church motto—“A Baptist Heritage, A Heart for All”—serves well as its mission work spreads globally. Here are excerpts from a recent interview with the Senior Pastor, Rev. Alan D. Stanford, Ph.D.:

How would you describe your church in terms of mission work—activist, doing what’s expected? What are your thoughts on mission work and its place in a believer’s walk with Christ? Have you participated in missions?

In the summer of 1976, I served in the Public Schools teaching English in Yekepa, Liberia, West Africa. The year before I had spoken on college campuses in Malaysia for the International Mission Board. Those two college mission experiences changed the direction of my life and ministry. From that point on there has been a mission focus in everything I do and regular participation by my wife and me in the missions of our church. This becomes a part of the DNA of the churches I pastor. An outwardly focused church is a healthy church and one that God blesses. At LCC, we directly support, financially, missionaries and mission work around the world, and give to missions done by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), and Lott Carey. We work to involve all of our members in missions here at home or abroad because we believe it is essential to their growth as Christians. We have just registered Hope’s Kitchen as an auxiliary of the church with the State of Virginia and are beginning Loudoun

**MISSION CENTRAL:**
Leesburg Community Church in Loudoun County, Virginia, sends missionaries all over the world, including this medical mission to Jamaica—from the left: Dr. Keith Belote, Regina Barnett, LPN; Jaime Jones, PA; Cindy Runsey, RN; Debbie Voltz, RN; Margaret Holliday, Melanie Haines, Yim Belote, RN; and Dr. Larry Belote.

“The work helps them see Christ through you.”

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County’s only soup kitchen. This church founded the jail ministry in Loudoun County and continues to provide the majority of its leadership. We have a group of 30 in Appalachia right now repairing houses and ministering to people. We have a group of 15 leaving soon to do Youth Camp and Children’s Bible School among the gypsies in Romania. We are mission activists because we believe in the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

How do you feel when members of your flock take time, provide resources and unselfishly go overseas to help heal someone or build a home?

We encourage people to give their time and money to mission projects at home and abroad. We have discovered they grow as Christians. We actually see them giving more to the local church than they ever have. They also become more interested in serving at the church because they understand we need a strong home base from which to minister.

Besides Jamaica, what other countries have Leesburg missionaries visited or plan to visit?

Our largest mission partnership right now is our five-year Romania Partnership. Next year is our last year of that partnership. In addition to what people have spent to pay their own way to go, over $300,000 has been contributed to build churches, preschools and do on-going ministry. LCC has sent a team of men to lead in the planning and building of an education building for a church in Santiago de Cuba. For a number of years we sent medical teams to Mexican border towns as well as youth mission groups to work with children, teens, and young adults. We have sent people to Haiti, India, Zimbabwe, Guatemala and a DC-10 jet loaded with food and medicine to Russia. This Fall an exploratory group will go to Cambodia and another group possibly to Tanzania or Kenya to determine our next five-year primary mission partnership.

Dr. David Goatley of Lott Carey believes there’s power in collab-
oration? What do you think that power is, and has the partnership with Lott Carey been all you expected? What's been the best thing you've experienced about collaborating with Lott Carey and/or others?

My great respect for Dr. Goatley, combined with the long-term mission effectiveness of Lott Carey, is what led our church to partner with Lott Carey in Jamaica. Some might find it odd for a mostly white church to partner with an historically African-American mission organization, but whenever we are going to enter any new area for mission work, we want to find those organizations who have great networks on the ground already. We don't want to reinvent the wheel or make local cultural mistakes that can damage the work we are coming to do. We want to truly be in partnership with those we are serving. Lott Carey helped us short cut a lot of the government red tape associated with getting our doctors certified by the Jamaican Health Ministry. The assistance of Lott Carey staff in making local arrangements and connecting us with great local leaders for us to minister alongside cut the learning curve in half and helped eliminate a lot of the local suspicion that comes from an unknown group of people of another race and nationality showing up to “help.” If Lott Carey said we were “OK” then they accepted us as those who came not to instruct or control, but to serve. We would recommend Lott Carey to any church looking for help in effective short-term missions.

The presence of missionaries brings restoration, some sort of transformation. Cindy Rumsey, a nurse who led a recent medical mission to Jamaica, told me that folks on mission trips also received something, something almost indescribable.

I believe that those who go on mission trips always receive as much, or more, as those they go to minister among. There is God’s blessing, of course, on their gift of time, energy, and resources. But there is also the gift of love and appreciation from the local people. Anyone’s life is enriched and challenged by relating to other cultures. Christians in poor countries often are rich in faith, though they may be poor in material things. The joy of many in other countries who have so little challenges us to appreciate more what we do have and to realize that the most important things in life aren’t things. Mission trips make us better people and better Christians.

What are your missionary plans for 2014-15?

We plan on returning to Jamaica and Romania and launching out to Cambodia and either Tanzania or Kenya.

What do you tell church members who are uncertain about going on a mission?

I always emphasize they are missing out on one of life’s most wonderful experiences. Tourists see the country, but they seldom get to know the local people and really experience their culture. Going on a mission enlarges your heart and your faith.

Story & Interview
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MOBILIZE FOR MISSIONS

1st Annual Lott Carey Mobile Give Campaign – October 2014
This inaugural event will be a month-long rally to raise support for missions around the world. Lott Carey has been a faithful partner in twenty-seven (27) countries through the generous support of our network of churches. To grow our work and continue to extend the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, we need your help! With the support of Lott Carey Churches, members can share a gift of $10 through their mobile phones for missions.

Let’s Mobilize for Missions!
Our goal is to raise $100,000 for missions during the month of October. By hosting a Lott Carey Mobile Give Event, your church will help increase our impact around the world. For more information, contact Rev. Dawn Sanders at dsanders@lottcarey.org or 202.543.3200, ext. 13.

To achieve this goal, Churches large and small can host an event in three easy steps:

STEP I - Designate a Representative – Select a representative to serve as a point of contact to receive Mobile Give instructions and technical support from Lott Carey.
STEP II - Select the Day of Your Event – Designate a day for your event and then register at the 117th Lott Carey Annual Session (Visit the Mobile Give Registration Table) or online at www.lottcarey.org/supporting-short-term-missions
STEP III - Promote & Host Your Event – Raise support for missions by promoting your Mobile Give Event throughout the month of October and host your event.

DISCLAIMER:
A one-time donation of $10.00 will be added to your mobile phone bill or deducted from your prepaid balance. Donor must be age 18+ and all donations must be authorized by the account holder (e.g., parents). By texting YES, the user agrees to the terms and conditions. All charges are billed by and payable to your mobile service provider. Service is available on most carriers. Donations are collected for the benefit of “Lott Carey” by the Mobile Giving Foundation and subject to the terms found at www.hmgf.org/1. Message & Data Rates May Apply. You can unsubscribe at any time by texting STOP to the original short code; text HELP for help. Privacy Policy.”
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Medical Missionaries Serve at Mission School in Liberia

Canaan Christian Church Trio Defines Spirit of Service

Two incredible things happened when a trio of health professionals embarked on a mission to West Africa. The first was that more than 300 patients were examined during a three-day clinic in Liberia. The second was that their work abroad inspired folks back at their home church to get more involved with missions, just as Dr. Walter Malone, Jr., predicted.

"The medical missions trip was a great opportunity to raise the consciousness of the congregation about missions work," says Dr. Malone, Pastor and Founder of Canaan Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky, which sponsored the trip. "The three came back so overjoyed that they had an opportunity to share."

The team of one doctor and two nurses says the November 2013 trip to Monrovia, Liberia, and the clinics they
HEALING: Alice with tumor that caused seizures. She was brought to the U.S. for surgery and continues to recover and sends the medical teams pictures with her new look.

Visit to Medical Missions Team Changes Life for Child With Tumor

By all accounts, Alice Sammy is a smart nine-year-old Liberian girl with a winning personality. But the congenital tumor that sat between her eyes was large and causing seizures. Rev. Emile D.E. Sam-Peel, Superintendent of Lott Carey Mission School in Brewerville and Bopolu, heard about the girl’s condition and brought her to the missions clinic, where she was examined and things started happening.

Through contacts, prayers and sponsorships, Alice and her grandmother were brought to the U.S. for treatment. Alice successfully underwent surgery in Columbus, Georgia, last March and is now back home doing well. She graduated from kindergarten recently and will attend first grade this fall at Graystone Community School in Brewerville. Alice keeps in touch with the medical team, sending pictures that show off her new look.

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held (including an unscheduled two-day event with 75 patients) were an amazing journey emotionally, physically, spiritually . . . and incredibly humbling.

“One patient told me, ‘Don’t cry for us. We may not have material things but we have God. I have faith and I believe God sent you here for us,’ ” says Jessica Dowe, MD, who also earned a doctorate in pharmacology and an MBA in health care administration. “I just let God use me. Often, I just put my hand on an ailment and, in their belief, the patient would say, ‘Thank you. I feel better already.’ ”

Junise Swanson, RN, says of her first missions assignment: “I feel like I did something in my life that was useful, and I was glad to be there to help out. I wish I could have done more and stayed longer.”

Gina Bowling, RN, says that despite the challenges of seeing so many patients and the critical need for more medication and medical personnel, the trip was fulfilling. One of her favorite moments was treating a 65-year-old woman who walked miles to get to the clinic.

“Her blood sugar was 560,” Nurse Bowling recalls. “We were able to give her medicine and a glucometer. The next day she returned with a blood sugar in the 200s. The woman was so grateful, we both started praising God.”

Dr. Jessica Dowe, who has been on missions to Jamaica as well, agreed that the Liberia mission was spiritually rewarding.

“I had no idea what we were getting into. When we drove up, there were already about a dozen people waiting. Word had gotten out,” Dr. Dowe says.

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With First Mission Complete, Nurse Looks for More Chances to Serve

Liberia marked a first for nurse Junise Swanson: It was her first missions trip. As part of a three-member medical team from Canaan Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, she came home from Liberia with unique perspectives and a new goal. Excerpts from her interview with the Lott Carey Herald:

Why did you agree to go to Liberia?
I’ve always had a desire to go to different parts of the world—to find out about the culture. But I also wanted to help. I was excited and felt I could do some good.

Did your training help you with the health issues you saw there?
As a nurse, I’m trained to pick up on verbal cues and nonverbal cues from patients. I know how to do a quick assessment of the body, and I’ve been trained to know what to look for. I knew they were in poor health.

Can you remember some of your favorite moments?
We had people coming from all over once they heard Americans were there providing health care. But my favorite patients were the children. They were so well-mannered and so friendly and so sweet. Many would come in, and there would be nothing wrong. They just want to get a good look at us and talk to us.

PRAYING: Nurse Junise Swanson pauses for prayer during exam.

What health issues stood out?
High blood pressure was out of control. There were also dental issues and diabetes. A lot of that is from poor diet.

Is that the result of poverty or bad habits?
It’s a combination. I think it’s a lack of education on what to eat and what not to eat. They could be taught to make better choices. But then, there’s the lack of access to medication. They may have been diagnosed, but they have no money or access to get the medicine.

Any plans for future missions?
I really want to get on a Mercy Ship that takes healthcare professionals around the world. I’ve done some research. That’s the next thing I want to do.

PREPARING:
Canaan members help assemble medication needed for medical mission to Liberia.

PACKING:
Medications for the mission were donated by Brother’s Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and purchased at a discount through Blessings International of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

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“We let God use us where He needed us.

Says Nurse Bowling, who has been on missions to Ecuador: “The one powerful feeling I felt during the missions trip was God’s omnipresence and being a provider for all those in need throughout the world.”

Pastor Malone, whose latest book is The Freedom to Be: A Journey Into Spiritual Formation, says missions is an essential part of a believer’s life.

“For believers, serving on missions allows Biblical revelation to come alive in their lives. It is one thing to read the Book of Acts or about Paul’s missionary challenges. But when you go on missions, it becomes applied Christianity.”

He also believes churches and other organizations forming partnerships is the right model for success.

“Ther’s power in collaboration, and when it comes to missions, it’s needed and speaks to our spiritual maturity. We can’t do it alone. We need partnership, and I commend Lott Carey for the quality of its work and the focus it has on missions.”

Medical Team Encourages More Missions Participation

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations . . .

—Matthew 28:19

Here’s advice about serving on missions from the three-member medical missions team that went to Liberia:

“I would say to health professionals: Pray for God to use the gifts and talents He grace you with to heal the land of illness.”

—Gina A. Bowling, RN

“There’s nothing like it. It will change your whole perspective. It is about being available and caring for people.”

—Jessica Dowe, MD

“We don’t realize how blessed we are to live in this country. Every American needs to go see what the rest of the world is going through.”

—Junise Swanson, RN
A DIVINE ASSIGNMENT

The Missiology of Wendell Clay Somerville

by David Emmanuel Goatley
foreword by Bill J. Leonard

A Divine Assignment: The Missiology of Wendell Clay Somerville is an analysis of the life, work, philosophy, and theology of Wendell Somerville. Somerville, an African American who made a substantial impact during a time of racial tension in the United States, led the work of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention for over fifty years and strove for a great global missions ministry. Learn and be enlightened as author and Executive Secretary-Treasurer for Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, David Emmanuel Goatley, takes you into the insights Wendell Somerville had about the missional church, his understanding of the missional life, and his missional strategy for the world. Read about the changing nature of global mission theory and practice from the beginning of WWII to the twenty-first century.

ENDORSEMENT

"Through winnowing the sermons and reports of his venerable predecessor at the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, David Emmanuel Goatley offers a remarkable tribute to the missiology of Wendell Clay Somerville. Faithful in his interpretation and execution of the Great Commission, Somerville had global sensitivities that transcended any parochial understanding of the impact of the Black Church. Indeed, he believed God had entrusted the “Divine Assignment” (the privilege of proclaiming and living the Gospel for the whole world) to those who knew both oppression and the transforming power of Jesus Christ. The enduring witness and reach of the convention he served so long and so well gives testimony to his focused theology and implementation of mission. Goatley rightly discerns that there is great wisdom to be gleaned from his forebear and, in humility and appreciation, commends his prophetic missional practice.”

-Molly T. Marshall, Ph.D., President and Professor of Theology and Spiritual Formation, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee Kansas

David Emmanuel Goatley is Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, a premier international Christian missions agency of African American Baptist heritage. A graduate of the University of Louisville and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Goatley is a former pastor and professor, author of Were You There?: Godforsakeness in Slave Religion and editor of Black Religion, Black Theology: The Collected Essays of J. Deotis Roberts.
More than a decade after its end, the scars from Liberia’s paralyzing 14-year civil war remain visible as its people try to heal. Today, the government is working to rebuild the infrastructure that was destroyed; large parts of Liberia do not have roads and millions of people are living without basic access to water, health care or electricity. But ask any Liberian what is needed most and the answer is the same—education.

The Lott Carey Schools have provided a high quality education in Liberia since 1908. They have truly made a difference in the lives of many children, families, the Brewerville community, and, since 1936, in the Bopolu community. They value their heritage as a Christian institution of learning while focusing on academic excellence.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve on two short-term mission assignments to the Lott Carey Mission School in Brewerville, Liberia, in West Africa in 2011 and 2012. It was such a privilege to provide professional development training to these dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff. They work faithfully despite many challenges, including a lack of student textbooks, teachers’ manuals, current teacher resources, library materials and classroom equipment.

The deep commitment of the teachers and staff to create a learning environment for their students to grow and achieve the best education possible was exciting. Their eagerness to learn new strategies and techniques, was inspiring, especially in using what they had in new ways.

My heart was overjoyed to witness the students’ excitement, enthusiasm and dedication to learning. They have big dreams of making a difference in their communities and country. The students are so appreciative of the opportunity to be in school. They told me “the Lott Carey school is the best school in Liberia.” They are proud students and they remind me of this quote from Marian Wright Edelman: “Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

The greatest gift of all to the students is the faith formation experiences provided through daily morning devotions, vespers, Bible clubs and weekly Bible study classes. Students are given a Christian foundation to build on with academic learning.

Since returning home, I continue to share the work we are doing and recruit more supporters of our great work in Liberia, especially through our Liberia 365 program. I hope you will join me. Our prayers and support will help them to continue to make a difference through Christ in Liberia.

Barbara T. Crump is a Project Coordinator for Lott Carey.
Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley of Lott Carey recently chatted with Pastor Cornelius Wheeler of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., about Short-Term Missions. Excerpts:

Dr. Goatley: What impressed you most about your short-term missions assignment to Zimbabwe in January 2014?

Pastor Wheeler: The planning and the execution of the actual mission gave us an opportunity to cut across the froufrou and have a hands-on experience with the Zimbabwean people. We got a chance to see a broad spectrum of life in Zimbabwe—urban, rural and anything in between. Dr. Henry Mugabe, Lott Carey’s Country Leader in Zimbabwe, was an excellent host; his style is genuine and honest and that allowed us to witness life in reality.

Dr. Goatley: What impressed you most about the people of Zimbabwe?

Pastor Wheeler: I was most impressed by the camaraderie and teamwork of the Zimbabwean people. The churches seemed to work in concert to remedy the multiplicity of ills in their society. It reminded me much of the sense of neighborly interaction that existed in the African American community before the lure of integrating into the mainstream of society took place. Additionally, the attitude of going forward, regardless of the negativism brought on by unemployment, disease and social stratification, was especially notable. The people we met are a proud people whose allegiance to their culture and history was a true and authentic part of who they are.

FELLOWSHIP: Pastors met people proud of their culture.

DOSSIER: ZIMBABWE

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Pastor Cornelius Wheeler: “The people we met are a proud people whose allegiance to their culture and history was a true and authentic part of who they are.”
but they want to move forward as Zimbabweans, not what Europe and America want to make them.

Dr. Goatley: What about the churches and the Zimbabwe Theological Seminary?

Pastor Wheeler: The presence of joy and hope almost scared me in the churches we visited at Monomotapa Baptist Church (where I served) and at the Seminary. Our capitalist culture seems to put a damper on the spirits of those who are not immediately blessed, but the spirit of the Zimbabweans seemed not to be depressed. They were enthusiastic about the promise and the “new mercies” that life in the Kingdom delivered. The Seminary had an aggressive aura; they were eager to deliver the message of hope to any and all that came into their presence—even us.

Dr. Goatley: I heard you’re researching a number of options to further your church’s involvement in Zimbabwe. Care to share what you’re thinking about?

Pastor Wheeler: With unemployment so high and opportunities so scarce, many Zimbabweans live off less than we Americans waste. There has to be a path to entrepreneurship that can inject needed dollars into the lives of our sisters and brothers.

Dr. Goatley: And you were thinking . . .

Pastor Wheeler: Sooo . . . I wonder what would happen if we, as I saw in one church outside Harare, underwrote the initiation of a chicken farm.

Dr. Goatley: That church has started operating a chicken farm. Lott Carey is helping—fresh organically grown chickens.

Pastor Wheeler: It puts an immediate end to some of the hunger problems in some communities. And because chickens are sellable commodities, the project could provide jobs, dollars and hope. Chickens reproduce; so next year’s supply is already taken care of, in large part, by this year’s chickens.

Dr. Goatley: Sounds like you’ve given this a lot of thought.

Pastor Wheeler: I’m still doing some research, but we can make a difference. If just 100 people gave two dollars extra per week to the Foreign Mission Fund, that would be $800 per week. That’s more than $40,000 annually to a struggling community. And it can be done with two dollars per week—less than a Big Mac or a Starbucks coffee.
WEIGHT OF THE WORLD:
More than 300,000 Haitians are still living in camps years after the 2010 earthquake but as Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley of Lott Carey promises, “We will never quit on Haiti.” Updates begin on Page 12. Photos Essay begins on Page 16.

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