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*We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your Name is near;
men tell of your wonderful deeds. **Psalm 75:1***

Beloved brethren,

We thank the Almighty for His blessings to us, and also express our gratitude to you all for your prayers elevated to the throne of grace, for our trip to Port-au-Prince Haiti to teach the course “Biblical Counseling I” from the 23th to 25th of July, delivered by Pastor Eduardo Saladin and translated by Jean-Pierre Kawas.



Pastor Saladin and Jean Pierre Kawas in one of the sessions

We thank God because the pastors that attended the course have received His word, not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the word of God, which operates in us believers. In this occasion we dealt with the importance of biblical counseling, its nature, and a biblical approach to how problems occur and how to solve them in the light of the Scriptures.

Twenty five pastors attended this first training. IBSH decided to work with a smaller group this time in order to establish a closer contact and be able to give them more personalized follow-up. All of them are pastors of good reputation and sound doctrine, and desire to learn and implement the principles of the Word of God in their lives and their churches.



Jean Pierre Kawas and some of the brothers at meal time

The pastors were very enthusiastic during the training workshops and expressed their desire that in the next training to be held in the month of October we teach them about marriage and would love for their wives to be invited as well. God willing, the topics we will try to cover in this next training will be: God's design for marriage, the role of the husband, the role of the wife, communication, conflict management, finance and intimacy in marriage.

On Sunday morning we were invited to worship at the Assembly Shalom where Pastor Saladin preached a message on how to tackle problems biblically, which was well received by the brethren in the light of the troubles they are experiencing.



Pastor Saladin at Assembly Shalom

According to the plan mentioned in our previous letter, **yesterday ten volunteers traveled to Port-au-Prince to serve at two orphanages for five days**, allowing us to minister to many children in great need of love and salvation. This will follow up on the work done by a previous group we sent a few months ago. We beg you to pray that we can see the fruits of their labors, including the conversion of many of those precious boys and girls.

Thanks again dear brethren. To God be the glory!

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. **Psalm 100: 1-3***