



Did It Feel Like Christmas?

On Christmas day Frantz was scheduled to conduct the last of a 3 day Bible study in a small church in Haiti. Yes, actually on Christmas day a church had scheduled a long Bible study. December 23rd, 24th and finishing on Christmas day they were going to come together for 4 or 5 hours each day to study the Bible. Frankly, it was amazing to imagine anyone doing this. The world takes a break during Christmas to celebrate at home with family. Who does a long Bible study at this time of year?

However, this and many other holiday programs around Port-de-Paix, Haiti were canceled due to rain, especially heavy rain. Frantz reported 14 people died in his area. Cars and plants and trash were shifted and jammed into muddy piles as flood waters swept through. We'll spare you the photos Frantz sent. Let's just say it didn't feel like Christmas.

Life is hard. The bad news of past, present and future keeps visiting... for Haiti yes, and for all of us.

But the "Feel of Christmas" comes when we get the right focus.
Look at Nehemiah for a moment.

Chapter 8 verse 9 "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep."

verse 10 "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Chapter 9 verse 8 says of God "... you have kept your promise, for you are righteous."

Nehemiah contrasts God's goodness, faithfulness and righteousness with ours.

Chapter 9 verse 16..."But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commands."

Christmas would never rightly feel like Christmas when based on our performance... presumptuous, stiff, and disobedient.

However, based on the righteous work of God, Christmas should not only feel like a celebration but even like a Holy time... just like Nehemiah told Israel to celebrate their festival, because God had made it to be holy.

It was a rough Christmas this year for Haiti and Frantz for sure. But without the Baby Jesus, there is no Christmas. Jesus did come and so we can *feel* Christmas regardless of our temporary situation. The focus is on our Savior.

In lighter news.... Supplies sent to Frantz in August are just now leaving Florida heading for Haiti. We're thinking 3 more weeks to get into Frantz' hands. Supplies sent just last week may actually beat those sent in August.

Brian Winzenried



"WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, COLD AND HEAT, WINTER AND SUMMER, AND DAY AND NIGHT SHALL NOT CEASE." GENESIS 8:22

Frantz remains very active in discipleship with your help.

2024 did not bring us many face to face bible studies as enjoyed in the past years, but many pastors and radio stations regularly called on Frantz to speak a word of Truth.

Your support allows Frantz the freedom to say yes to those requests.

The number of radio stations requesting him have continued to increase all year long. We don't count all the contacts he makes in guest preaching or teaching on Sundays or mid-week revivals... but we do realize we need to multiply Frantz if he is going to keep up.

FM radio is still very big in Haiti and calls from those station managers keep rolling in. One station improved its cell tower location recently letting their signal reach farther. Frantz reported having listeners call in from towns previously out of range.

As if he needs more to do, Frantz is developing radio spots featuring short Bible teaching moments critical to salvation, and daily walking in life. We are just in the development stage so please pray for good results.

God is opening these doors and he is getting it done through Seedtime and its supporters.

If you are so moved, to disciple the Haitian people, please join us.

We would enjoy support in prayer, in finances and with time and talent that helps us get more out of the resources we have.

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