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PASTOR YVES PROPHETE - CELEBRATING OVER 20 YEARS SERVING IN HAITI

In the 1960's, a barefoot boy ran through the dusty streets of Thomassique, in Central Haiti. When he was born, he had a 19% chance of dying by his first birthday and the life expectancy of his neighbors was only 41 years.

Despite this inauspicious start, he not only survived disease, but two violent dictatorships and four coup d'états. The son of a pastor, his father did his best to share Christ above the political fray. He recalls a day when his father gave sanctuary to two members of warring factions in different parts of his house - his father was forced to hide them from each other as well as the mobs outside who wanted one or the other dead.



Pastor Yves Prophete and Samathe in Haiti.

Over time, this boy grew to be a Haitian pastor himself. He navigated the difficult process to be educated in the US, met and married Samathe, a Haitian expat in Canada, and even earned his US citizenship. After enough toil and trials for a lifetime, he had successfully worked his way from one of the poorest countries in the world to one of the richest. He could easily have rested on that accomplishment until the day he died.

But Yves Prophete isn't the kind of man to rest on past achievements.

Throughout the 1990's, Pastor Yves served as the field director for a Haitian ministry that, at the time, focused largely on the capital city of Port-au-Prince. While urban ministry is critical, Pastor Yves also knew first-hand that the rural areas of Haiti are the ones that are the most underserved.

Health outcomes, secular and spiritual education, and access to essentials like clean water are all worse in rural areas. Working in rural areas is also more difficult — supplies are more expensive,

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Tyson Ray and Pastor Yves



2020 FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

2020 has been a year of change and stress for many reasons. One thing that has not changed for the better is the number of people around the world who suffer from food insecurity. Globally, 1 in 7 kids live in a chronic state of malnutrition. Through the OneMeal program, we can help ensure impoverished families have a warm, nutritious meal each day.

Working In conjunction with Kids Around the World and Lakeland Community Church, along with an army of volunteers, we were able

The staggering truth is this: 1 in 7 children in the world suffers from the effects of food insecurity, living in a chronic state of malnutrition.

to package 100,000 meals over three days. We had businesses and families participate in Serv@Home or packaging in person. While being socially distanced and about half the number of volunteers in previous years, it did not take away from the fantastic opportunity it was to serve.

COVID-19 has been globally devastating, and the impact on the third world is incomprehensible. Here in the US, COVID-19 has taken a toll on us, but most of our nation is not living in extreme poverty. The meals that we packaged are making their way to Haiti to meet communities' needs deeply impacted in 2020.

The program is called "OneMeal" because we know that when a child has a reliable source of one meal every day, we can impact that child physically, mentally and emotionally. Food does more than fill a belly. ■

**Source: kidsaroundtheworld.com*

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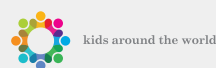
- Staves off the deadly effects of hunger
- Improves brain function and a child's ability to learn in school
- Promotes healthy physical growth and activity
- Helps to break the cycle of poverty by empowering children to learn, grow and become contributing members of their communities
- Alleviates the daily stress and worry of where their next meal will come from
- Allows a child to begin to think and dream about their future

Thank you to FORM Wealth Advisors, Wisconsin Vision Association, and Kunes Country Ford for their continued generosity in supporting this event. They were the Event Sponsors, each donating funds to pay for 20,000 meals. ■

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EMPOWERING THE NEGLECTED – GHANA, AFRICA

Part of CWI's mission is, "... making a significant impact on the lives of the neglected."

In many Sub Saharan African countries, widows constitute a neglected population. These women, many of whom are raising dependent children, are often stripped of land rights, have little access to healthcare and financial opportunities, such as bank loans, and suffer from food insecurity. With little opportunity for financial

gain, the children of these women often go uneducated due to educational fees and the costs associated with school supplies and uniforms. Indeed, they are a neglected population.

For nearly 10 years, CWI has been part of an evolving project in Ghana, Africa, known as UWAID (Ullo Widows Association in Development), whose main goal has been to provide financial independence for widows in the rural community of Ullo and its surrounding villages in the Upper West Region. This past year, a new element to this project has been in full swing - one that provides small micro-loans to women who want to start a new business or further develop an existing entrepreneurial endeavor.

In small groups ranging in size from 5-10 members, women apply for individual loans. In order to qualify for a loan, a woman must have opened an account at the local bank and have saved not

less than 30% of the intended loan amount. The group structure and the amount in savings from each woman is a safeguard against someone defaulting on a loan.

In short, the whole group takes responsibility for each individual member; if one member defaults, the rest of the members are

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In much of Africa, marriage is the sole basis for women's access to social and economic rights, and these are lost upon widowhood.





In response to the impact Covid-19 has been having within Walworth County, the Feed the Need project was born. By joining together as a community, Feed the Need's goal is to help our healthcare workers fighting on the frontlines, remember our local restaurants as they struggle to remain open, and assist our community reeling from lost jobs.

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available staff is less educated, and it is more difficult to bring volunteers to your base of operations. In 2000, the unpaved drive from the closest airport to Thomassique could easily take 8 hours. Internet and other forms of long-distance communication were inaccessible and "guest accommodations" were usually makeshift tents.

Despite these formidable obstacles, Pastor Yves nurtured a profound burden for rural Haitians. God used a chance encounter in Boston with a fellow Haitian expat named Yvon Selin to reveal that they both had the same vision for what would become Global Vision Citadelle Ministry's church-centric, rural-focused ministry model. With that ambition, they co-founded GVCM in the year 2000 and launched ministry with five rural churches and a plan to "plant new churches, partner to strengthen existing

churches, and equip church leaders for service."

Over the past two decades, and especially since the catastrophic earthquake of 2010, opportunities and needs shaped the path of the ministry. A plan to establish a tourist guest house and headquarters near the Citadelle was halted in favor of accepting responsibility for a group of recently displaced orphans at the site of their current headquarters. CWI built the Joshua building for the orphanage and the Amos School and a cafeteria building for GVCM. GVCM currently provides a home for about 130 children, varying in age from toddlers to young adults.

After a few years, Yvon decided that he preferred pastoring to directing operations, and he stepped away from GVCM's expanding ministry

The initial effort in April and May of 2020 went towards buying meals from local restaurants to feed healthcare workers serving Mercy Hospital Walworth and Aurora Lakeland Hospital. The intent was to show gratitude to the frontline workers battling the disease, as well as to help lighten the load of hospital cafeterias so they can focus on patients. By purchasing the meals from local restaurants, much-needed revenue was raised. In addition, CWI donated \$5,000 to the Walworth County Food Pantry to help them stock their shelves as the needs continued to rise.

Over the summer, the situation reached a more stabilized point for our hospitals. However, as we head into the winter months, COVID-19 is on the rise and hospitals are again under stress. The Feed the Need program is being reactivated and donations are welcome. Together we will provide meals, keep jobs and offer hope. Stay safe. ■

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to lead a church; Pastor Yves took over as executive director to keep the ministry on track.

Through the continued partnership with Pastor Yves and GVCM, CWI has sent five medical missionary teams to Haiti, providing care and comfort, as well as education and support, to hundreds of local residents.

In 2018, again working in correlation with Pastor Yves, CWI built a medical clinic in Mirebalais, a nearby town with 130,000 people. Three doctors staff and treat around 1,000 patients a month. They provide quality medical care, as well as a pharmacy and lab services, charging a nominal fee, but only if the patient can afford it. Donations to the clinic provide for most of the costs of operating the clinic.

Many ideas have come and gone, many needs have arisen and been filled, but the vision has always stayed the same. The power of

the gospel and the local church to meet the needs of the rural poor has stayed central to everything Pastor Yves does. **GVCM now supports 70 churches, 24 schools, an orphanage, a health clinic, and numerous other projects to bring the hope and wellness to the darkest parts of Haiti.**

What also needs to be said is that Pastor Yves has done all of this in Haiti while his wife has been living and working as a nurse in the United States. Pastor Yves has said that having a house in Haiti is a chapter in the life of his family that he has been trying to write since 1989, after graduating from Bible college in the US and returning to Haiti to serve the Haitian people.

In the past, as he has tried to raise funds to build a home, some other need always became more urgent. He and his wife often talked about their desire to be together in Haiti one day and not in a one room situation somewhere at somebody's

house or at a missionary compound. They have trusted that the Lord will provide someday.

CWI believes that someday is today. We have made a pledge to construct a home for Pastor Yves and Samathe. Plans have been drawn and, with the proceeds of the 2020 CWI Golf Outing, construction is just beginning. The building will have one level for the family and another to house traveling missionaries and visitors.

Additional funds are still needed. If you are a fellow missionary trip participant, we know you recognize Pastor Yves and the work he has done and continues to do.

You know he is a good and faithful servant. Pastor Yves and Samathe are overjoyed and humbled. We believe this is a project whose time has come. We believe the work of Pastor Yves is not finished and we believe he and Samathe together will continue to accomplish great things for the people of Haiti. Please join us in building a secure and joyous space for their work to be nurtured. ■

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)



Proposed plans for Pastor Yves Prophete and Samathe's home in Haiti



A 2020 GOLF OUTING SUCCESS STORY

For everyone, 2020 has been an eventful and stressful year. The board members of CWI have felt it personally and professionally.

As the beginning plans were being laid for the 2020 Golf Outing – our biggest fundraising event of the year – COVID-19 was starting to make an appearance. Soon everything shut down – including golf courses. With an abundance of caution, the CWI board agreed that we would likely not have a golf outing in 2020. Other avenues would need to be constructed if we were going to fund our current projects.

Then in June, things started to look

better, and possibilities started to emerge. The Geneva National golf course was reopened for socially distanced tee times. Even their restaurants were reopened with limited capacity. And they needed our business as much as we needed an event.

Continuing with an abundance of caution, we sent out the invitations to the 2020 CWI Annual Golf Outing and folks responded. The outing was held on August 17 with a few adjustments to our normal routine. We had scheduled tee times instead of a full-course shotgun start. We did not have a group meal but provided food tickets for golfers to choose their own sustenance. We had masks and

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hand sanitizer everywhere. **And – with gratitude to our tremendous supporters - we raised \$20,000.**

These funds have been dedicated to building a home and mission center for the executive director of GVCN in Haiti, Pastor Yves Prophete and his family. You can read more about this project in this newsletter.

This year's golf outing turned out to be a great event with over 70 golfers in attendance and absolutely gorgeous weather. Even behind their masks, everyone was all smiles. Community and sponsor support was strong and graciously appreciated. We give a special thank you to our corporate sponsors for their generosity.

Tyson Ray, CFP® and FORM Wealth Advisors continue their support of the Children's World Impact Foundation. After completing the round of golf, Tyson greeted guests and shared an overview of the current projects and showed the immediate impact of the golf outing proceeds at work. Overall, it was a terrific – and safe - day of fun, fellowship and philanthropy. Please save the date and plan to join us in 2021. ■

"I believe every human is hardwired to care for others. I know no greater satisfaction than improving the lives of widows and orphans. I desire everyone to know how it feels to be a part of this impact we are making at CWI."

Tyson Ray



Widow tilling her crops

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responsible for repayment of the loan. The local bank is supplying a lower interest rate to these women than would normally be charged. While the bank charges transfer fees, the interest payments go into an account for UWAID. It is a win-win situation. The bank is developing many new investors that would normally never have access to banking services, and UWAID is developing a new source of income!

In March, we received notification that 39 women in 5 subgroups were approved and received their first loans.

The loans ranged in amount from \$40 – \$80. Most of the women are pursuing small businesses like food vending, pito brewing (a local fermented beverage), and other

trade endeavors that take place at local markets. Two of these groups have already paid off their loan amount. Five other groups, consisting of a total of 26 women, were approved for loans this fall to assist in farming, which can only take place during the rainy season in northern Ghana. We look forward to receiving information on these women in the very near future.

Many thanks go out to Felix Bongnea, the brother of our late friend, Bosco Bongnea, who took over the reigns of this project upon Bosco's death. Without his hard work and connections he has made with the local bank in Ullor, this micro-loan project would be impossible. We are so thrilled with the successful kickoff, and look forward to continued opportunities of empowerment for the widows in and around Ullor! ■



2021 INTENTIONS – WITH YOUR HELP

With 2020 closing out, we look ahead into the new year with renewed committed to our mission of breaking the cycle of poverty and making a significant difference in the lives of widows, orphans and the neglected. The need has not diminished – we feel called to be in service to people in every corner of the globe who need such support.

Our specific intentions for 2021 include:

- Continuing to build infrastructure and homes in Haiti for missionaries and staff who have no such facility now;
- Continuing and growing the micro-financing loan program in Ghana, Africa for the widows who are now becoming more entrepreneurial;
- Continuing the Food Packaging Event as an annual event, providing food resources for hungry people around the world and for those in Walworth County;
- Continuing the Feed the Need Project for as long as is needed, to support our local

hospital staffs, food industry and food pantry

- And continuing to stay open to opportunities to do more.
- With your generous year-end donations, these goals can be met and the impact will be great.

Please consider CWI and the ability you have to change the world. Thank you for your support.



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OUR MISSION

At Children's World Impact we commit to looking after orphans and widows in their distress, and to make a significant impact on the lives of the neglected.

OUR VISION

Children's World Impact seeks to break the cycle of poverty through care and community development.

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