



# THE VALCINS



At Christmas time, people come to church to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Worship is the focal point of Christmas Eve services and Christmas Day services. We want to share with you about the new worship experience at The Village Church. Many new people are coming to our church and they are excited about our new worship style!

We pray that each of you experience the reality of our living Lord in this Christmas season as we celebrate His birth.

Merry Christmas,

*Gersan and Betty*

## NEW BIRTH AND NEW FORMAT AT THE VILLAGE CHURCH

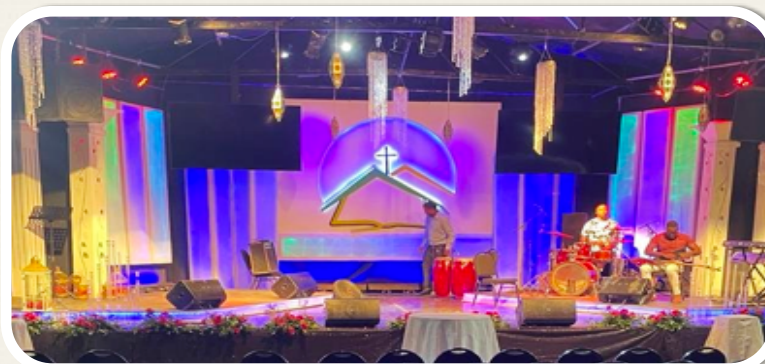
Just as the birth of Jesus was totally new for the shepherds and the angels, so we too have a new format for worshipping at The Village Church in Port-au-Prince!

The Holy Spirit moved in Gersan's heart to plan a more contemporary style of worship. He set the pace by no longer wearing a suit for preaching! A more casual dress with a nice, long sleeve shirt, and dress pants made congregants feel that they too could dress more casually but this change was against long years of tradition for the men of coming to church in a suit!

Secondly, we desired for the congregants to visit more with each other and begin to share their lives, needs and prayer requests with other congregates at church. So once a month, we serve a bowl of traditional Haitian pumpkin soup to those who arrive early before the service begins. Food always entices people to visit! We designed an area within the church building where people could receive the soup and coffee for an engaging time in the foyer of our building.

Next, we have changed some of the songs within our worship venue. We have a lot of young folks are coming to our church so the more contemporary worship songs really appeal to them. We use our lighting on the stage to also help set a more worshipful mood in the room we use as the sanctuary.

At the end of our sermon, we have a time for personal reflection and we invite people to come to the front of the sanctuary. There they can have an intimate time with the Lord or ask Gersan or some of our lay people for prayer. This is new in the Haitian culture as people are normally very reticent to share with others, but they are beginning to enjoy this new spiritual freedom.



## NEW BIRTH AND NEW FORMAT AT THE VILLAGE CHURCH

We are also so excited about our new “Children’s Village”. We painted the rooms and murals on the walls add a special touch, and we bought new chairs for the children to sit in around the tables.



## SPECIAL OUTFITS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Due to the instability and insecurity in Haiti, we have not had a Christmas program in several years. Even though it is still somewhat dangerous to be out at night, we felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to do a Christmas program this year.

We had such a wonderful day with two programs – one in the morning of December 24th and one in the evening of December 24th. Click this [LINK](#) to hear the morning songs and click this [LINK](#) to watch the evening songs . We have an amazing choir director who directed the children’s programs for both services. For the 50 children in the choir, for the morning program, the girls were in white dresses with red sashes and the boys in white shirts with red bow ties!

A lovely outfit of red dresses was worn for the evening program. These are special red dresses that were sewn by Haitian seamstresses, but the fabric was donated for these dresses by a wonderful American church called The Worship Place in Texas. The boys also had a special outfit with white shirts, red suspenders, and matching TWP fabric bow ties!

The children sang in two languages! The song “Angels We Have Heard on High” and “Joy to the World” were sung in French. They also sang a popular Christmas song in Creole. We hope you enjoyed the videos of this beautiful children’s choir and these Christmas songs!



# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



## CHRISTMAS AT JACOB'S WELL

A few years ago we started the Christmas tradition at Jacob's Well. The village is called Ti Guinea in Creole, but because of the camp activities we usually refer to it as Jacob's Well. It was mostly a voodoo place and they did not officially celebrate Christmas.

This year, we were not able to travel to camp because of insecurity around the country, but that did not stop the church to celebrate with all the kids. What is amazing is that they financed their own activities and it was even more beautiful than before. First a big parade formed and the children marched through town to some of the best Christian music to go to Jacob's Well Evangelical Vision Church on the JW campus. Click [LINK](#) to watch a video. They had a Christmas play, and had lots of singing! They ate snacks and exchanged gifts. What an amazing celebration now for Christ!

We are so excited to step aside and watch how the gospel is growing in the village. Our hope is that the next generation will be totally exposed to the gospel. Please pray for the JW ministry and for its stability and sustainability. Early next month we will travel back to camp, to visit and encourage the staff. Thank you for helping us reach kids at JW!



# JOYFUL CHILDREN AT JACOB'S WELL



## Looking Toward the New Year

1. We ask for continuous prayer for the country of Haiti. Since we do not have a stable government and gangs are still controlling Haiti, we believe that prayer and God's intervention is the only thing that will save our country.
2. We continue to pray for more resources for our own finances and our ministry so that we might be able to do everything that we'd like to do in bringing people to Christ.
3. We pray for many more people to come to Christ in this New Year.



## SUPPORTING THE VALCIN'S

Support for the Valcin's, and their various ministries is coordinated through Commission to Every Nation.

Please visit our web site to see how you can provide much appreciated financial support.

[JACOBWELLCAMP.ORG](http://JACOBWELLCAMP.ORG)