

Festival Banner



*Partnering with Churches & Ministries
To reach the Unreached by taking the
GOSPEL beyond the church walls*



*"... and behold,
the star which
they had seen
in the East
went before
them, till it
came and stood over
where the young Child
was. When they saw the
star, they rejoiced with
exceedingly great joy."*

Matthew 2:9-1



As we celebrate the birth of our
Savior, may we get as excited as
the Magi with

"Exceedingly Great Joy!"

Does that describe your
Christmas celebration?

~ BREAKING NEWS ~

Just as this newsletter is heading to the publisher, Across Festival's tent is heading to Mayfield, KY. The tent was just in Mayfield in Oct. 2020. This time it will be set up and used as a staging area for multiple types of relief for victims of the devastating storm. Pray for Pastor Chad Lamb, GraceLife church, all volunteers, and of course, the families and victims. Relief funds can be given through Across Festivals. 100% of monies designated for 'Tornado Relief' will go directly to Mayfield.

High Points from Haiti

Life is harder than ever for the people of Haiti. Yet, in spite of the challenges of political and civil unrest, the assassination of their President in July, the large earthquake and tropical storm, and the infrastructure frozen due to lack of fuel, ministry to "come alongside" the Haitians has continued. Mission travel remains closed.

But God ... still has ways to work through His people. It has been exciting to hear reports from the pastors in the

Jacmel region that continue to lead their people. After the earthquake, many partners of Across Festivals contributed funds that enabled our partner pastors to purchase much needed food and supplies for the communities that were hardest hit. Rice in 40-lb bags (could you carry that on your head?) and a gallon oil were distributed to assist families. (See photos on page 3)

The truck purchased last year through special gifts given through Across Festivals is being used in many ways. As Pastor Marc Cloveus said in a Face Book post, it goes out "to build lives, homes and churches!". (continued on pg 4)

YEAR-END GIVING & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

If you wish to make an end of year gift to this ministry via **USPS** please remember it must be postmarked by **Friday, Dec. 31st** in order to be recorded as a 2021 tax-deductible gift.

You may also give **ONLINE** at www.acrossfestivals.org.

A record of all gifts made in 2021 that can be used for tax purposes will be mailed to donors during the month of January 2022. The Across Festival office is always happy to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any question about your gift record.

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From the heart

Over the course of this past year I have seen the power of OBEDIENCE over and over! In the Presence of our Lord and Savior it has been Christmas over and over. **When the world said "STOP", the Lord said "GO!"** When the world said "DON'T", the Lord said "DO!" When the world said "HOLD ONTO", the Lord said "GIVE!" While all of us have faced disappointments and discouragement, **YOU WENT, YOU DID, AND YOU GAVE!** I cannot begin to thank you for praying for Across Festivals and partnering with us here and abroad. I want to thank you for helping us offer the gift of eternal life to literally thousands of people in many areas this year, and I want to thank the Holy Spirit for having drawn hundreds to Himself and granting them this immeasurable gift! Yes, we have many recorded in our files, but we know He has many more recorded in His Lamb's Book of Life. I want to thank you for helping us offer the gift of physical nourishment to the thousands impacted in Haiti this past summer/fall because of the earthquake. I yearn to be there, but know it is not feasible in these times. I am all the more thankful for our partnerships with pastors like Pastor Marc Cloveus and his church, and several other churches who leave everyday activity to do their own Disaster Relief with those in greatest need. Haitian believers know that Jesus is truly **'The Christ of Every Crisis!'** They even planted a new church in the mountains where the earthquake took place and are also building homes for many who were displaced. They are able to do this because when we couldn't go, we could send because of the gifts you gave this year! **We are continuing to send these gifts as needed each month!** Thank you for celebrating Christmas all year

long with us in 2021!!! With you by our side we are making an eternal difference every day!!!

I am also so thankful for the ministry partners the Lord has aligned us with this past year to promote the Kingdom of God and His love. I am thankful for He-Man International coming alongside and ministering here in the states with us this year; for Children's Hope who has one of the greatest ministries in Haiti that we continue to work alongside making a difference there; for Frank Shelton Global working with us in Delaware/Maryland; for Chris McDaniel Ministries who stand strong with us in leading worship wherever we ask them to go; for Ken Freeman Ministries who faithfully stand with sharing the Gospel in so many places; and the vast number of churches who stand with us each year in so many places!!! **Across Festivals has always been, and always will be, "an alongside ministry"** that exists to walk with believers across the globe in sharing **The Message of Hope Alongside Our Ministry Partners** for the purpose of building up the Body of Christ!

So, from Jeanette and I, and our great Board of Directors, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!!! We treasure your partnership with us and pray for each of you regularly and would love to hear from you. We invite you to join us somewhere as we minister! Finally, we speak Jesus over you! We don't know what the future holds, but we know with a certainty who holds the future! Again, Merry Christmas!!!

In Christ Alone,

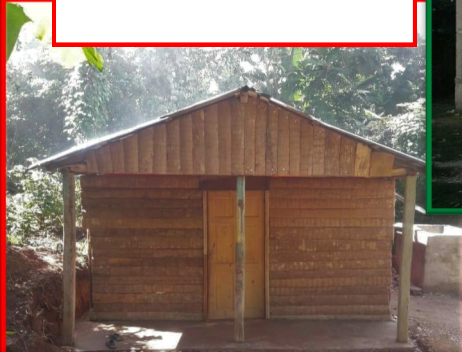
... John



2021 Highlights



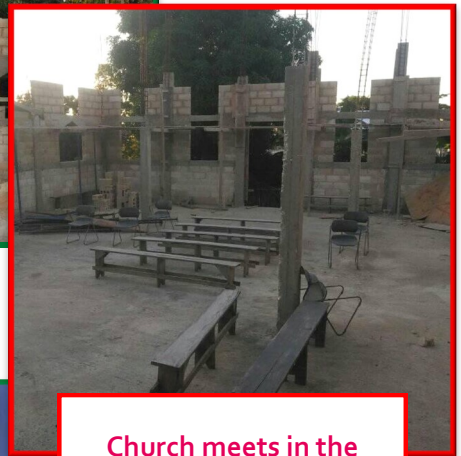
New house in Haiti



Church build in
Lower Bossier, Haiti



Church meets in the
building as it is built



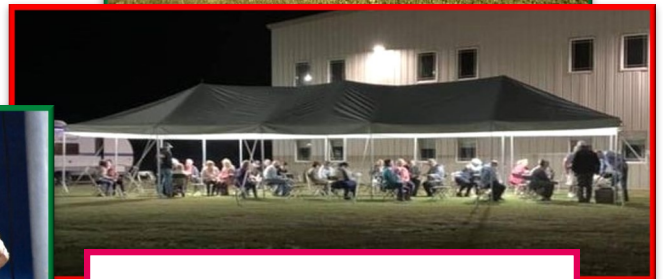
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Field
Frankford,
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Fire in the Field
Cambridge, MD



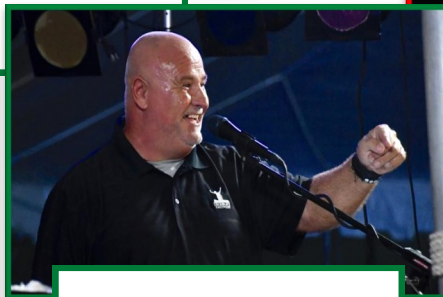
Counseling Tent at Fire in the Field



Frank Shelton



Chris McDaniel



Goats for families



Team Rides to Mtns



Carrying Rice and
Oil home



HIGH POINTS FROM HAITI (continued from page 1)

It is used to carry food and other supplies, even goats, into the mountains. Often it is loaded with a team of people going to villages in the mountains (photo-page3). They go to places where there is no church. They prayer walk in the area for two weeks, take their own food and sleep on the ground or in homes if available. They come home for a couple weeks, then return to do one-on-one evangelism for two weeks. They return again a third time to hold a crusade asking the Lord for a harvest of souls to plant a church. One church was started this way during this time of crisis, and over the past two to three years, six churches have been started by these faithful believers from Christ pour Tous Church. One of those is now building a permanent church house. (photos-page 3)

This same church family has been helping to rebuild many destroyed homes in the mountains. Built from wood they are very nice by Haitian standards. (photo- page 3)

Another ministry the church in Jacmel has started is a Goat Giving program. A goat is given to a family who pays for it by returning 3 baby goats in the future. When the third goat is paid back then the family owns the mother goat. Those baby goats go to other families to become mother goats and then those families pay back 3 baby goats. Then the whole town will eventually have goats. This is a way that strengthens the economy of the families in the mountain churches. (photo-page 3) Notice the goats are being carried in the truck!

Keep praying for the country of Haiti. The needs are great but our God is greater!



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"Little becomes much when you place it in the Master's hands."

ONE OF A THOUSAND



Will you consider being One of A Thousand people giving just once a month? Your \$10, \$20, or any amount gift will make a difference! Together these gifts enable Across Festivals to come alongside people in places that need a gift of love, to hear the story of Christ and His offer of salvation.

You may **mail a check** (designate 1/1000 on memo line) in the envelope enclosed. Additional envelopes will be sent later for monthly giving. **Online giving** is also available at www.acrossfestivals.org using the Donate: 'One of A Thousand' link. To all who have already made this commitment we are very grateful and look forward to the things God will do in the coming year through our gifts.

PRAYER: THE STRATEGY



"Prayer is not a substitute for action.

It is an action for which there is no substitute."

- Salvation of the lost
- Pending events
- Partnering evangelists
- Partnering musicians
- Good health for John/Jeanette
- Safe travels for John and teams
- Haiti partners and people
- Mayfield, KY and other areas affected by storm

CRUSADE NOTES



Space does not allow enough room to tell all the stories of God's work through the crusades in Delaware and Maryland. Here's just a sampling.

Worship leader, Chris McDaniel, told how on the night Frank preached on 'Hell' that a lady on crutches came from the back of the tent during invitation weeping profusely. She said repeatedly, "I don't want to go to Hell. I need to be saved! What do I do?" Chris said, "You need to go to the other tent" as the counselors had already taken a group. She cried out, "I can't afford to wait because I need to be saved now!" Chris just left the platform and sat down and led her to the Lord. They both wept tears of Joy!

One entire family of four walked the aisle to be saved and placed their trust in God.

An athletic coordinator of a FCA group shared that one of her athletes who was saved earlier in the summer brought her family with her and her mother got saved. The coordinator said it had her "jumping off the walls!"

