



Happy New Year Blessings!

Last year was a busy year on the U.S. side as we transitioned from You Have A Choice Ministries, operating out of New York, back to King's Cross Ministries, operating out of Oklahoma. (YHAC still partners with KCM, but KCM oversees the daily operations of our ministry in Haiti.) From starting a new 501c3 from scratch and all the legal things that go along with that, appointing and holding meetings with our new board, re-routing our giving, launching a new website, and trying to communicate these changes effectively, it was a full year. Now that all of that is behind us, we are excited about being able to focus on GROWTH in our ministry this year!

As most of you are aware, we were blessed this past fall with the opportunity to have an American missionary ambassador on the ground with our ministry. Courtney Kilby, who has spent every summer serving in Haiti for the past 21 years, moved down to work with our ministry full time. In this time, she was able to spend time with our leadership: Claudel – our ministry director, Olane - our school principal, and Lamarre – our pastor, to help evaluate the status of KCM and what her role needed to be. What she discovered during her stay in Haiti in the fall was great news! By spending time around our ministry, she was able to see that KCM is functioning very well with the Haitian leadership God has put in place! Praise the Lord! This is the ultimate goal: for the Haitian people to rise up and lead their own people with the financial support that we can provide!

Our school is effectively teaching and feeding 175 children daily. Our church is overflowing (literally) with 150ish weekly attendees while continuing to actively evangelize the community. And we are continuing to provide daily meals for the orphanage we partner with in Titanyen. In doing all of this, we are providing employment for 16 Haitians!

*“Greetings from the field. I returned to Haiti just this week and am so excited to see what all God has in store for King's Cross. It is a blessing to be able to work with them and hopefully lead them into growth this coming year. As many of you know, I spent the fall of 2018 serving in Haiti alongside of our tremendous staff. They do such a great job of leading the organization and keeping everything in order, so much so that I questioned if I was truly needed! Over the past little bit I have been eagerly seeking God's plan for my life. In obedience to Him, I am returning for another round! Please keep the staff and myself in your prayers as we seek every possible way to make this ministry grow for not our glory, but for His! In Him, Courtney Kilby” - January 2019*

### **Here are a few highlights since our last newsletter:**

**School** – Our pass rate for our students for the 2017-2018 school year was 97%! Our school name, logo, and motto were added to the school building for the new school year. This is important to the Haitian people and was done at a minimal cost. Our teachers got raises (legally necessary, but also our desire), signed new contracts, and enjoyed some creative incentives, orchestrated by Courtney, for faithfulness in teaching. With some extra giving in December, we were able to provide a Christmas party for the children. This included meat and plantain in their lunches, a special drink, and small gifts. Also, through some extra giving, our teachers received a Christmas bonus, which is customary in Haiti.

**Church** – There were ten salvations and five baptisms recorded in 2018! Our church participated in an Evangelism Explosion training coinciding with the celebration of its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. They were taught how to be more effective in their evangelism strategies and celebrated with church services and a community meal. There were over 200 people in attendance for this event! The church also brought in the New Year with testimonies of thankfulness to the Lord and a fellowship meal together. The church has outgrown its building. The children meet for “Sunday School” in the school buildings, then sit outside and listen to the church service through the open windows of the church building.

**Orphanage** – Claudel delivers food monthly to the orphanage to make sure the kids are fed. He and Courtney usually visit the kids weekly in order to form relationships with them. Because of some extra giving, we were able to send down new fun, bright colored bed sheets for each of the kids.

Before we get into our goals for growth this year, we wanted to lay a foundation of where we are financially as a ministry. Some of you may wonder how we operate financially...what it costs to run our ministry, how many recurring donors we have, how much is being given, and why we always have extra needs. We wanted to include that information in our newsletter and welcome any correspondence you may have regarding that.

First of all, I want to give a shout out to our amazing treasurers, Austin and Samantha Snow. They have sacrificed A LOT of time getting our financial documentation set up in a very professional way. With the push of a button, we can now produce reports for about anything you would want. I am so grateful for their service to KCM. Our desire is to be good stewards of what is entrusted to us, and tracking/understanding our finances is fundamental in doing this.

Our monthly budget for KCM is roughly \$3,500. A breakdown of this is provided below. (This is very subjective as the exchange rate and the constant fluctuation of cost of goods plays a huge role in this.) This pays teachers'/helpers'/leadership salaries, feeds the kids at the school, provides school supplies, gives the church a small operating budget, pays for gas and vehicle maintenance, feeds the kids at the orphanage, and pays for the house we rent. The house is used as a home for Claudel, Courtney (when she is there), a mission house for any teams that come in, and is gated in order to keep the ministry's vehicles safe. Each month we have about 50 recurring donors who give anywhere from \$10/month-\$100/month, with a couple of donors who give more. As stated in our last newsletter, our recurring donations are actually less than our monthly budget...meaning we are operating on a month to month basis. What comes in is what goes out to take care of our basic monthly needs. There is no surplus. This is why we share extra needs that go above and beyond our monthly needs on our Facebook page. We count on extra giving to be able to take care of the extra needs of the people of Haiti.

### **KCM Monthly Budget**

Salaries for 16 Haitian employees	\$1,500.00
School lunches	\$ 730.00 (3,500 meals = 0.21/meal)
School fund (supplies, tests, etc.)	\$ 75.00
Church fund	\$ 85.00
Drinking water (school)	\$ 40.00
Gas/vehicle maintenance	\$ 430.00
Orphanage food	\$ 150.00
Emergency fund	\$ 200.00
House rental	\$ 250.00 (An AMAZING price!)
Total	\$3,460.00

Courtney raises her own support to fund her expenses while living in Haiti and working with our ministry. Her only compensation from our ministry is her housing, which is already part of our ministry's budget. What a wonderful, sacrificial gift she is providing to KCM and the people of Galgal.

We always want to remind our supporters that 100% of the money our ministry receives (after small banking fees) goes directly to help the people of Haiti. Our American workers are volunteer, and even the money needed for most anything on the state side (mailings, supplies, etc.) is covered by our volunteers. We want you to feel confident that your money is going exactly where you want it to go...to minister to the people of Haiti.

**Now for our goals for GROWTH this year and how YOU can help. We have 3 main goals:**

1. To increase our monthly support to where we are able to meet the monthly needs of our regular budget and can continue to offer an education and daily meals for our students, daily meals for the orphanage, and tools for evangelism and discipleship for the people of Galgal.
2. To build a new multipurpose building to provide classroom and worship space. Our school and church have been in desperate need of more space for awhile now. The same two buildings that were built to hold the original 80 students enrolled are now housing the 175 students enrolled. The church building is being used for classroom space, but it is in need of a new roof. We looked into replacing the roof on the church building but were told that the building itself is in such disrepair that it could not support the new roof. In addition, as stated earlier, the church building is full and overflowing each week for services. So our goal is to build a new "multipurpose building" to accommodate the needs of the school and the church. The goal is to raise money through May or June, then to build over the summer with the new building to be ready by the beginning of the next school year. The amount needed for this project is estimated at \$15,000. There is a building fund set up through our web page. If you would like to give towards this, you can go to [www.kingscrossministries.org](http://www.kingscrossministries.org), select the "Give" tab at the top, and then choose "Building Fund" from the drop down menu. The amount currently in this fund is \$325.
3. To utilize Courtney in helping to bring a bigger presence of the Gospel into the orphanage and our school. Courtney has a heart for investing into the children's lives to make an eternal impact and wants to use her time in Haiti to pour into them spiritually. In addition, for those of you that sponsor children at the school, we want to provide you with updated information on your sponsored children while Courtney is available to do this. We will be updating these over the next few months.

To accomplish these goals, we need your help!

First, perhaps the Lord has blessed you financially, and you're in position to increase your monthly donation to help us meet our monthly budget needs. We surely don't want to make light of the gifts already being given, but sometimes we just get in a pattern and might actually be able to do more if we knew the need and the impact it would make. If you would like to adjust your monthly contribution, just contact us, and we will edit your recurring donation accordingly.

Secondly, help us share KCM with others. When the Lovans first started KCM, our family began supporting this ministry by sponsoring a handful of kids at the school. Now seven years later, nearly 2/3 of our giving comes from people we have shared this ministry with...mainly from our church family, but also personal friends who saw our passion and joined us. I don't say that to pat ourselves on the back. I say that to show the impact that each of us can have by sharing our involvement with and excitement for KCM with others. So we invite you to share KCM with your family, friends, churches, small groups, Sunday School classes, co-workers, business associates, etc. Point people to our website, [www.kingscrossministries.org](http://www.kingscrossministries.org) and our Facebook page, King's Cross Ministries, where we try to post multiple updates each week. For our local supporters, I want to make myself available to come share about KCM with anyone who would like to learn more about our ministry.

Finally, we just want to express our extreme gratitude for each person who supports our ministry through prayer and giving. In an extremely remote area, high in the mountains of Haiti, the community of Galgal is experiencing education, daily meals, and most importantly, the LORD, all because of supporters like you! We aren't one of many ministries supporting this area; we are the only ministry supporting this area. If not for your giving and our relationship with these people, the community of Galgal would be on their own. These are “our people”, “our least of these”. And what we offer them, we offer to the Lord.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:34-40

Serving Him,

Jennifer Brock

President, King's Cross Ministries



New logo for the school building



Pastor Lamarre with church group doing evangelism



Little guy from the orphanage enjoying his new Mario sheets



The church building in need of replacement

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