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“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Dear friends and colleagues,

Once again 2018 is ended and a New Year is coming on our way. We can boldly say that God has been very good to us so far. Nevertheless, it is always good to reflect on the actions we were able to take so that we can make better plans for the coming year. This year because you have responded graciously respond to God's calling to be his hand, this is what we were able to accomplish:

-Build a new cistern with a capacity of 40 000 gallons of water in the community of Savanne Zombie where water is very scares. Thus with this new cistern, we are able to collect rainwater and store it. We were able to build a fountain with a washing are for the women of the community to come to wash their clothes.

- Helped the office of the Lutheran Center to function part-time, but also to secure the fence around the center.

-The effort of the many churches has helped us to paint and put new doors and windows to a church in Savanne Zombie that was without this basic stuff for 8 years.

-The effort of many churches of the Synod has helped us with money to empower the farmers with a seeds project.

-One church in the Synod has provided money for a goats' project that empowers many families.

-Another church from another Synod plus the help of the Florida Bahamas built a fountain with a washing area in Fond Des Nègres.

-The Synod helped us by providing money to rehabilitate a church in Les Cayes that was destroyed since Hurricane Matthew.

-Some of you to personally taking care of Pastor Livenson and his family as the church doesn't give him a salary.

-Some of you give your time and expertise to help the church here.

All of these and many others were concrete actions we were able to take in so many communities just because of your love and kindness of heart. We need to always remember our motto “ God's work. Our Hand.” Which means were are the hands that heal the sick, feed the hungry, give sight the blind and bring hope to those who are in despair. Again, this is not easy. It requires love, lots of prayers and determinations.

Words would never be enough to thank you for holding our hands as you accompany us during this year even if you were dealing with your own problems. As you

know, we are fighting a good fight: a fight against poverty, hunger, illiteracy, poor health care ect...That means we are not done yet. We still need you your complete support to continue to be the church that God has called us to be!!!

Happy New Year to all of you! May God continue to empower you in this Journey as together we bring love, mercy and justice to this broken world.

Peace, love many blessings,

Pastor Joseph Livenson Lauvanus,  
President of the Lutheran Church of Haiti.