

# RADIO LUMIÈRE, HAITI

## Introduction

- For 50 years, Radio *Lumière* (French for light) truly has shown the light of Christ to the people of Haiti, 20 hours a day, seven days a week.
- More than 40 percent of Haiti's 10 million people are Protestant Christians, and Radio Lumière is considered to be the main voice of the Protestant church.
- The station covers more than 90 percent of the country with Christian broadcasting.

## Why Is Radio Lumière So Important?

- It's a powerful evangelism tool. Radio can reach into homes where the church is not able to go. It is not uncommon for witch doctors or others who have given Satan a hold in their lives to be converted through the radio's ministry.
- In addition to broadcasting evangelistic messages, Radio Lumière plays a huge role in encouraging and building up believers.
- The network also provides educational programs, Christian music and entertainment, a news service, and a personal announcement system. Many Haitians use the station to send messages to family and friends in remote areas that do not have telephones.
- Radio Lumière also sponsors events that encourage community and a deeper commitment to Christ. At a recent AIDS awareness event that promoted abstinence, over 500 teens pledged to remain pure until marriage. (Haiti has the highest percentage of people infected with AIDS in the western hemisphere.)

## Why Is Ministry in Haiti Challenging?

- Haiti has been devastated by the powers of darkness. Over 200 years ago, when Haiti began to seek independence from France, the leaders of the revolution engaged in satanic activity while pursuing the nation's freedom. Although Roman Catholicism has traditionally been the religion of Haiti, many people have blended Catholicism with traditional voodoo practices.
- Political and economic instability are a huge challenge to the ministry. Violence, kidnapping, and other dangerous situations are a daily threat. In addition, the cost of living is increasing. The rising cost of food has recently even led to street riots.
- Hurricanes are also a constant menace to Haiti and often devastate parts of the country, destroying everything in their path, including many crops and livestock.
- Despite these challenges, the staff of Radio Lumière is committed to bathing the country with the light of Christ.

## What Can I Do to Help?

- Pray: The ministry of Radio Lumière depends on prayer. Pray for the staff and their families. Many constantly risk their lives to keep the station on the air. Pray that technical areas—the repeaters, the generators, and other equipment—will function properly. Finally, pray for the people of Haiti. Many are seeking the true gospel, and the church continues to grow.

- Go: Has God called you to serve the Haitians with your church or a work team or as a volunteer, using the talents He has given you to help others? Career missions opportunities are also available. The Haiti Field needs people interested in radio ministry, Bible training, and much more! Please visit [www.wgm.org/haiti](http://www.wgm.org/haiti) to learn more.
- Give: You can help spread the light of Christ in Haiti! (*Suggested wording for speaker*) “We all know that Satan does not want the Word of God to be broadcast across Haiti. At Radio Lumière, the staff does the best it can to keep the programs running, but insufficient funds and a climate that destroys delicate electronic equipment create a challenge. We can help. Even \$25 makes a difference! You can either give online at [www.wgm.org/haiti](http://www.wgm.org/haiti) or send in a check to World Gospel Mission.” (*Speaker: Feel free to talk about the project related to Radio Lumière that God has laid on your heart.*)
- Pass It On: After hearing about this powerful ministry, can you think of someone you know who would like to know about Radio Lumière in Haiti? Pass on the word or share the website so others can experience Haiti and learn how God might use them to minister to a lost world.