



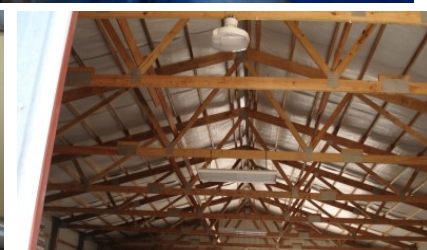
New Sermon Series Begins this Sunday.

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By: Sam Massey

HEART Ministries was founded in May of 2009, in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Four of its six Directors are members of Fairmount. The Directors are each dedicated Christians with a heart for Missions. HEART Ministries became a Virginia Corporation in June 2010 and received its IRS 501(c) (3) determination in September 2010. HEART's Mission is "The Timely Distribution of Evangelical and Humanitarian Resources to a Lost and Hurting World." In their Fall 2010 strategy session, HEART firmly stated that the salvation of souls is imperative to all its goals and should be ingrained in everything it does.

From its inception, HEART has diligently sought to find or develop resources that might enhance existing Mission Ministries. Tim Cole (Velocity Christian Church Minister) and Harry Gill (Former Minister and current member of Fairmount), both active in Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship, have given their time and energy to help HEART explore avenues for planting churches through Ministries in other countries.

With Fairmount's strong Missions Program and the success of Haiti Outreach Ministries, the question is often asked; "Why HEART?" In the course of maximizing the potential of an organization it is es-

sential to establish partnerships without the need to agonize over doctrinal nuance. This thought has already resulted in good working relationships with several Organizations and Churches. Ministry to countries other than Haiti is also part of the HEART plan.

Fairmount's SALT Missions Organization has graciously joined with HEART in a supporting role for two Team Trips to Haiti so far this year. Both of these Teams went primarily to serve the Ministry of Avenel Clersaint. Their service also extended to Global Outreach, providers of food and lodging for SALT Teams since January 2008. The January 2011 Team Trip gave HEART its first opportunity to train potential Team Leaders for short-term mission trips. The Team of eleven represented four congregations; Fairmount Christian, West Point United Methodist, West Point Episcopal and Velocity Christian.

A number of tasks were completed by this Team at Tabarre Christian Church and Academy in Port au Prince. They include construction of thirty new benches and the completion of twenty-eight partially constructed benches, all sixteen feet long; twelve student tables, two by eight feet; ten teacher's tables, two by four feet; and five octagonal kindergarten tables, four feet in diameter. All materials and supplies necessary for the completion of these projects were purchased by SALT.

At the Global Outreach compound the Team replaced seven old, high-maintenance, high-flow commodes with new, state-of-the-art, low-flow models.

Each Team Member was responsible for his own travel and lodging package expense of \$1,231.00. At an after-trip debriefing and fellowship the Team was unabashedly enthusiastic. Everyone is already asking about the **next** HEART project.

In April 2011, another HEART Team went to Haiti. This Planning Team of four (two from Fairmount and two from West Point United Methodist) became two teams of two and worked on different projects. Team One began the establishment of a Student Sponsorship Program for 260 students in the town of Mirebalais and in Port au Prince by taking pictures and gathering personal information for a student profile. Mirebalais is located in the mountains about an hour drive from Port au Prince.

Team Two laid out plans for the wiring, lighting and installation of fans in





New Sermon Series: This past winter, Rick asked our church family to forward to him our favorite passages from the Bible. The response was exciting! Over 70 people took Rick up on his request. He compiled all of those favorite verses and, interestingly, found only six of those passages were repeated – only six passages were submitted more than once. For the next seven weeks, he is going to preach on those six most “popular” passages – and then reserve one week for *his* favorite verse. Those seven passages span the entire Bible – and span the vast range of blessings God has provided in our lives. We will include some personal testimonies each week in our worship services and in our weekly *Forecaster*. As the series progresses, feel free to continue to forward to Rick your favorite verse.

This week: “In the Beginning”

S.A.L.T. Spring Fair - Saturday, April 30th - 10am to 2pm Silent Auction - Car Show - Pony Rides

a 1,200 seat sanctuary at Tabarre. Construction has begun but is quite slow now because of lack of funds. Through optimism and faith, completion is projected for Summer 2011. Needs for new construction and improvements to existing structures at both school and church in Mirebalais were covered in some detail with Avenel. These needs are great and offer incredible opportunities for many to serve in many ways.



The home of HOM Pastor, Luc Aris-thene, was visited to determine what will be required to finish the house’s interior and windows.



Back at the Global “Oasis”, our home in Haiti, the Team rejoined later in the week to wire and light a new warehouse



Another opportunity to serve came by way of HEART partnering with Beulah Church, in King & Queen County, Virginia, to get handmade dolls to children in Haiti. These “Comfort Dolls” made by ladies of the Church, ranging in age from five to

ninety-two, will be given to little girls who are patients at Global’s Burn Clinic.



This Team also was blessed by exposure to outstanding preaching, Bible study and times of devotion.

HEART plans to take at least two more Teams to Haiti this year.

For more information about HEART, visit its fledgling website at www.heartministry.net.



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To develop followers of Jesus who:

Love God,
Love People and
Introduce the world
to Christ



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Our Church: Sunday, April 24, 2011

Welcome to our New Members.

Welcome to **Tammy Bruce**. Tammy was **baptized**.

Welcome to **Amanda Kuhn**. Amanda transferred membership.

Welcome to **Dakota McClintock**. Dakota was **baptized**.

Welcome to **Brian & Amy Wells**. Brian & Amy were **baptized**.

Welcome to **Matt Wells**. Matt was **baptized**.

Attendance & Giving.

8:15 Worship Service: 349
Children's Worship: 12
9:30 Worship Service: 638
Children's Worship: 67
11:00 Worship Service: 342
Children's Worship: 105
12:00 Worship Service: 174
Children's Worship: 19

Total: 1706
Bible School: 645
Budget Requirements: \$34,405.00
Budget Receipts: \$37,075.19

National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 5, 2011

Special Prayer Breakfast Beginning
at 6:30am

Held at Fairmount Christian Church
6502 Creighton Road,
Mechanicville
RSVP: Sign up cards available in
all Worship Services or call 559-8070.
No charge for event

Your Church Staff:

Rick Raines - Senior Minister
Chris Santasiere - Associate Minister
Mike Langley - Associate Minister
Tracy Thomas - Worship/Music Minister
Rose Williams - Children's Ministry Director
Larry Haake, IV - Child Care Program Director
Jef Powell - Facilities & Grounds Manager
Barry Will - Technology Director
Veronica Brewster - Office Manager
Bob Massey - Business Administrator