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Dear Partners,

Seasons Greetings from Joyce, myself, our staff in Haiti and in the USA. Christmas season has arrived and many are making plans to be with family and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. This is a special time of the year. What a savior we have!

This past year has been a very different year for IMO here in Haiti. We have seen so many pull together and help out when the disaster of the earthquake hit us last January. We had the joy of helping so many hundreds of thousands of people who were left homeless and without food and clothing. Now we are helping to rebuild homes, thanks to you who stand with us. Joyce and I want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Without each of you helping in the special way you did, it would not have been possible.

Even with all the problems, we have seen growth in our churches and brush arbor outstations. We have just added 10 out stations. In November we dedicated our 44th new church at Terre Rouge. We just finished a Pastor's Seminar with Pastor Darrell Huffman in November with over 160 pastors attending. Pastor Stewart Farley came and taught in our spring Pastor's Seminar.

The membership in our churches and stations has grown from 113,000 last year to over 150,000 this year. The ministry is expanding everyday. We just started construction on another new church and are making plans now for another new school. Many Churches and buildings that were destroyed by the earthquake have been rebuilt. We continue to have rebuilding programs along with the expansion of the ministry.

We are getting ready for our annual convention in January of 2011, there will be will over 2,500 attending. We bring in people from all of our churches from all over the island and from Gonave. We will be sleeping and feeding 750 people here at the main IMO compound. Pastor Tommy Bates will be joining us and ministering during the convention. We praise God for the increase.

The schools are growing and we really don't have room to put children. There are 5,212 children enrolled in school this year. Only about 1,650 are supported by our child support program. If you would like to get involved in this for \$25 a month, please contact our USA office. This helps provide education, uniforms, food at lunch and minor medical needs that they may have. We have to put tents and tarps outside the existing buildings to make room for all the children.

The Bon Repos project is coming along good. We have the 3600 ft x 10 ft wall just about finished. The electrical entrance service has been completed as we installed 6 - 40 ft electric poles, a 75KV transformer and hung 800 ft of high voltage wire from the main supply line on the road north. This is the location we will build a 5,000 seating capacity church. All around this property are now over 200,000 homeless people are living in tents, under tarps and make shift housing, as they moved out of town after the quake. God has placed us there for such a time as this! We are excited to see what God will do in the lives of those Haitian people. I can see thousands of lives that will be changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord.

In February we will construct 7 more houses in the Boutin project. We also will build 20 x 24 ft parsonage for the pastor at Guibert. Randy Johnson and God's Pit Crew have shipped in the building supplies and will be helping to build these homes.

We thank each of you who have given and prayed for us this year to make all this possible. We have just begun. Still a lot to do, but with God's and your help we will finish the task God has called us to do. We appreciate you for all you do. Thank you for making IMO a part of your giving, I know that many give sacrificially each month. God is faithful and he will reward you for your giving. We pray that God will open the windows of Heaven and pour out blessings upon you that will not be able to contain. That is the way God works. He is so faithful. Joyce and I are witnesses to that over the 35 years we have been in ministry here in Haiti.

We would also like to thank each of you that extended your love and prayers during the loss of our oldest daughter Cindy. We are so grateful for the outpouring of compassion and support that you have shown to us during this difficult time in our family. The family of IMO is a wonderful group of people from all over that form the greatest bond of love for each other. Thank you!

We love you, and you are always in our prayers. Please continue to pray for us.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year. God bless you.

In His Service,  
John Hanson