



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY



The new roof was erected for the church at Cha Cha Mountain. During the first service, students graduated from a Bible study they attended during the summer. The first service was attended by 170 adults and 155 children.

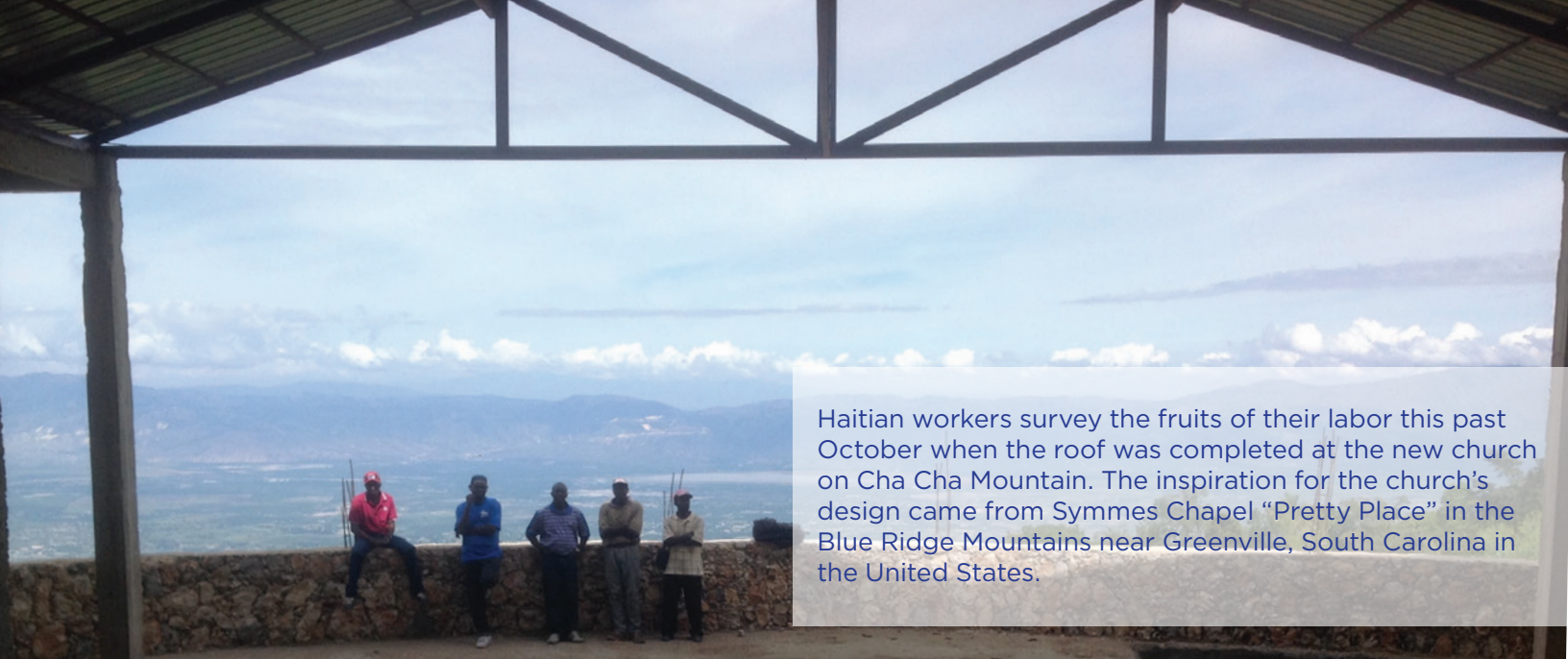
RAISING THE ROOF!



Literally and figuratively, the roof has been raised on the church at Cha Cha Mountain, which overlooks the Gospel Church in the Valley of Hope. The village of Cha Cha has been conducting church services and a school for the children on this mountain in a dilapidated hut-like structure. Pastor Maxeau Antoine was approached about four years ago by those who had a vision for a church to serve the immediate village and surrounding rural communities. Over the past few years, board member (and current CEO) Bruce Williams has been overseeing a team of laborers on annual short-term mission trips to Cha Cha Mountain to work alongside Haitians in the construction of the church.

Last January, walls were erected. On October 4th, Haitians added the roof. On October 5th the first service at the new church at Cha Cha Mountain was held. In January, Bruce Williams will again lead a team, dubbed "Mud Dogs", up the treacherous, arduous "road" leading to the top of Cha Cha Mountain so that benches can be constructed and finishing touches can be completed on the church. There are plans to dedicate the church in late spring or early summer.

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Haitian workers survey the fruits of their labor this past October when the roof was completed at the new church on Cha Cha Mountain. The inspiration for the church's design came from Symmes Chapel "Pretty Place" in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Greenville, South Carolina in the United States.

"ABSOLUTELY AWESOME"

HUG (Haiti Under God) founder Donald Lyons was present in Haiti in October when seven pastors were ordained to minister to needs at the four churches planted by Pastor Maxeau Antoine.

Explained Donald: "He and our American teams have trained many leaders in Haiti using the Experiencing God, MasterLife, and EvangeCube material HUG has furnished. We spent Friday and Saturday training about 40 leaders at the Gospel Church in the Valley of Hope before the ordination on Sunday morning. Now Maxeau has ordained them and is now giving them the responsibility of putting this training into practice in the churches he has planted."

He added, "It is just absolutely awesome to realize what God has done through the partnership of Pastor Maxeau and HUG since October 2007 when he started the church in the Valley of Hope. It brings to my mind one of the realities of Experiencing God. God is always at work. It is both awesome and humbling when He invites us to join Him and become a part of the transformation of people and situations in accomplishing His purpose."

According to Donald, approximately 500 people attended the ordination service, which lasted around four hours at the Gospel Church in the Valley of Hope.

TRAINING & ORDINATION

Seven church leaders, who have undergone extensive training, were sworn in as pastors during an October service and ordination ceremony at the Gospel Church in the Valley of Hope in Haiti.

Pastor Maxeau Antoine is front and center.



HUG BOARD MEMBER COMPLETES IRONMAN

Paige Tyler, a board member for HUG (Haiti Under God), committed to training earlier this year to compete in the Ironman Chattanooga. Paige, a realtor and resident of Columbia, S.C., is a skilled athlete who desired to use her talents to benefit the 17 girls at HUG-A-Child.

Through donations, Paige was able to raise approximately \$13,000. The Ironman, which was held in Tennessee in September, involved Paige swimming 2.4 miles in open water, biking 114 miles, and then running a full marathon, which is 26.2 miles.



Page Tyler crosses the finish line at the Ironman Chattanooga in September.

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PEN PALS WITH HUG

Many students and adults are enjoying active pen pal relationships with the 17 HUG-A-Child girls. Some of the pen pals are monthly sponsors to assist in the annual costs for housing, clothing, food, and school fees.

Pictured here is Claire Harvin, a Columbia area high school senior, with Anaika.



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