

**AMP 6-21-15 | 9:00 - 9:30am**

**Today's Service**

- That God would draw unsaved people to our service, and into his kingdom.
- That Pastor Jon would preach in God's power as he preaches a topical series: Killing Your Inner Narcissist: Counter Cultural Commitment & Communication.
- That God's presence would be palpable and that all in attendance would be changed by the goodness, power, and love of God.

**RPC Outreach**

- That we the people of RPC would desire to be a word and deed church.
- That God would open up great and lasting opportunities of community service for RPC.
- That preparations for the first annual Reformation sDAD (sacrificial Dedication Appreciation Day) would go smoothly and many of those invited from BPCC, Street Life Ministries, the NYPD and the NYFD would attend.

**Regional Church**

- Pray for the other churches of our presbytery: Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Jonathan Holst (Hamden, CT); Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bohemia, Meindert Ploegman (Bohemia, NY); Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Franklin Square, William Shishko (Franklin Square, NY), Trinity Church, Ben Miller (Syosset, NY), Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Dan Osborne (Mt. Vernon, NY).

**Haiti | Basic Country Facts:**



**Operation World Denomination Statistics**

Christians	Deno ms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	32	15.37	1,566,000	1.9%
Independent	236	3.37	344,000	3.4%
Anglican	1	1.21	123,000	1.4%
Catholic	1	69.31	7,062,000	0.9%
Marginal	2	0.49	50,000	2.6%
Unaffiliated		15.90	1,617,000	-0.6%
Doubly Affiliated		-10.50	-1,070,000	0.0%

**Ethnic Breakdown:** black 95%, mulatto and white 5%.

**Major Languages:** French (official), Creole (official).

**Religion:** Roman Catholic 80%, Protestant 16% (Baptist 10%, Pentecostal 4%, Adventist 1%, other 1%), none 1%, other 3% NOTE: roughly half of the population practices voodoo

**Population:** 9,996,731 (July 2014 est.)

**Life Expectancy:** males 61.77 years female: 64.6 years (2014 est.)

**Government:** republic.

**Economic Conditions:** Haiti is a free market economy that enjoys the advantages of low labor costs and tariff-free access to the US for many of its exports. Poverty, corruption, vulnerability to natural disasters, and low levels of education for much of the population are among Haiti's most serious impediments to economic growth. Haiti's economy suffered a severe setback in January 2010 when a 7.0 magnitude earthquake destroyed much of its capital city, Port-au-Prince, and neighboring areas. Currently the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere with 80% of the population living under the poverty line and 54% in abject poverty, the earthquake further inflicted \$7.8 billion in damage and caused the country's GDP to contract. In 2011, the Haitian economy began recovering from the earthquake. However, two hurricanes adversely affected agricultural output and the low public capital spending slowed the recovery in 2012.

**GDP Per Capita:** \$1,800 (2014 est.)

**GDP - composition, by sector of origin:** agriculture: 24.7% industry: 20% services: 55.3% (2014 est.)

**Education:** The educational system of Haiti is based on the French system. Higher education, under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education, is provided by universities and other public and private institutions. More than 80% of primary schools are privately managed by nongovernmental organizations, churches, communities, and for-profit operators, with minimal government oversight. Haiti has steadily boosted net enrollment rate in primary education from 47% in 1993 to 88% in 2011, achieving equal participation of boys and girls in education. Charity

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organizations are building schools for children and providing necessary school supplies. According to CIA 2015 World Factbook, Haiti's literacy rate is now 60.7% (est. 2015).

**State of the Church:** The Roman Catholic Church's role as the state church ended in 1987. An estimated 75% of Christians are also actively involved in voodoo, a development of West African Spiritism and witchcraft. But religious sentiment is strong, and almost all Haitians primarily identify themselves as Christian. There is freedom of religion. Evangelical Christians have steadily grown in number over the decades, through evangelism, love in action and by openly standing against voodooism and the spiritual forces behind it. Vision Haiti (HAVIDEC), a concerted prayer movement that includes many denominations and organizations, is determined to see deliverance for Haiti through prayer. The power of the gospel over the spiritual forces of evil has been clearly demonstrated in several instances..

**Prayer Points:**

- Haiti is an active mission field of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Pray that God would bless our missionaries, Ben and Heather Hopp and their family (<http://opcstm.org/2015/03/03/haiti-mission-home-renovation/>), in that land as they faithfully pursue their objectives ([http://www.opc.org/committee\\_fm.html](http://www.opc.org/committee_fm.html)):
  - That the gospel of sovereign redemption through the substitutionary work of Christ be proclaimed in all its fullness in all the world, not only being expressed by word but also being accompanied by the deeds of love to God and man which must flow from it.
  - That the unbelieving be warned of eternal punishment and by God's grace understand the gospel, believe it, and live redeemed lives.
  - That indigenous Reformed churches be established which will provide fellowship and instruction, and make the gospel known in its own culture and in others.
  - That above all the one true and living God shall be praised and worshipped.
  - That these objectives be sought only by means that are in accord with the Scriptures, both means and end thereby producing the overall objective, the glory of God.
- Haiti must find release from the bondages of its past. The Spanish genocide against the indigenous Arawaks, and the cruel slavery instituted and maintained by the Spanish and then the French, form a tragic background. The tyrannies, cruelties and use of voodoo as a means of control have fostered a spirit of fear that permeates every level of society. More recent interventions by foreign powers have not banished the endemic problems. Pray that:
  - a) The powerful spirits underlying voodooism might be bound in the name of Jesus. Pray that the ubiquitous influence and enduring legacy of voodoo might be made subordinate to the authority of Christ – especially in the lives of Christians.
  - b) Haitians who call themselves Christian might experience the transforming nature of a personal relationship with Christ. Only through the regeneration and power of the Holy Spirit will the heritage of voodoo be overcome.
  - c) This nation might enjoy stability, safety and sustained development by removing the systemic evils holding it back and by instilling biblical values and practices on every level of society. (OW 2)
- Haiti needs godly leaders who will prioritize the good of the nation and address its massive problems. Two centuries of misrule, tyranny and recent flawed democratic attempts have brought hopelessness and despair. Corruption is rampant, and robberies and kidnappings commonplace. The economic plight of most Haitians deepens each year, exacerbated by the events of 2010. Many seek to escape, some physically by fleeing the country in unsafe and leaky boats, others emotionally through taking drugs. Pray that men and women may be raised up who will reverse these trends and establish justice, righteousness and long-term stability. (OW 3)
- On Wednesday 17 June the following report came out from a number of news sources: Dominican Republic was preparing on Wednesday to enforce a new registration deadline that has raised fears of mass deportations of undocumented workers and others of Haitian descent. The prospect of large-scale deportations is the result of a controversial 2013 ruling by the country's highest court that called into question the citizenship status of people of Haitian descent, even those who were born in the Dominican Republic. Described by critics as racist and nationalistic, the ruling retroactively stripped people of citizenship and sparked an international outcry as it effectively created a pool of thousands of stateless people. In response to the backlash, the Dominican government came up with a registration system for people to prove citizenship or that they had lived in the country before 2011. Since last June, more than 250,000 people have applied to stay, but only a fraction have so far documented their citizenship. Pray that the governments of the Dominican Republic and Haiti would be able to work together to resolve the crisis in an equitable way. ([http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the\\_americas/dominicans-poised-to-round-up-haitian-workers-as-deadline-passes/2015/06/17/b5a00b78-14f8-11e5-8457-4b431bf7ed4c\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/dominicans-poised-to-round-up-haitian-workers-as-deadline-passes/2015/06/17/b5a00b78-14f8-11e5-8457-4b431bf7ed4c_story.html))