

2008-17

Scott Jester leads yearly (or more) trips to Haiti, building relationships throughout the country. During that time, we held an annual garage sale to raise money for these efforts and sent many teams, including young adult interns through FORM.

2017

Scott and Stacy Jester establish a new non-profit called Empowered International (EI) in Cap-Haitian, Haiti. EI is a 2-year program built to invest in young adults in Haiti in the areas of discipleship and business entrepreneurship.

DECEMBER 2018

Grace Gathering sees the need for a church to support how God is moving through EI, and we buy land in a growing area right next to EI. (Today nearly every neighboring acre has been bought and developed by locals.)

FALL 2021

During Leadership Conference, we revisit our Haitian church plant discussions, addressing the fact of increasing political hostility in southern Haiti, making travel more dangerous. Through communal prayer and discernment, we feel called to pursue this together despite the rising turmoil in the country.

SPRING 2022

Young adults from Empowered International begin a missional community to reach out to their community, hosting weekly meals and prayer.

MAY 2022

For the Sake of Others begins. Half of the vision is to plant a church in Cap-Haitian, Haiti in partnership with our Haitian brothers and sisters.

SUMMER 2022

The building process begins, including a church facility and a parsonage for Pastor Patrice. Patrice, Rosemond, and their 5 kids begin the process of trying to move up north from their home in the Port Au Prince area.

WINTER 2023

Weekly Sunday worship gatherings begin January 7! The walls of the building are up. Two months later, Patrice and Rosemond, along with their kids, make it safely to Cap-Haitian, after around 8 months of trying to travel through gang-run cities and towns.

JUNE 2023

Gangs increase in power in the south, leading to 150 people finding refuge in the church building, which now has a roof and serves as a temporary shelter until the refugees can find work and permanent housing. Over 100 people gather during Sunday services.

SUMMER/FALL 2023

Final phases of construction complete for Phase 1 of the church building plans. This includes a worship center, classrooms, and a parsonage.

WINTER/SPRING 2024

The Church in Haiti sees dozens come to faith and over 20 baptisms within a few months of each other. Smith, a worship leader from southern Haiti, arrives to help support the church and lead worship and prayer.

PROJECTED...

The church is determining how to afford sending the influx of children to a local school or to hire a teacher. Phase 2 of the building project will include a 2nd story to the church building with dorms, helping us host and train other Haitian pastors.



\$325K

half of the total \$650,000 given went to our church plant in Haiti



1 ACRE

size of the church's land



20+ BAPTISMS

in the spring of 2024



150 PEOPLE

who are a part of the church

FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS >

